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## Principal at Evans School rides for reading

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YEADON >> Dujuana Ambrose-Dessau, Principal of Evans Elementary School never thought that she would be riding a horse.

“A Horse! There were lots of different things the students came up. We put them all together and I drew out the dressing like a cowboy and riding a horse. They met the challenge and the kids created the challenge for me. Everything worked out we didn’t know where we would get a horse but we called Misty Godfrey and it all worked out.” said Ambrose-Dessau.

Ambrose-Dessau came riding in decked with hat and scarf riding Achilles from Bill Pickett Riding Academy in Belmont Stables. Children were thrilled. The students had read for 252,000 minutes, not only meeting goal but exceeding by two minutes.

Dessau was having a great time, too. She showed children how to lead a horse left and right.

Children also had a chance to ask the people from Bill Pickett Riding Academy in Belmont Stables questions about Achilles and Candy Girl a smaller horse who was on the field.

Second grader, Evangelia Eliades read for 1880 minutes. Having the highest number of minutes, Eliades would a chance to ride Achilles.

“I was a little nervous ridding it. Once I got over my fear, it was lots of fun,” said Eliades.

The reading challenge enabled children to read at home and pick books on their reading level. They had seven weeks to complete the challenge.

“This challenge builds the love of reading and helps then in school and at home when they are doing their homework,” said Marie Thomson, School Facilitator.

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