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Some students at Chase County Schools received undivided attention last week as they read books out loud in the library. Focusing their eyes upon the students were Fred, a Border Terrier, and Jake, an Airedale Terrier.

The two and their owners, Don and Claudia Robinson of Bemidji, Minn., were in Imperial visiting daughter Tawnya Jensen, an aide in the library, and grandson Cole, a fourth grade student.

They thought it would be a good idea to promote “reading dogs,” which the canines are certified as, in the school system.

The Robinsons say the reading dogs help lower the blood pressure in children and calm them down. “Dogs aren’t critical of their reading skills,” Don noted.

Fred, 4, and Jake, 2, and their owners are members of the Bemidji Area Reading Canines, or B.A.R.C.