

Roadrunners in the library

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*Once you learn to read, you  
will be forever free.” –  
Frederick Douglass*

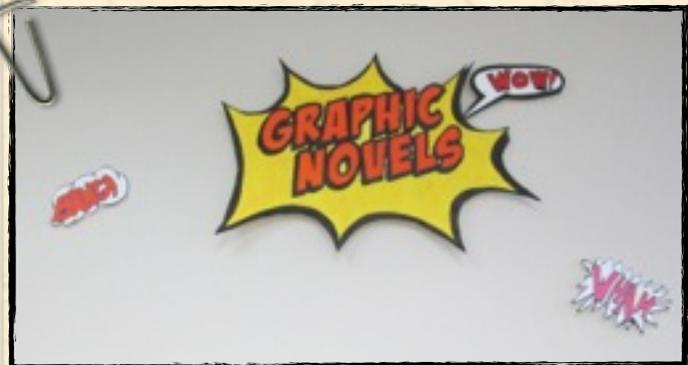
## ABOUT READING

### GOOD PICKS

To introduce the students to different authors, illustrators and their work, we created a seasonal wall with titles and call numbers of their work. We celebrated authors birthdays monthly by showcasing their work on their personal author tree. Students read the wall and find a book from an author that they haven't read before. Many students were surprised to see how many books some author have published. We have also created an area to promote our growing Graphic Novel collection. With the addition of books to this collection it is still hard to find them on the shelves. As soon as they come in they are checked out again.

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*So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we  
pray, Go throw your TV set away,  
And in its place you can install, A  
lovely bookshelf on the wall.” –  
Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate  
Factory*



*“There is no  
friend as loyal  
as a book.” – Ernest  
Hemingway*



## COMPREHENSION CONNECTION

This year the Language Arts department used research and strategies from the book Comprehension Connection- Bridging to Strategic Reading by Tanny McGregor. It is a very interesting book about understanding how students learn best. Why is it that in math and science, the best practices include lots of concrete instruction and hands-on instruction? Why is it harder to teach students reading comprehension? The author reflected on these questions and has written this book with strategies to make reading more concrete. She shares her revelation about how to make comprehension tangible for the students to learn and internalize. She created a 4 step launching sequence and combined it with the comprehension strategies of —using schema, inferring, questioning, determining importance, visualizing, and synthesizing. One of my aha's from this reading was the importance of interaction

about the text with students being more powerful than any worksheet you could give them.

## Library Club

This year we have started our first Library club. As the initial implementation of the club we are focusing on three main topics: circulation, storytelling and maintaining the monthly decor in library. Our club consists of 24 students from 4th through 6th grade. There is always something new to learn in the library.

## Book Club

This the first time in a few years that the school will be participating in the Texas Bluebonnet award. Teachers are reading some books to the students and some students are coming into the library to read some of their own books of interest. Voting day is quickly approaching and the students are becoming increasingly excited about casting their vote.



Library Club Member

*"There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." - Ray Bradbury*



*We had a display to bring awareness during National Banned Book Week*

## INSTRUCTION

During the first few weeks of school all students and teachers were given an orientation of the library and procedures. K-2nd grade enjoyed story time while we learned about the parts of a book, and how to care for books. Kinder students were learning about storybooks and learning books. They enjoyed the book *The Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and followed up by creating their own leaf creature. 1st and 2nd grade also learned about the author Eve Bunting and were exposed to a variety of her books.

3rd through 6th grade reviewed and learned all about call numbers and how to use the OPAC to find resources

they were looking for; and that finding a “just right” book takes time and practice. All classes were practicing finding books of interest and just right readability. Our 4th through 6th grade students also received lessons on how to read Graphic novels. Sixth grade students reviewed the Dewey decimal system and its organization.

## RESEARCH

During the first three months of the school year I met with all teachers to present research skills on using TexQuest and Encyclopedia Britannica. I also reviewed with classes on the use of our ebooks through Tumble Books and Bookflix.



