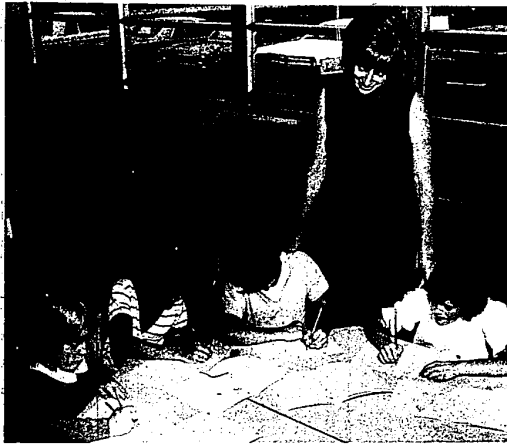


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CREATIVITY — Farmington reading specialist Ethel Killgrove looks on as four Middlebelt School third graders write stories with an assist from "Words for Young Authors," their new writing tool. From the left are Karen Savage, Timothy Sisson, Mike Chadwick and Susan Spencer.

'Arf' To 'Zowie'--ABC Book Gives Kids The Right Word

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

From "arf" to "zowie," Farmington's younger elementary school pupils are never at a loss for the right word. This is true since the introduction into district first and second grades of "My ABC Dictionary" last year. Arf and zowie are the first and last words in the book.

DEVELOPED by Farmington reading specialists, the 32-page book is not truly a dictionary in the sense of Webster. Reading specialists and classroom teachers consider it a valuable "tool" with five components:

- 1 - Use of the book helps stimulate self-expression and imagination leading to better creative writing.
- 2 - Better creative writing leads to better reading ability.
- 3 - A greater amount of reading and writing leads to an improvement in spelling, greater awareness of how a word is put together.
- 4 - The individually-designed "tool" meets the needs of children at their own reading speeds and levels.
- 5 - Taken together, these components broaden and enrich the child's vocabulary.

THE LONGEST and most difficult words in the book, "something, whistle, vegetable," are still words with which very young children are familiar.

Page One is devoted to animal sounds because the heroes of first and second graders' stories are usually cows, piglets, chickens or ducks. All the necessary words are on the page from "moo" to "cink" to "cock-a-doodle-doo" to "quack."

OTHER PAGES contain measures, number words, days of the week, months, holidays. Each page has space for a listing of "My Words" by the pupil.

In developing the book, the reading specialists were assisted by the youngsters which is apparent in the selection of the lexicography. The imagination and creativity of the children was given full reign in the selection of the listings.

And imagination and creativity get full release when the youngsters have to look for references when they write their themes.

WITH THE SUCCESS of this first book, the specialists turned their attention this year to developing a similar tool for

use by third-grade pupils. Titled "Words for Young Authors," the new 39-page book is also designed for the third-grade level and contains pages for colorful words, "said" words, "size" words and "words I like."

The same thought that went

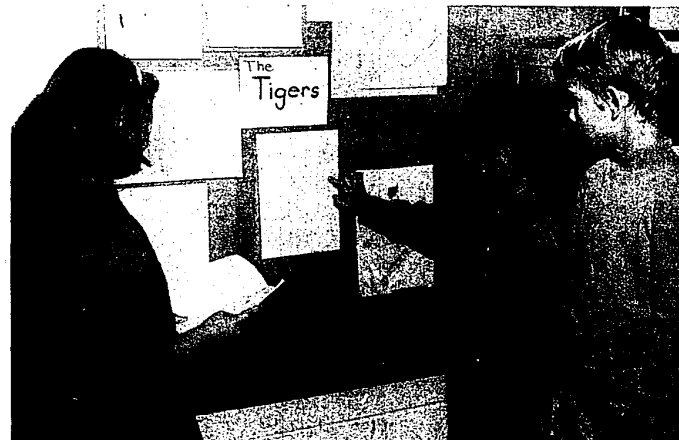
into arranging the texts of the two books was used in their illustrations. Reading Specialist Carolyn Mabalak drew them, and they show complete awareness of the age of the children for which they were designed — they are not finished or professional.

THE BOOKS are now in use by all Farmington early elementary children.

By the time these tots reach high school level, it will be interesting to see how much more facile they are with language and the written word.

THESE NINE specialists had just that in mind when they developed this "tool".

Kay Van Hoy, Mrs. Marjorie Brown, Ethel Killgrove, Virginia MacDonald, Mrs. Beth Gale, Mrs. Carolyn Mabalak, Mrs. Spill Winters, Mrs. Mary Bantle and Mrs. Jay Frid.



YOUNG AUTHORS — Classroom themes are easier for Farmington third grade children to write this year with their new aid, "Words

for Young Authors." Left to right are Middlebelt School pupils Helen Bonner, Gary Keoleian, and Brad Bache.

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Run- Dutton, Run

A Farmington freshman at Western Michigan University has something big to write home about.

Randy Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dutton, 28229 Bayberry, along with 30 men from his dorm, is going to run in one-mile relay the 220 miles from Bowling Green, O., to Kalamazoo on Oct. 4 and 5 -- all to celebrate WMU's homecoming on Oct. 5, if they make it back in time.

Time is important because the boys will be carrying the ball with which the homecoming football game with Bowling Green will be played on Oct. 5.

Barring any unforeseen hitch, the relay-runners plan to arrive back in Kalamazoo at 12:30 p.m. on game day, having run for 26 hours. Food will be provided along the way and rest stops will be taken in two U-Haul trucks that will accompany the runners.

Shaw Studies

Timothy P. Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Shaw, 28200 Marvin, Farmington, has begun freshman studies at Kalamazoo College.



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kids in a 12 Mile - Farmington Rd. field. Farmington Township Trustee Earl Oppenhauser passed out the prizes.