

Loma Terrace



The statistics for this school year have been outstanding, we have 23,551 items in our collection. We had 6,187 checkout and/or renewals by patrons. Our interlibrary loan showed a total of 36 books borrowed and/or loaned. We serviced 210 classes and had 105 collaborative

sessions with grade levels. We have been extremely busy.

Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs.

7:30-4:00

Friday 7:30-3:00

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Be awesome!
Be a book nut!"

— Dr. Seuss

SCHOLASTIC SPRING BOOK

Ahoy matey, our buccaneer themed book fair was held October 3rd through the 7th. Our Bookaniers had exciting time navigating through a sea of books! Thanks to our students, teachers, and parent volunteers we were able to sell many books. Profits from the book fair help us expand our library collection and purchase Scholastic News online magazine.

Clifford came by and visited. He went around campus encouraging everyone to visit our book fair and read books.



Lions know the more they read the smarter they'll grow!

BOOKS OF THE MONTH



This year we featured books of the month that empathize importance of literary elements and figures of speech.

Hello Ocean by Pam Muñoz Ryan, is a rhyming picture book about how the pleasures of a day at the beach gets off to a rocky start. It may take repeated readings for youngsters to understand that the "'five of me'" refers to the girl's five senses— and how good writers utilize the five senses to create imagery. She uses metaphors masterfully, ("I hear the ocean,/ a lion's roar,/ crashing rumors/ toward the shore").

We followed with *Knots on a Counting Rope* by the Bill Martin Jr. In this book a blind Native American boy named Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses begs Grandfather to tell the stories of the night he was born and of a great race. In this poignant story, the counting rope is a metaphor for the passage of time and for a boy's emerging confidence facing his greatest challenge: blindness.

Next, Gary Soto's, *Too Man Tamales*, describes how Christmas Eve started out so perfectly for Maria. Snow had fallen and the

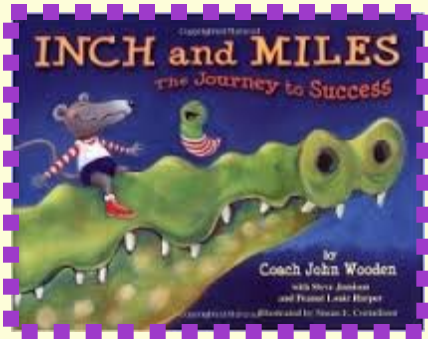
streets glittered. Maria's favorite cousins were coming over and she got to help make the tamales for Christmas dinner. It was almost too good to be true when her mother left the kitchen for a moment and Maria got to try on her beautiful diamond ring . . .

This is the story of a treasure thought to be lost in a batch of tamales; of a desperate and funny attempt by Maria and her cousins to eat their way out of trouble; and the warm way a family pulls together to make it a perfect Christmas after all.

These books have help feature different literary elements and the use of figurative language by masterful authors.



BOOK OF THE YEAR



Our book of the year written by Coach John Wooden, *Inch and Miles The Journey to Success*, Mr. Wooden the owl gives his two pupils, Inch the inchworm and Miles the mouse, one final assignment before summer vacation—to define success. To put them on the right track, his whistle takes the two students on a magical adventure in which they meet different animals and explore the various components of success. For example, the ant equates it with hard work while, a few pages later, the dog defines it as loyalty. Some of the explanations are a little baffling—the eagle asserts that success requires poise, which means, "be yourself." This hardly explains the concept of poise for children.

Except for Inch, Miles, and the narrator, all of the characters speak almost entirely in rhyming couplets.

Coach and teacher John Wooden is a towering figure in American sports and was named the 2003 Presidential Medal of Freedom Winner.

Named ESPN's Coach of the Century, Coach Wooden's UCLA basketball dynasty virtually created "March Madness" in amassing 10 national championships, 7 in a row; along with 4 perfect seasons; an 88-game winning streak; and 38 straight victories in tournament play.

Sports Illustrated says, "There has never been a finer man in American sports, or a finer coach."