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Clarenceville Helping Kids To Like Reading

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Summer is the season for growing things, but in Clarenceville School District things grow during other seasons.

Things like learning, reading, attitudes and programs. Growth was fertilized four years ago when the LEADERS (Learning Environment and Desire Enhances Reading Skills) program was instituted for children in kindergarten through the second grade.

The program began as a proposal to prove teachers with skills needed to teach reading. Since then, the program has expanded and will extend through the junior high for the first time this year.

Reading was a problem far from unique to Clarenceville according to Patricia Vickery, project director for the program. But that didn't diminish concern.

"After three years studying and gathering data, we did find three problems in the district," she explained. "First, we were not reading to their ability. Grades 1-4 were reading at a level considered illiterate."

"We also found that training institutions didn't have the background they needed," she continued.

"Finally we discovered that kids didn't like reading."

Clarenceville administration responded by initiating the LEADERS program which was based on "behavioral objectives" — objectives that could measure a child's knowledge by what he was able to do.

In order to evaluate the program, a performance objective was established. The district predicted that 95 percent of the students would grasp 80 percent of the skills at their individual levels.

"A report to the state indicated that we have been fairly successful," said Mrs. Vickery.

In kindergarten, 89 percent reached the performance objective. The percentage of students reaching the goal in first grade was 95 percent, and in second grade it was 91 percent.

An outside evaluator, Dr. Richard Watson, program evaluator for Oakland Intermediate School District who has worked with the district since the program began, noted the fifth and sixth grades were moving up on standardized tests.

Since last year was their first year in the program, they couldn't be evaluated according to behavioral objectives.

Dr. Watson also questioned why improvement was not seen in the third and fourth grades. He suggested that perhaps the norming procedure or national average score used to judge the test was too high.

Last year the present fourth grade did very well on a state assessment test. This year, they did poorly. "It could be just as mechanical as children taking a mechanical scored test for the first time," speculated Mrs. Vickery. "We are watching that grade very carefully."

In general reading mechanics are improving faster than comprehension, but both are improving, according to Dr. Watson.



PATRICIA VICKERY

"We have an outside evaluator because critics say we can't be objective. He (evaluator) feels we have a good program," she continued. "We still have some refining to do and that's what we're doing."

Although reading and reading skills are the "core" of the program, Mrs. Vickery said that eventually the entire curriculum will be involved. Presently subjects such as math, spelling and creative writing are involved, but not all day or even every day.

In evaluating progress, the district looked at attitudes as well as achievement. "Teacher attitudes are a strike out," said Dr. Watson in the report.

Mrs. Vickery explained that the University of Wisconsin test used to evaluate teacher attitudes showed that attitudes had not changed. The test evaluated attitudes on teaching, students and classroom environment.

"We believe teacher attitudes have changed because they are doing things differently, but that's not measured," said Mrs. Vickery.

Cville Board Sets Meeting

A bank account, equipment and school grounds will be the primary topics of discussion during a Clarenceville school board meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday in the board offices on Eight Mile Road.

Following the regularly scheduled meeting, the board is expected to hold a closed door (secret) executive session to discuss the teachers' failure to ratify a contract, and to plan strategy for future negotiations.

Band Boosters Sponsor Bingo

Shouts of "Bingo" will be heard every Wednesday night in the Clarenceville School District when the Band Parents and Friends Club sponsors bingo parties from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Vladimir's on Grand River. Admission is \$1.

Such things include operating three or four different levels of achievement in one subject, and giving students a choice in what they do.

Perhaps more significant is the change in student attitudes which have improved on three levels: environment, self concept and reading. While all have improved, the biggest shift has been seen in reading attitudes.

Students like to read more, like different books and like to read aloud, according to Mrs. Vickery. In addition, discipline problems have disappeared on an elementary level.

"We have to create a good learning environment with materials they enjoy," she said. "They have to feel comfortable. If a student doesn't want to come, he won't learn."

Looking into the future, the LEADERS program begins on the junior high level for the first time this year.

"Once elementary grades under the LEADERS program got to the junior high, teachers there came to us for help. They said 'We're getting some kind of strange animal here'," she said smiling.

With the pleasure of success. "It's a developmental program, and it may fail at the junior high," acknowledged Mrs. Vickery. "We're refining, and we're going a bit slower. Some teachers would like help in the high school and we may supply it, but it will be a different program."

In viewing the total program Mrs. Vickery said, "We're succeeding, but not 100 percent. We don't claim to have a panacea, but we're doing far better than we were and we are pleased."

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