

Hayes Elementary program encourages reading

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FREMONT -- Hayes Elementary School's students in kindergarten through fourth grade can participate in the At Home Reading Program on a daily basis.

Kathy Hudson, a former Hayes parent, is the program coordinator.

Since the 2004-05 school year, 918 children have participated in the program and have read 88,663 books or chapters. Hudson keeps track of each child's reading and uses sticker charts so the children can see their progress. Children are rewarded for every 10 books or chapters they read.

At the end of the program, the top three readers from each grade receive trophies. All children receive certificates with how many books or chapters they read throughout the year.

School officials say the program has been successful because of parental support and Hudson's countless hours of volunteering.



Kathy Hudson, coordinator of the At Home Reading Program, with students Douglas Roach, Collin Haynes, Jazmyin Sanchez and Miranda Ottermat. / Submitted photo