



# Rees Eagle Update



School News

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## **Literacy Thought from Diane Miller (Literacy Specialist)**

Think of a time when you were riding down the street on your bicycle and the chain fell off. What happened? You most likely quit moving forward. The chain is what keeps the bicycle moving forward, making progress. In reading, it is our comprehension while we read that keeps us moving forward to understanding. If we get lost or something breaks down, it needs to be fixed. You don't have to buy a new bicycle just because the chain broke. You do need to have it fixed. We need to be aware of how we are progressing as we read so we can stop and fix our understanding if it breaks down.

Here are some ways to check your understanding:

### **Before:**

Preview the illustrations, titles, and headings.

Think about what you already know about the topic.

### **During:**

Are you getting the main idea?  
Do you have a mental image of the reading?  
Is there a part you don't understand?

### **After:**

Did you ...?

- visualize?
- summarize?
- understand all the words?
- make connections?
- understand the main idea?

Enjoy your reading, but always check to see if your "chain" is broken.

## **Title I Program**

Rees has a school-wide Title I plan that was developed by parents, teachers, principal, counselor, and student support staff members to address requirements of the Federal Title I program. This plan contains the following sections: Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Teacher Quality, Curriculum Selection, Professional Development, Academic and Other Supportive Services for Students, Parent Involvement, and Integration of Technology. We have a copy of this plan available for parents to review in the school office.

## **PTA Activities and Involvement**

Rees School PTA has been heavily involved in supporting school activities, and we appreciate this continued support. The recent book fair was extremely successful – we express our appreciation to our parents and school community members for supporting our PTA activities. The PTA elected to receive their share of the proceeds in books, which were then placed directly into classrooms and the school library. The efforts of our PTA strengthen the educational experience for all students and we thank our PTA for their service.

## **Green Ribbon Week**

We wish to offer our appreciation to our PTA for bringing to all Rees students Green Ribbon Week (September 22-25). Students were taught and reminded to be safe by wearing seatbelts, walking on sidewalks/ using crosswalks/following directions of crossing guards, and wearing helmets when riding bicycles, scooters, etc. We hope that all of our students will follow the safety instructions they received from our PTA.

**Box Tops for the Arts** - Thank you for sending in your Box Tops – all of the funding generated from the Box Tops will go toward furthering arts education for all students at Rees.

## **Rees Web Page**

We would like to share with all Rees families the web address for the Rees Elementary School web page. The address is [www.nebo.edu/rees](http://www.nebo.edu/rees), or you can also access the page through a link at the Nebo School District's web site located at [www.nebo.edu](http://www.nebo.edu). We invite you to visit our school web page.

## **School Improvement Plan and School Community Council (SCC)**

Our School Community Council's membership is made up of elected parents/school employees, and the school principal. This council serves as a school advisory committee and creates/refines a school-wide improvement plan, professional development plan, safe walking routes plan, and Trustlands plan. A copy of our school improvement plan will be made available in the office the night of SEP conferences. It will also be available in the office following SEPs. We invite all parents to visit with a member of the School Community Council to share your thoughts of how we can improve our school. Members of the 2008-2009 council include: Karen Lamb (Chair), Alison Duncan (Vice-Chair), Tracy Wiley (Facilitator), Nyla Allen, Suzee Anderson, Jana Vance, Tim Mendenhall, Chris Roberts, and Mike Larsen.

## **SEP Conferences**

Our first SEP conferences will be held on Thursday, October 23, from 3:30-9:00pm. SEP Conference Sign-Up Sheets were available during our School Open House and during Back-to-School Night. If you haven't signed up for a SEP Conference time for each of your children, please call Jackie Olsen this week at 798-4055 to schedule a time.

## **School Picture Makeup Day**

Picture makeup day will be held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent home as this date nears.