Kindergarten leaf creatures



*To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.*  
~Edmund Burke

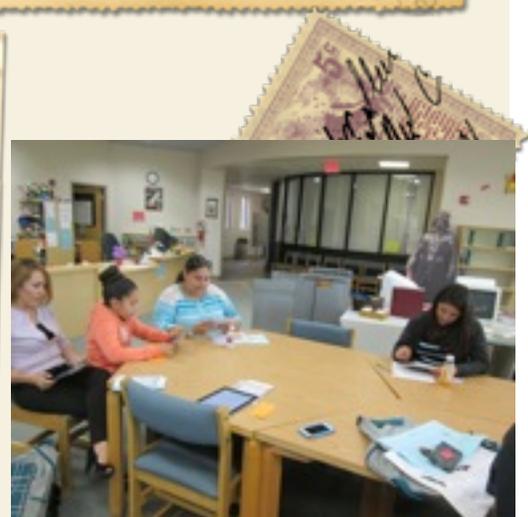
Edgemere Statistics	August/September	October	November
<i>circulation</i>	1842	2508	1823
<i>classes served</i>	68	76	63
<i>Parent visits</i>	18	11	12
<i>ILL's</i>	12	12	5
<i>teacher requesting resources</i>	10	8	14
<i>After school student visits</i>	21	22	51
<i>Collaboration</i>	28	17	9



6th grade Student reading to Kinder Class during read for the record



*Guest Author- Lauri Arnold*



*Parent Engagement Conference*

### Parent Engagement Conference

On October 25 the campus hosted its annual Parent Engagement Conference. We collaborated with El Paso Public Library, and scheduled for the new Book Mobile to be available at the campus. Many parents had the opportunity to apply for a library card, look for books and check-out books for their children to enjoy for two weeks.

I hosted a session on the importance of reading with their children. I shared strategies on how to read with children of all ages. You are never too old to be read to. I also shared with them some of the online resources for reading that are available to them. They had the opportunity to practice accessing our ebooks such as

Tumble books and Bookflix. [rsalazar@yisd.net](mailto:rsalazar@yisd.net)

### LIBRARY EVENTS

We Started this school year very busy. It is hard to believe we are already half way through the year. Aside from all the PD in September and the Book Fair, October was very busy. This year we participated in Jump Start's Read for the Record. On October 21 the pre-k students and their parents were invited to a story time activity. They all enjoyed the story of Bunny Cake by Rosemary Wells and created their own bunny ears to role-play the character scenes from the story. We ended the event with a birthday celebration for Grandma. We also included our Kinder and First grade classes by having some 5th and



6th grade students going into classrooms and read to them. All the students enjoyed themselves and a good book.

On the 4th of November, the 5th and 6th grade students were invited to the library for a webcast by Scholastic featuring Usher. He talked about the importance of reading and how reading can open a world of possibility.

Last but definitely not least was our visiting author Laurie Arnold. To prepare, the teachers read aloud to the students her book Hello There We've been Waiting for You before the visit. All of our 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to meet and talk to her about her book. There was so much excitement about meeting her and the students had many questions about the upcoming sequel, her characters, and where she got her ideas from. She discussed with them her writing process and how some of her ideas are directly related to events in her life.



*Professional Development*



*6th grade webcast with Usher*

## BOOK FAIR

We hosted our 1st book fair of the year on Oct. 6-10. It was a huge success. The funds raised from the fair will be to buy new books for the library. Hosting this event was made possible because of the long tireless hours put in by the volunteers.

## HOSTING

The library has been busy this year hosting after school training, parent meetings and school activities. We hosted the Eastwood area librarians meeting in October. We have hosted professional development and

faculty meetings. During the mornings you can find groups of students from the media class utilizing the space to work on projects. The physical education department has utilized the library for health classes. Our chess club and UIL teams will begin using the space for meetings, starting in January, while other students are utilizing the library space and support for homework assistance.

## FUTURE EVENTS

- In December we will be hosting an Hour of Code campus wide for the second year. Last year the students were engaged and excited about learning Computer programing
- Our annual Reading Under the Stars will be hosted on December 11
- Texas Blubonnet Voting: January 30
- March will bring us to the National Read Across America event.
- Come join us under the Sea for our Spring Book Fair which is scheduled to be the week of February 9-13. Save the date, our books will be creating a splash!!!



*Bookmobile visits Edgemere*



**“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.”**  
- Mary Schmich