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Mrs. Yates' class visits StoryWalk

StoryWalk great addition to Munday park

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MUNDAY— If you've had a chance to visit the Munday City Park lately, you might have seen a new addition. It's called StoryWalk® and it's a community service project led by Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell, along with their advisors Jimi Coplen of the Knox County Visioning Group and Lorrie Coop of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, as part of their Leadership Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) project and Knox County 4-H Leadership project.

The StoryWalk® project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

"To be able to bring something like this to our small community is wonderful. It's a great addition," said Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS. "The girls wanted to do something for their community that would be interactive, engaging and serve a purpose.

"This project definitely met their goals. Along with a grant from the Texas 4-H Foundation to get started, Cude and Tidwell sold engraved bricks to help fund the

project and partnered with several local entities and many volunteers who generously gave of their time and energy to see the project to completion."

The StoryWalk® is a fun, educational activity that places a children's story (literally a book taken apart) on posts along a new walking path in the park. The books will be changed out throughout the year, allowing visitors many opportunities to enjoy the exhibit. Conceived

as a way to inspire parents, teachers, and caregivers to take young children out of doors for physical activity and to learn, StoryWalk® helps build children's interest in reading while encouraging physical activity and a healthy lifestyle for both adults and children.

Mrs. Yates' Pre-K class was the first to test out StoryWalk® as they read Skippyjon Jones by Judith Byron Schachner on a recent class outing.