



*"Teachers and librarians alike are thrilled that myON reader has provided thousands of books for West Elementary students to read" said **Sherri Ybarra, Curriculum Director**. "There has been a noticeable renewed interest in reading: our students are regularly choosing to spend their recess reading in the computer lab on myON!"*

West Elementary

West Elementary School in Mountain Home, Idaho, was considered a "failing" school for eight years in terms of Adequate Yearly Progress. One year ago, 30% of West Elementary School students failed the reading portion of the Idaho state test (ISAT) and only 45% of students were considered proficient in reading. With a large population of both economically disadvantaged students and English-language learners, the school district began to focus on boosting literacy and implementing successful and sustainable change for all of their students.

That's where myON® comes in.

West Elementary School was focused on setting clear and measurable goals to increase reading proficiency in their school. Administrators at the school determined that their three primary goals were to:

- Increase reading proficiency
- Strengthen community & family relationships and mutual involvement

Upon learning about myON reader from the Superintendents in Meridian and Emmett school districts, Sherri Ybarra, current Curriculum Director, worked with district administrators and teachers at West Elementary to champion myON reader there.

As school staff, families and community members worked together toward the school's goals, West Elementary worked to make parents aware of the anytime, anywhere access to myON reader: a personalized literacy solution that provides access to the largest collection of over 4,000 enhanced digital books with reading supports and embedded measurement capabilities. And that's when the magic began.



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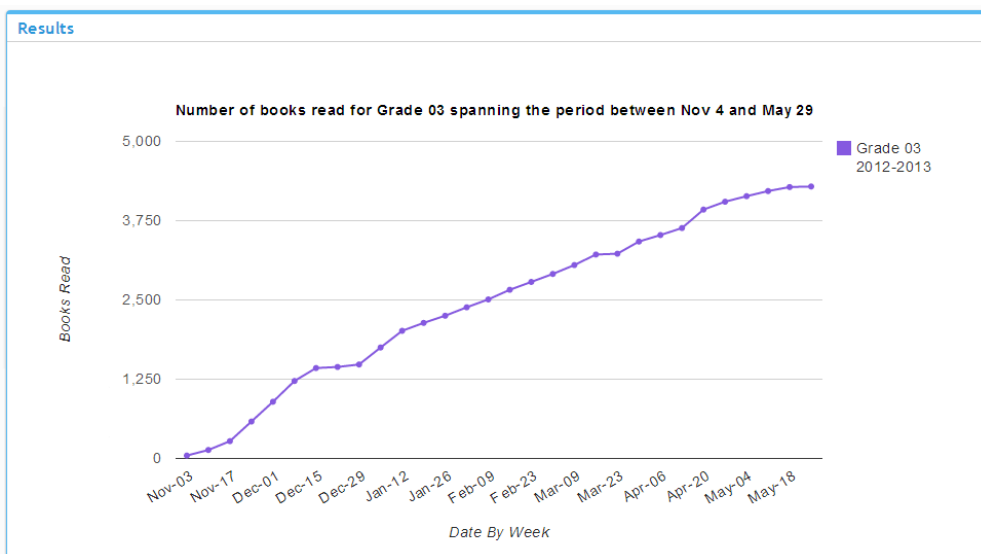
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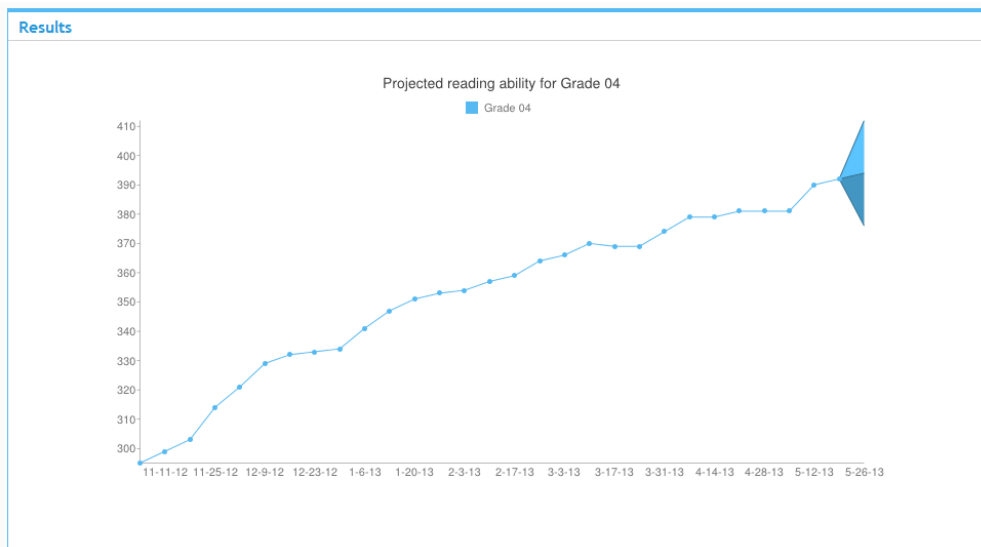
After the entire West Elementary staff attended myON Professional Development sessions, teachers were committed to supplementing classroom instruction with myON reader as well as encouraging their students to read independently on myON. As a dedicated participant in the myON Winter and Summer organized reading challenges, West Elementary's initial results were incredible. With active teachers and consistent student usage, West Elementary students read over 18,500 books in less than one school year!

West Elementary was able to use Title I funds to begin their pilot with myON reader. In the Spring 2013 ISAT tests, 87.5% of West Elementary School students were proficient in reading. What's more, West Elementary is now proudly a 4-Star School after the 2012/2013 school year—a high honor state-wide, even in more affluent schools.

The impressive reading growth for West Elementary School students was instrumental in Mountain Home School District's decision to add myON at all schools for elementary and middle-school students. The student success at West will serve as a model for building a community of stronger, more confident readers throughout the district.



myON report showing how many books were read in 3rd grade from November 2012 to May 2013.



myON report showing average Lexile growth for 4th grade students from November 2012 to May 2013.