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Freese Focus

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7,729,746 Words this Week on Scholastic Reading Counts!

We are ahead of last year's pace! This week's numbers:

Grade	# of Books Read	Total Words Read
K	7	5,428
1	146	64,752
2	1,153	861,808
3	778	1,301,470
4	276	1,693,369
5	414	3,802,919
Totals	2,774	7,729,746

Fall Fundraiser Underway

Thank you to all who have participated in the "Kids are First" Fall Fundraiser so far. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit Freese students through the ASB, Freese's student government.

In the past, among other things, money raised in the fundraiser have paid for admission fees for field trips and student contests, purchase of prizes and refreshments for special events, and more. Last year, money from the fundraiser was used to purchase T-shirts for all Freese students, staff and volunteers for the Spring Reading Celebration.

As your student sells items for the fundraiser, don't forget to have him/her turn in the coupons from those sales in the mornings before school at the office conference room door. When they turn in coupons, they get wristbands and their names go in a drawing for prizes. Order forms are due Monday, October 11, 2010. Thanks again, for all your help!

2nd Principal's Chat to Focus on Student Achievement at Freese

The second Principal's Chat of the year is scheduled for this Thursday, October 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the PD Room. This is a **very important** Principal's Chat, so please put it on your calendar and attend.

At Thursday's Principal's Chat, there will be a brief presentation on Freese's achievement data, its Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy, and Home/School Compact. Some information on student achievement at Freese was presented at the October 1st Family Friday. There, over 100 parents heard about the following Freese achievement data:

From last spring's STAR testing,

- o English Language Arts (ELA)
 - 2010 CST Achievement in ELA – 45.1% proficient
 - 2011 CST Achievement in ELA – 43.4% proficient
 - Decline: - 1.7
- o Mathematics
 - 2010 CST Achievement in Math – 54.9% proficient
 - 2011 CST Achievement in Math – 51.0% proficient
 - Decline: - 2.9
- o **57%** of Freese 2nd graders were proficient in ELA
- o **77%** of Freese 2nd graders were proficient in Math
- o **22** 3rd – 5th grade students improved, moving up to Proficient or Advanced levels in ELA on CST
- o **45** students maintained their Proficient or Advanced levels in ELA on CST
- o **11** students who were Advanced in 2008-09 scored Proficient on ELA in 2009-10
- o **19** 3rd-5th grade students improved to Proficient or Advanced levels in Mathematics on CST
- o **48** students maintained their Proficient or Advanced level in Mathematics on CST
- o **21** students who were Advanced in 2008-09 scored Proficient on Mathematics in 2009-10

Be sure to attend the Principal's Chat on Thursday, as **student achievement is the most important topic we have to discuss at Freese Elementary.**

10 Freese Teachers Receive \$100 WalMart Gift Certificates

Congratulations to the following teachers: Ms. Aranda, Ms. Bloom, Ms. Coffey, Ms. Diaz, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Malveaux, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Starks, Ms. Washington, Ms. Worthington

Each received a \$100 gift certificate and a gift bag from WalMart on Friday, October 1, 2010. The gift certificates are for school supplies for each teacher's classroom.

Arts and Culture Magnet Program in Full Swing This Week

The Freese Arts and Culture Magnet Program will start rotations this week. Here are some of the exciting activities Freese students will experience in the first Arts and Culture rotation:

Kindergarten – Music

Kindergarteners will be singing and playing percussion with Mr. Felix. The singing will include learning both Spanish and English songs. Percussion instruments made out of recycled materials will highlight the music sessions.

1st Grade – Puppetry

1st grade will begin their puppetry rotation with Ms. Jackie and Mr. Elijah from the San Diego Guild of Puppetry. Their literacy focus will be on works of Dr. Seuss, especially "The Grinch" as they will be going on a field trip to The Globe Theatre to see that play in December.

2nd Grade – Music

2nd graders will be singing and playing percussion with Mr. Felix. The singing will include learning both Spanish and English songs. Percussion instruments made out of recycled materials will highlight the music sessions.

3rd Grade – Art

3rd grade classes will begin a puppetry/dance and mask making rotation with resident artist Ms. Araceli and Ms. Rebecca from the San Diego Guild of Puppetry. Their literacy focus is on the works of Caldecott award winner Gerald McDermott.

4th Grade – Art

4th grade classes will begin their art rotation with Ms. Araceli and Mr. Wes, an artist provided by our newest "partner in education" the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Arts/San Diego. The rotation will include classroom art sessions at Freese and a field trip visit to the museum. In addition, the rotation will include an evening 4th grade family field trip to the museum to see the current exhibit which will include our fourth graders' work.

5th Grade - Dance

5th grade students will begin their dance rotation with Ms. Julianne from Malashock Dance Company. Their Social Studies focus will concentrate on the cultures of a variety of Native American tribes.

We greatly appreciate the many contributions our partners-in-education make to our school. Because of them, our students would not receive such powerful enrichment in arts and culture. We also greatly appreciate Ms. Mary Pat Hutt, Freese's Magnet Resource Teacher who coordinates Freese's Magnet program and serves as a liaison between Freese and our partners-in-education.

Reminders

✚ **Medication and Cough Drops** – Students are not allowed to bring any kind of medication, including cough drops to school unless prescribed by a doctor. The doctor's prescription must be on record in the Nurse's Office and the medication must also remain in the Nurse's Office

✚ **Early Check Outs** – We strongly discourage checking students out of school early. Learning happens from the beginning of the day until the end and students miss out on vital learning when they leave early. Even medical appointments should be made outside the school day. Doctors, dentists, and optometrists did not achieve their goals in life by leaving school early, so please insist that they respect your child's goals, as well. In the unfortunate event that you must check your child out of school before the 3:35 p.m. dismissal time, know that you will be **required to show a picture ID and your name must appear on the child's registration card as a person who is allowed to check him/her out of school.**

✚ **Traffic Safety** - Please remember to abide by all traffic laws when dropping off and picking up students. We want all students to be safe, but we need parents' cooperation in order to ensure their safety. Here are some reminders:

- Only let children out of the car in loading zones. Do not let them out of the car in the middle of the street.
- Instruct your child to cross at crosswalks only and obey the school Safety Patrol. Do not beckon children to cross the street outside of crossing zones.
- Do not leave your car unattended in the loading zone in front of the school. The curb in front of the parking lot is a 3-minute loading zone only. Your car should not be there longer than 3 minutes and it should never be left unattended.
- Do not make U-turns in front of the school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Fall Fundraiser Ends Monday 10/11/10

Turn in day for the fall fundraiser is
Monday, October 11th
Please turn in all order blanks on that date.
Thank you for helping Freese's ASB!