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Knight-Enloe Elementary students get ‘Ticket to Read’

On Friday, March 26, Knight-Enloe Elementary School teachers and staff surprised students with a special visitor. T.J. Ticket, mascot of the web-based reading program Ticket to Read, spent the day at school rewarding students for reading achievement. First through third graders attended the programs in the gym where students listened to a story about T.J.’s early days and learning how he became such a famous ticket.

Prior to his visit, classes had been challenged to become a member of T.J.’s 500 Club by reading a total of 500 passages on Ticket to Read. Each class that met the challenge was rewarded with a certificate and a Ticket to Read mouse pad. Classes that became members are as follows: Mrs. Hineman, Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Robbie, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Forbus, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Motley, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Peggy, and Mrs. White. These classes were then challenged to join T.J.’s 1000 Club by reading a total of 1000 passages. Many other classes were very close to reading 500 passages and were encouraged to keep reading so they could become members of the club also! Ticket to Read top readers in each classroom were recognized with a certificate and bookmark presented by T.J. and had their picture made with the special visitor.

First grade top readers in each class escorted T.J. to the kindergarten classrooms. They introduced T.J. to the students and shared their favorite things about the Clubhouse part of Ticket to Read. To end the day, the top 10 ticket earners in the school were called to the office to serve as guides for T.J. Ticket as he toured the school. The school’s top ten ticket earners were Demeah Bell, Avenuna Bell, Corey Bell, Tanyiah Rachel, DaQuavious Lawrence, Emerald Phillips, Aaron Scott, Kevin Watkins, Savannah Christian and Jamiracle Daniel.

T.J. couldn’t have made it to Knight- Enloe without the help of Voyager Consultants Tracy Maxwell, Rose Storrs-May and Connie Davidson.

A part of the Voyager/Universal Literacy reading system that is used at Knight-Enloe, Ticket to Read is an interactive, web-based, learning program that promotes the practice of text reading, as well as builds foundational skills in phonics. The program enables students to build, strengthen and reinforce reading skills as they navigate through a self-paced instructional path. Ticket to Read builds reading excitement due to the embedded reward system that motivates students to build virtual toys and decorate a personal reading space - their Clubhouse.

Students at Knight-Enloe are able to use Ticket to Read during the school year and throughout the summer as well. More information about Ticket to Read can be obtained by going to www.tjsclubhouse.com.

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