Rice students play Santa with gift of books

Five-year-old Nicole Holland was smiling as she turned the pages of her her new book, "Play Ball, Amelia Bedella."

"I'm going to take it bome and show it to everybody," said Holland, a kindergartener at Stewart Elementary on Detroit's near west side. Young Nicole and each of the 430 other Stewart students received a new book from Birmingham Brother Rice students participating in the "The Gilt of Reading" program. As part of the program, the Brother Rice boys became book buddles for Stewart students.

"WE ASKED EVERY student to bring in one book," said Louis-Prescott. "I teach all the seniors, and every one of them brought in at least one book." Daniel talked with Stewart teach-ers to ensure they got enough books at the proper age level. The Rice stu-dents were eager to visit the school, Daniel said.

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Louis-Prescott said about 100 atm Louis-Prescott said about 100 stu-dents voluniecred to go to Stewart. Fewer than half that could fit on the bus, so the school drew fosts to decide who went.

Daniel said she boped the title be-tween the two schools would contu-tue, perhaps with, smother, event planned in the spring.



Lamer Johnson, left, looks engrossed as he listens with class-mates Monday to the story of Who-ville in the Dr. Seuss classic "Now The Grinch Stole Christmas." About 40 Brother Rice High

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School students went to Detroit's Stewart Elementary, where Johnson goes to school, to deliver children's books and candy.

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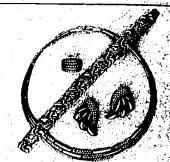


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