Reading program arrives at Westmoreland

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

First grade students at Westmoreland School met some new big friends from UGI Utilities and learned that reading is FUNdamental last week.

Volunteers from UGI, which funds the Reading is FUNdamental (RIF) program in many area school districts, visited the school March 25 to help librarian Louise Roberts supervise the children as they selected a book to read and

When asked if they knew what UGI does, students guessed cable TV and telephones before hitting the correct answer of electricity. Achorus of "YES!" erupted after Mrs. Roberts told the children that they could keep the books

which they had selected. Colorful paperback books about fire engines, Donald Duck, race cars, dogs, cats, dinosaurs, butterflies, Clifford the dog's exploits and many other topics covered two tables in the school library, ready for the kids to select

Tiffany Gergel chose a book about butterflies because she's interested in them.

"I have a dog named Segal. His tail looks like Steven Segal's ponytail," said Mary Miller, selecting a book about puppies.

Colin Baird and David Ballo snapped up books about Batman



A TOUGH DECISION - Westmoreland School first-graders Corey Guiliano and Matt Stucker check out the large selection of books before selecting one as part of the school's first Reading is FUNdamental (RIF) program March 25.

and dinosaurs, immediately plopping down into chairs to dig into

UGI volunteers Nancy Margavage, John Wizeman and Vince DiGiusto assisted Roberts in the distribution, the first to be held in Dallas school district.

Since 1991, UGI has funded 75 percent of RIF programs in many schools in its service territory and provides bookplates and bookmarks featuring its cartoon char-

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acter mascot, "Reddy Kilowatt," who gives children safety tips on the use of electricity.

UGI employees may volunteer to work for RIF or other worthwhile causes as long as they make up the time within a week.

Locally, first grades in Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Greater Nanticoke Area, Hanover Area and Wyoming Valley West school districts have taken advantage of UGI's RIF

School menus

The following school lunch menus are for the week of March 31 to April 6. All lunches include

DALLAS SCHOOLS

THURSDAY - French toast sticks w/syrup or cheese pizza, 2 sausage patties, fruit juice, rosy applesauce.

FRIDAY - No school. Good

MONDAY - Nacho w/cheese sauce or hot dog/bun, fluffy rice, green beans, peanutty apple.

TUESDAY - Grotto pizza or hot dog/bun, celery stick/peanut butter, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce or hot dog/bun, garlic bread, tossed salad/dressing, fresh pear.

GATE OF HEAVEN

THURSDAY - Early dismissal 12:30. No lunch.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOLS

THURSDAY - Sausage links, buttered waffles w/maple syrup, applesauce, orange wedges.

FRIDAY - No school. MONDAY - Chicken patti on bun w-lettuce-mayo, minestrone soup/crackers, peaches.

TUESDAY - Meatball or peanut butter-jelly hoagie, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits.

WEDNESDAY - Hampatti/bun, candied sweet potatoes, lightly buttered corn, fruit cocktail.

WEST SIDE TECH

THURSDAY - Pancakes/syrup or cereal, pastry, juice.

Lunch

THURSDAY - Cheese steak hoagie/lettuce-tomato, chicken noodle soup, fruit assortment.

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strangers on school grounds, now that the students are playing outside again," she

Since school buses usually drop students off very close to their homes, students rarely have to deal with strangers offering them rides, she said.

For many years, students at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School have been taught not to accept rides from strangers, according to principal Charles James.

"We tell them to be cautious," he said. "We tell them to fight, break away and run for help if someone grabs them."

The kids are told to yell, "You aren't my mother or my father! I'm not going with you! Leave me alone!"

The Lehman-Jackson PTA has brought in the Pennsylvania State Police to teach children about safety, James said.

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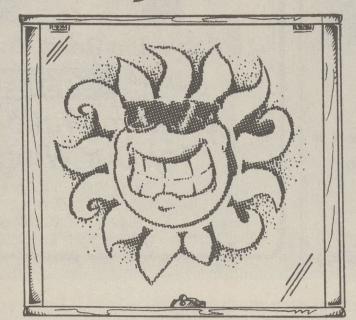
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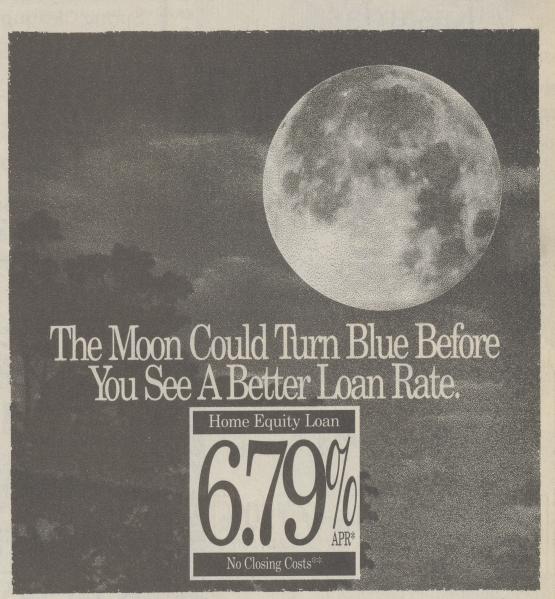
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