Phoenix Chapter Reading and Literacy

Storybook Friends Programs

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Monthly, October – May

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year:$650 at St. John/ $800 at St. Agnes

**Partnerships**

St. Agnes and St. John Vianney Schools

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? Provide students and locations

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 150

Age range of clients served: 6-7 (First grade)

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): 20

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? The volunteers model reading fluency and help the children with their reading and the activity planned with the books that were read.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: Encourage young children to acquire a love of reading.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? A book at the end of the year; monthly gifts such as erasers, bookmarks

The St. John’s chairperson prepares folders for the volunteer readers. The folders include activity sheets, stickers and the treat or surprise. CCS purchases things necessary throughout the school year.

At St. Agnes, the Storybook Friends Program has an inventory of 32 picture book titles with an average of 3-4 books per title. Each volunteer chooses a book for her little group that consists of 2 to 3 children and they take turns reading the book and working on the activity sheet that comes with each book.

Sometimes there is a theme, in which case they read a story to the whole class and work on a project related to the story. For instance, in February, one volunteer read a book about Chinese New Year. She also brought in different articles to decorate for the Chinese New Year as well as lion puppets and a dragon puppet. Volunteers then helped the children make their own dragon puppets out of brown paper bags.

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