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First graders get a taste of authorship

First-graders from the numerous awards. Warm Springs Eagle Academy will join other local firstgraders for the Annual Gift of Literacy celebration.

The first-graders will travel this Friday, May 28, to the Madras High School Performing Arts Center.

About 300 students are expected to participate.

The Gift of Literacy program runs for eight months, and is designed to promote the love of reading at an early age. The program inspires long-term success in school and in life.

At the Friday event, the students will meet children's author Eric Kimmel, who will lead them in creating stories of their own.

Kimmel began dreaming about becoming an author in kindergarten, and has now published more than 50 titles, many of which have won

Birth

Ember Grayce Herkshan

Gunner Herkshan Sr. and Rosetta Herkshan of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Ember Grayce Herkshan, born on May 12, 2015.

Ember joins brothers Jeremy, 24, Gunner Jr., 10, and Wallace, 7; and sisters Brandy, 22, Denise 16, and Bella, 3.

Grandparents on the father's side are Darlene Perez of Klamath Falls; and the late Enos Herkshan of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Trudie Smith of Warm Springs, and Henry Martinez of Warm Springs.

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The author's books have appeared on school and library recommended lists, and have won prestigious awards such as the Caldecott Honor Medal (for Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins) and the Sydney Taylor Picture Book Award (for The Chanukkah Guest and Gershon's Monster).

"Our main goal is for the kids to have fun with literacy, discover the love of reading and be celebrated by our community," said Melinda Boyle, director of curriculum and instruction for the Jefferson County school district.

"This is my favorite day of the year," she said. "I love watching the children walk away from the event with the book they received and feeling excited about reading."

Clifford the Big Red Dog, Skippy John Jones and Pete the Cat will also be on hand to meet students, as they participate in a number of volunteer-led activities, including group readings, art projects and games.

Students will also receive a hardbound copy of one of the six books highlighted in this year's program, a book bag filled with educational goodies, lunch and a t-shirt.





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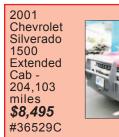
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