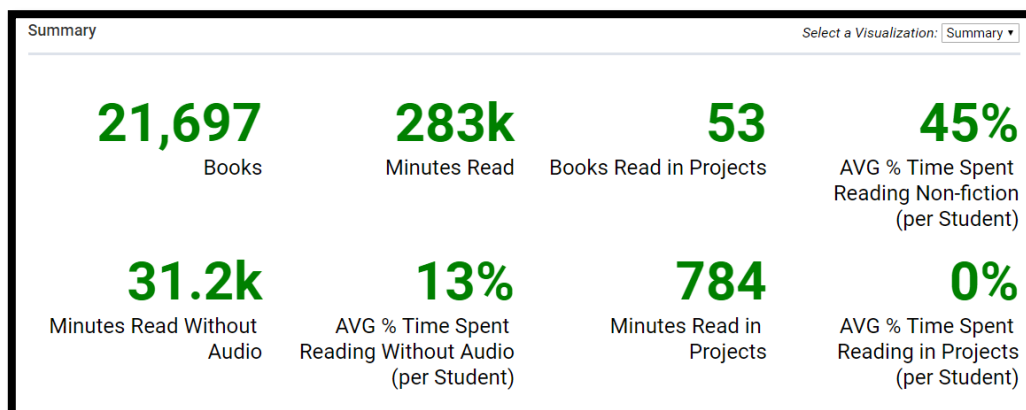


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Thanks to our office staff who helped call parents in for conferences. As we begin the second trimester of the year, our data analysis reveals that there are many students who are in need of academic intervention. We are continuing the weekly phone calls to parents to provide an update on their children's academic progress. Our parents know and understand the importance of the GPA as an indicator of academic success. They also understand how important it is that their children complete all assigned work. My weekly call to parents this year provides the exact GPA for each student as well as the exact number of missing assignments their children may have. Parents are approaching me before and after school to discuss these two items. We are beginning to send a phone call on Wednesdays that will inform parents how many books their children have read this week and the number of minutes and average quiz score. I want parents to become as knowledgeable about reading and Lexile level, number of books read and quiz scores as they have become about GPA. I want to thank and congratulate Kathryn Morrell for making herself available after school to help foster a culture of reading at Carr Intermediate School. Last Monday she had 50 students in room 507 after school engaged in reading. As you can see from the report below just this year, our students have read over



21,500 books. I want to invite all teachers that would like to support student learning beyond the school day to come up with a plan for how to provide the extra support, and we will support you and provide pay.

Congratulations to our math teachers! They are providing support for our struggling 6th grade students in math. Our parents really appreciate the

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extra support for our struggling students. Our students have also come up to me and expressed an appreciation for the extra help. They recognize that math has been difficult for them since elementary school and have felt that they have a monkey on their back.

Our parent group continues to grow and they are participating more



regularly in our committees. This Friday we hosted a "Convivio" which is a get-together. We had over 60 parents participate and there was so much delicious food. They are very excited to be part of Carr. They have asked me to encourage you to please utilize the services offered by our parents working in the Copy Center. They want you to use your prep period to collaborate and relax. Our Safety Committee has been getting many "Thank You's and "Thumbs Up" from our parents. The flow of traffic

at the front of the school has greatly improved, and they have made dropping off their children smooth and quick. I am very happy to have so many parents involved at Carr.



We continue to get very positive feedback on the Dashboard. Mrs. Aquino informed me that there was a glitch in the ODR, preventing her from following up on her ODR and we were able to fix it that same day. Mrs. Sawyer shared that reviewing the accommodations was difficult when there was more text than what was visible on the text, and I was able to upgrade that feature to allow teachers to click into the field and scroll. You can now also copy the text. Please let me know if there are things you feel we need to change or new features to add. I am happy that this tool has been so valuable to you. As more teachers used the system I began to see that

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there was more delay in the system. As a result, I spent Saturday evening and most of Sunday upgrading our server and software. We are now running version 16, which is more stable and responsive. I am also going to upgrade the software teachers use to connect to the system to increase the amount of time you can be connected without being logged off. Look for these updates this week. Please let us know if you see any issues and we will most likely be able to address them very quickly. We do have a running list of new features that users are interested in.



Our move toward a school-wide implementation of AVID is getting a really big boost this upcoming weekend. We have 10 Guardians of the Astro Galaxy attending a two day training at McFadden Intermediate School this Friday and Saturday. Mr. Head, Ms. Huddy, Ms. Hutchens, Ms. Leal-Avalos, Mr. Linden, Ms. Pineda, Mr. Qafaiti, and Mr. Moreno will be attending the strand for Academic Language and Literacy: A School-wide Approach. Ms. Ta is attending Tutorology, and Ms. Harshman is attending the Implementation strand. Thanks Astros!



Monday, October 2 Character	Parent Conferences 8-2:30 (Student Free Day) ILT 2:45-4:15
Tuesday, October 3 Achievement	PBIS Meeting 7:15-Room 301 Girls on the Run 4:00
Wednesday, October 4 Respect	Modified Bell Schedule NO MEETINGS- Due to Parent Conferences
Thursday, October 5 Responsibility	MAP Awards Assembly-Auditorium-P1-8 th / P2-7 th / P3-6 th Cuidate-2:35
Friday, October 6 The CARR Way	AVID Training at McFadden