

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
 From: Terri Vasquez, Principal
 Date: December 8, 2014
 Re: Report to Board of Trustees

ENROLLMENT - 472:

AM Kindergarten: 63 (up 2)	2 nd Grade: 82 (up 1)
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 13	3 rd Grade: 101(down 2)
PM Kindergarten: 40	4 th Grade: 89 (up 1)
1 st Grade: 97 (up 3)	Special Day (COSSA): 14

ENROLLED/WITHDRAWN: The elementary school has noticed a large increase in students enrolling and withdrawing since September 15, 2014 as compared to last year during the same time frames. I wanted you to be aware of the movement of students in and out of our school and the effects it has on the educational process.

<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>
Sept. 15-Oct. 15	10	5	Sept. 15-Oct. 15	11	11
Oct. 16-Nov. 15	3	7	Oct. 16-Nov. 15	18	8
Nov. 16-Dec. 1	1	0	Nov. 16-Dec. 1	2	0
Total	14	12	Total	31	19

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER PROBES: The students are making great gains in Reading and Math. These are comparisons between August 28th and November 13th. We take monthly probes for those students who are in Tiers 2 & 3 (meaning they fall below grade level).

KINDERGARTEN	Letter Naming Fluency (1 min)	Oral Counting (1 min)
Rate of Improvement	12 letter names (10 last year)	21 numbers (16 last yr.)

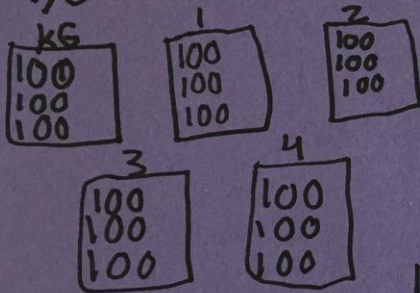
FIRST GRADE	Letter Sound Fluency (1 min)	Math Computation (8 min)
Rate of Improvement	19 letter sounds (24 last year)	10 problems (9 last year)

SECOND GRADE	Reading Fluency (1 min)	Rdg Comprehension (3 min)	Math Computation (8 minutes)
Rate of Improvement	15 words (18 last yr)	6 correct answers (8)	8 problems (9 last yr)

FAMILY READING NIGHT: Family Reading Night on November 13th was canceled due to inclement weather, but we rescheduled for November 18th. We had close to 300 students and family members join us for Family Reading Night at the elementary. Pizza was served to all, and each student left with a free book after enjoying reading activities in the classrooms. To celebrate National Young Reader's Week, I challenged the students to read 1,000 AR books and achieve 80% comprehension on the AR tests. If they achieved the goal, they asked me to do a rap for them. I sweetened the deal with adding Mr. Sauer to the rap if they read 1,500 books. The students read 1,743 books with 80% comprehension and earned 1,162 AR points in 4 days. Third grade math students created posters to show how many books each grade level or student would have to read to meet the goal.

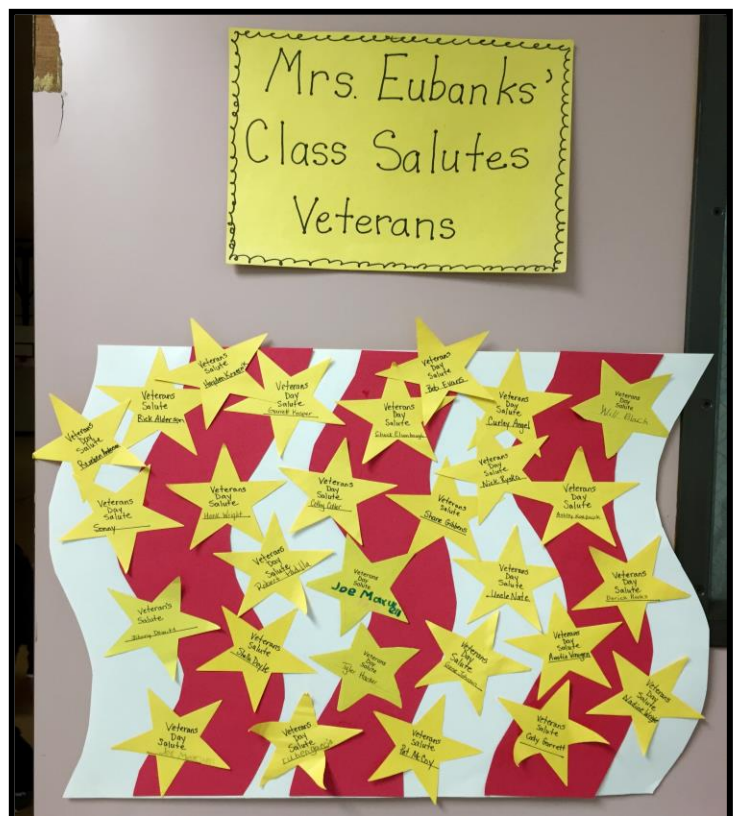
How many AR books will each grade level (5 grades) need to read to make our reading week goal of 1,500 books, so Mrs. V. and Mr. Saur will perform a rap song?

$$1,500 \div 5 = 300$$



Ms. Rydwell's math class! Lita and Jackie

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY: We had several veterans in attendance. The Boy Scouts presented the flags and the students sang several songs honoring our veterans. After the program, each child shook the hands of the veterans and thanked them. It was a great program. Mrs. Eubank's class made a poster on the door with the names of local veteran's on it. Some of the veterans visited the classrooms after the program to talk about their experiences.



SECOND GRADE KINDNESS PROJECT: Mrs. Coffman's 2nd grade reading class made placemats for the nursing home last month. They created them as part of their "Kindness" unit. Each student wrote a kindness slogan and decorated with an illustration. Mrs. Coffman walked her class down to the nursing home and delivered 34 placemats to the delighted residents.



IDAHO POWER ART CONTEST:

Melissa Gonzalez from Mrs. Ketterling's 2nd grade is the western regional winner in the art contest. Melissa and Mrs. Ketterling both received \$50 VISA gift cards. Melissa chose to display her framed art near the office during Family Reading Night. Melissa said she took her time and did her very best on the art project.



LEARNING AT HES:



Kindergarten – making & writing words



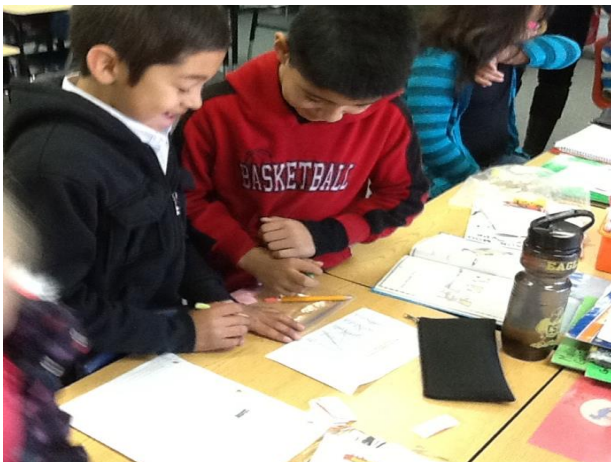
Kinder – hanging out the Alphabet Laundry (matching)



1st grade – making sentences! 😊



2nd grade – using the iPads to practice math



3rd – categorizing words on a chart



Kinder – number bingo



4th grade – making math turkeys



4th grade – practicing multiplication facts

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 12 – Student Support Day/Enrichment

December 13 – PTO Santa Brunch

December 16 – Christmas Program (1st & 2nd Grades)

December 18 – Classroom Christmas Parties

January 12-15 – Benchmark Assessments