

Dog-gone Good Reading

Have you met Wren? You might have seen her here around town. She is a therapy dog that visits the second graders at Stamm on a weekly basis. Wren's owner, Martha Ballenger is a retired Stamm teacher. She took Wren from homeless to therapy dog in 11 months. Wren is a retired racing Greyhound with the tattoo in her ear to prove it. Wren is a certified CGC, Canine Good Citizen. She has taken classes at Canine Bliss and passed tests to show that she is comfortable in many different situations and around all types of people and children. Wren also has her Therapy Dog certificate from TDI.

The students at Stamm look forward to seeing Wren walk the halls. It certainly turns some heads to see a dog at school. Wren listens to three children read weekly. This week she read with Malachi Moreno in Mrs. Hensel's room. Malachi said, "Today I read Arthur Clean Your Room and a dog book to Wren. His ears were down and he was listening." Mrs. Eakin's student Jason Burling commented, "Wren is nice and I like to read to him because he sits by me and he puts his paw on my book." Dylan Smith, said, "He is a quiet dog and when I lay his blanket down, he lays down and listens to me."





