

GMS Reading Fair



Individual Fiction Winners (front l to r) 1st Place - Gabby Dawkins; 2nd Place - Alexis Smith; 3rd Place - Jakhevious Woods; (back l to r) 4th Place - Autumn Davis; 5th Place - Cayden Collins; Honorable Mention - Evey Moore



Group Fiction Winners 1st Place - Lauren Dungan and Hannah Grace Jacks; 2nd Place - Caydence Trost and Hayden Wiggins



Non - Fiction Winners Honorable Mention - Kayla Herrington; 1st Place - Austin England; 2nd Place - Aikemia Spencer; 3rd Place - Bratton Willoughby



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Group Fiction 1st Place - Hannah Grace Jacks and Lauren Dungan



Non Fiction 1st Place - Austin England

GES Reading Event Challenge



In response to the GES reading challenges Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault and Principals Dr. Vivian Simmons and Raleigh Wood wave to students as they enjoyed lunch on the roof.

By Katie Hood
GES Librarian

Grenada Elementary School Library recently held a special reading event called "Our Principals' 1,000 Books Challenge" to celebrate National Young Readers Week. According to the Book It Program website, "National Young Readers Week is an annual event that was co-founded in 1989 by Pizza Hut and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress."

This year the principals decided to promote early literacy by challenging their students to a reading competition. Principal Dr. Vivian Simmons challenged her Kindergarten and first grade students to read 1,000 books and Principal Raleigh Wood also challenged his second and third grade students to achieve the same goal. The principals promised to eat lunch on the roof if students met their goal by Friday, November 13, 2015.

By Wednesday, November 11, at 10 a.m., the students had already exceeded their goals. By the end of the deadline, K-1 students had read 1,341 books and

2-3 students had read 1,546 books.

Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault was so impressed with the number of books the K-3 students read, he decided to join the principals for lunch on the roof. Approximately fifteen hundred students in grades Kindergarten through third grade watched from the front lawn as Dr. Vivian Simmons, Raleigh Wood, and Dr. David Daigneault ate their lunch on the roof. Students cheered, chanted, and waved while the administrators enjoyed food from Subway and Salad Etc.

Local community members including Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, Mayor Billy Collins, Principal Dr. Vivian Simmons, Grenada Chapter of 100 Black Men of America Vice-President of Operations Charles Latham, Reverend Kevin Jackson, Fireman Paul Reese, Kids Company Representative David Livingston, School Board Member and Dentist David Braswell, and Librarian Katie Hood read aloud to classes during the week to help celebrate the love of reading.

We would like to especially thank our



Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault reads to a class during "National Young Readers Week" at GES.

community members for their involvement and promotion of reading. Children learn to enjoy reading by example. When students observe adults and community members reading aloud, it serves to reinforce that reading plays an important role

in the life of a citizen; therefore children are more likely to read for pleasure.

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