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The Library Zone

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
Proverbs 9:10

*A newsletter from the
Christian Heritage Academy Library
Donna DeWit, Librarian*

Summer Reading



We're all getting ready for vacation but that doesn't include a break from reading! This will be our third year that we will be requiring an official summer reading report from students entering first through eighth grades. Students entering grades one through four will receive a reading log form. They may either use that log form or participate in a public library summer reading program, reading books at their appropriate level. Students entering grades 5-8 will receive a sheet with specific titles they need to read. These forms and lists will be placed in the report card envelope in June. When students return the first week of school in the fall they will be expected to give their new teacher the reading log form from CHA or from their public library. **This is a required assignment and will be counted as part of their first quarter language arts grade.** The log form for grades 1-4 and the reading lists for grades 5-8 will be available for easy access through Edline.

Our students come from many communities but each public library in the area will be sponsoring a summer reading program for students of all ages. Most libraries will be using the theme "Read on the Wild Side" while others will their choose their own. Your local public librarians have been working hard this spring to plan some fun and creative activities for children of all ages to encourage recreational reading. You might even want to check out a few books for your own pleasure while you are there. Be a role model for your children and get them excited about reading!

National Library Week 2009

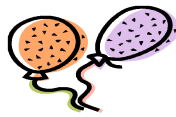
Every year in mid April we celebrate National Library Week with other school and public libraries around the country. This year's theme was "Worlds Connect @ Your Library." Students completed the sentence "My book took me to _____" and their papers were posted near the library entrance. Some traveled to a country, a state, a garden, castle and many other fun places through their stories. They also received a special bookmark and could create a trivia question for a book to be placed on the bulletin board. For several years it has been a tradition that selected 7th and 8th grade students read to younger grades. Our special guest readers this year were Joshua Kim, Mollie McMahan, Peter Abrudeanu, Mary Kirk, Gail Mar and Jeremy Kerson. In addition, Mrs. Nancy White, a CHA grandmother, read a selection of Rudyard Kipling Just-So stories to the 4th grade students. Thank you, readers, for sharing some of your favorite books and being good reading role models!

Thank You Volunteers!

Our library is a busy place and each volunteer is important in helping it run smoothly. Not only do they help with checking books in and out, but they shelve, stamp, cut, file, and meet other needs throughout the year. As the year comes to a close take time to thank the following parents for their service: Susan Baliles, Gina Catizone, Sharon Cloud, Joyce Dana, Julie Elafros, Diana Gamalinda, Denise Hefner, Diana Jaggard, Susan Jeffrey, Joanna Kim, Rebecca Motsinger, Robert Mueller, Diana O'Brien, Debbie O'Donovan, Francine Quintero, Hosung Ro, Hyun Song, Margarette Szemraj, Ellie Vita, and Karen Williams. Along with these parents, there have been others who have coordinated special library programs. Alumni parent Mariette Fredericks continues to keep the Birthday Book program updated and Merry Hiron produces this newsletter. Diana Gamalinda and Monica Rogers assisted Jane Yoksoulian with the fall Reading Safari book fair. In addition, several parents have assisted Mrs. DeWit in reviewing books to consider adding to the library collection and many families and grandparents have donated books, furniture and stuffed animals. Thank you all for serving the students and staff in a very tangible way!

REMINDER!

All books and magazines need to be returned and fines paid by the last day of school or report cards will not be sent home. If items are not returned or fines not paid the amount will then be charged to your tuition account. Please check lockers, desks, cars, backpacks, etc. to find those missing books!



Birthday Books

The following students and staff were honored recently with books donated to the library collection:

Joy Chavez-Glass Slipper Gold Sandal
John Patterson-The Last Olympian
Donna DeWit-Written in Bone
Jubilee Chen-Franklin and Harriet, Time to Sleep
Rebecca Cloud-Clementine's Letter
Abbey Toohey-Poetry for Young People: William Wordsworth
Peg Hoskin-One, The Other Side, Poetry for Young People: Walt Whitman
Alexander Karagiannis-Kindergarten Rocks!
Joey O'Brien-Ultimate Robot
Connor Hadley-Curious George Goes to the Beach, Shoo Fly Guy
Aaron Gamalinda-Sent, The Mozart Question, Youngest Templar: Keeper of the Grail

Summer Web Browsing

There are so many outdoor activities to do during the summer but you may still hear the "I'm bored" comments from your children as the weeks go by. Listed below are just a sampling of good web sites to check out and enjoy:

www.readwritethink.org/crossword

Kids ages 4 to 18 can write clues for words they choose and then print the puzzles to share with friends. What a great way to build vocabulary!

www.makebeliefscomix.com

Need an artistic outlet for your children? Try this site where they can design comic strips using pre-drawn characters. They can fill in the bubbles with their own conversations and then e-mail the cartoons to friends for free or print them out.

www.tikatok.com

Do you have a budding author? At this site kids ages 5 to 14 write, illustrate, and then publish their own stories. Log on for free to create a book but ordering printed copies will cost about \$15 to \$20 per book. For the younger set use Storysparks, which provides writing prompts to get them started.

www.creativekidsathome.com/games

Check out the variety of games—from car games to cooperative games to outdoor games and more. You can also subscribe to a free monthly newsletter with new ideas.

Fun in Numbers

We were busy with several special events this winter. Students were enthusiastic and had fun at the following events:

Great America Read to Succeed: 165 students and 14 teachers received free tickets to Great America this summer. This is the highest number since we began participating!

Monarch Voting Day: About 150 students grades K-3 celebrated with their teachers in the library. With a drum roll by 7th grade student Tim Shover, the first, second and third place winning books were announced.

Chameleon Voting Day: All 4th students were eligible to vote and attend an ice cream sundae party. Way to go, 4th grade!

Rebecca Caudill Voting Day: 76 students grades 5-8 attended a pizza party and voted. In the eight years we have participated this was an all time high!

TV Tuneout Western Roundup: About 110 students enjoyed an after school hoedown with games, snacks and contests and then the time concluded with folk dances led by former music teacher Alice Floersch. It was a fun time for all!

Student Collections

The students listed below were selected to display their collections the past few months:

Marissa Motsinger-stuffed animals
Avi Tavalin-Legos
Joshua Yoder-animals
Monica Browne-pens
David Dobre-Bakugan figures
Grace Keaton-bookmarks
Alec Dutkowski-golf memorabilia
Sam Kim-sea animals
Michelle Eriksson-gymnastic ribbons and trophies
Jean-Luc Monderen-Star Wars Legos
Noah Rogers-clay figures
Joey Gilchrist-TaeKwonDo awards
Matt Dutkowski-baseball cards
Daniel Yang-sports cards
Lauren Kajiwara-stuffed animals
Lucas Mueller-Bakugan figures
Lindsey Butz-seashells

Library Wish List

Remote for LCD projector (available at Radio Shack or other businesses)

Gift cards (Walgreens-photo processing, Jewel-food purchases for special events, Half-Price Books)

Steam iron in good condition



February 12, 2009 commemorated the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The 4th grade students, with some help from Mr. Pogue's 8th grade social studies classes, gathered close to 200 different facts from his life, including his childhood, adulthood and presidency.