

***Oso Grande PTA presents the***  
***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Week and Read-A-Thon***  
***February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

**Literacy Week at a glance:**

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Author Assembly, bring in books for the book swap.

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Make a poster of your favorite book, bring in books for the book swap.

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Literary Character Dress-up Day, book swap!

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** - “Turn off the TV and Tune into Reading” night; individual classroom reading.

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Read –a–thon, winter break reading contest winners announced, final entries due for “The Young Author Contest.”

**Details for classroom activities:**

**Author Assembly:** Parents are invited to attend Monday’s Literacy Week assembly by Barbara Saltzman, the mother of the author of *The Jester has Lost his Jingle*. Order forms to purchase a book for your home library will be sent home with your student. You will also have an opportunity to purchase a book to support CHOC Hospital or the Oso Grande library.

**California Reader Program:** Each year, the California Young Readers Medal committee nominates a variety of books for participating children to read and vote on. To become qualified voters, young readers must experience all of the nominated books in a category by reading the books themselves, having the books read to them or using a combination of the two. Young readers may read books in more than one category. Each reader is entitled to one vote in each category. As part of Literacy Week, students will read books through the month of February. Ballots will be cast in the first week of March in the library during each classroom’s scheduled library time. To see the nominated book titles and download fun activities in conjunction with the books, please check out the PTA website, [www.osograndepta.com](http://www.osograndepta.com).

**Make a Poster of Your Favorite Book:** Students can create posters of what they think should have been the cover for their favorite book. Entries should be brought to school and turned in to teachers on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. All entries will be displayed in the library and MPR.

**Book Swap:** Students can bring in their old books and exchange them for books that are new to them! On Monday and Tuesday, students should bring in children’s books from home that they **no longer want**. Books should be appropriate for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students (No preschool books, please!). For every **2 books** that students bring in, they will receive **1 coupon**. This will help to ensure that there is a large enough selection for all of the grade levels. These coupons will be used on **Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** to trade for “new books”. All students with coupons will have the first choice of books. The remaining books will be used in classroom libraries or donated to CHOC hospital.

**Literacy Character Dress-up Day:** Kids will dress-up as their favorite characters from their favorite books. Our Dress-up Day is an Oso Grande favorite and we are excited to see your kids in costume!

**The Young Author Contest:** Final stories are due on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Students should be busy creating wonderful stories! The grand prize winner will have his or her story published. All participants will receive a prize!

Thank you for your participation! Please contact Bushra Faruqi, Literacy Week Chairperson, at [gulee\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:gulee_1999@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.