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## Students read half a million pages

Seventh Street Elementary School students read a record 1,100 pages per child in a just-completed, month-long Jester & Pharley Read-A-Thon benefiting patients at Little Company of Mary San Pedro Hospital.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rolling Hills Estates, the Crimi-Roser Foundation of Torrance and the Crail-Johnson Foundation of San Pedro, the 444 students read 501,147 pages — an average of 1,129 pages each — to provide

Jester & Pharley PhunBooks for pediatric patients treated at the San Pedro hospital.

The number of pages each student read is the highest per-student average of any of the nearly 50 Title I schools that have participated in the Jester & Pharley Reading Makes A Difference program since its inception five years ago, according to Jester & Pharley Phund Executive Director Barbara Saltzman.

To date, Title I students have read more than 8 1/2 million

pages to provide Jester & Pharley materials to ill and special-needs children in Jester & Pharley Phund Reading Makes A Difference programs.

The nonprofit Palos Verdes-based Jester & Pharley Phund is built around the lessons of hope, humor, self-reliance and charity found in the book, "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle." Chadwick graduate David Saltzman wrote the book for his senior project at Yale before his death from cancer in 1990 at age 22.