UGI volunteers visited Tenth and Penn Elementary on Friday, January 20th for the first of three book distributions. Books were distributed to classrooms a few days early so students chose their books. Two volunteers visited our four classrooms to put stickers in the children's books. Most book distributions included a parent volunteer reading a seasonal book and classroom craft. The children love the visits and books.



During our first RIF distribution this year we were visited by the Reading Wizard. All of the first grade classes sat for a story and presentation in the library following the Wizard presentation students went back to their classrooms. The Wizard and the other UGI representatives visited each classroom for an additional 9re200000912 0 612 792 reW\*nBT/F2 11.04 Tf

ASE will be dispersing their books and activities over several months. The following were/are their distribution dates and related activities: On Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 the theme was be where the students got to wear their pajamas to school and read! Our second distribution was Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and the theme was The students dressed as cowboys/cowgirls. Ms. Higginson provided the students with the bandanas to go with their cowboy hats! Our last distribution was Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and the theme was Students broke out their beach attire that included their flip-flops, beach towels, sunglasses and other beach-read ready gear to enjoy their new books!





On January 6, 2017 Northwest Area Elementary, Reading Pa welcomed the UGI Reading Wizard to assist with the annual RIF distribution assembly for First Grade. The Wizard was accompanied by two UGI employees. Their role is to read the history of the Wizard, distribute and stamp books, but more importantly the volunteers, along with the first grade teachers, Reading Specialist, ELA Support teacher and Principal guide the students to find "just right books" that not only peak their interests but also are an appropriate reading level.

Each child was sent home with a book of their choice. The staff and Principal look forward to this assembly every year and are grateful for the kindness of the UGI Company. Students are encouraged to write thank you letters for the donations which are very well received by not only the volunteers, but also the management. This partnership motivates young child to read and learn the importance of reading.

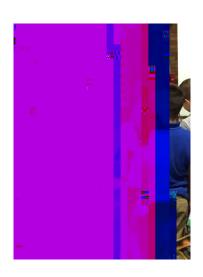
As chairperson of RIF for First Grade, Riverside Elementary, Reading School District, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all you do for our students. Every year the children are awe struck when the Reading Wizard comes to visit.

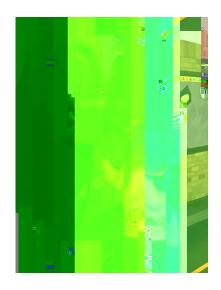
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This year 16th and Haak distributed RIF books during a special 1st grade assembly on 5/19/17 in our school gym. In addition to the 3 UGI volunteers (which included a parent of older students in our building) we had 5 volunteers from a local community group, Youth Builds, participate as well. One of the volunteers from Youth Builds was a former 16th and Haak student. Our volunteers helped to display the books on 6 long tables. When the approximately 108 children came in and sat down they were greeted by the Reading Wizard and the UGI volunteers read the children the story of the Reading Wizard. Each of the four classes then had opportunities to meet and shake hands with the Wizard, select a book and receive a coloring book and bookmark from the UGI volunteers. The Youth Builds volunteers helped the students write their names on RIF nameplate stickearke students









This year, our First Grade team organized three R.I.F. Parent Involvements. At each R.I.F. event, the students participated in five of the following Reading themed rotations: Book Distribution, Thank You Card/Letter Creation, Book Cover Illustration, Reading Bingo, Bookmark Creation, Reading Door Sign, Reading Game, and Read Aloud.

During Book Distribution, the students were guided to choose a book on their ARC Reading Level. The students were then able to use their books during Daily 5 Read to Self and Daily 5 Read to Someone. They were also able to take them along to lunch for Reading during Quiet Time. The students loved the variety of picture books, non-fiction books, and novels to choose from at each event.

On Wednesday, April 26th, volunteers from UGI came to 10th and Green Elementary to help us celebrate reading and distribute RIF books. The UGI volunteers included the Reading Wizard (Ann Rutowski), Jim Swope (Reading Wizard puppeteer), Hallie Jacobs (Miss Susquehanna Valley's Outstanding Teen), and Mike Conklin.

The event was held in gym. The gym was decorated with motivational reading posters, streamers and balloons. Each student was given a Wizard hat to wear to the event.

The event started with a brief greeting from Mrs. Lozada. After the greeting, Hallie Jacobs read the story of the Reading Wizard to our first grade classes. After Hallie read the story, the first grade students were divided into groups and attended various stations around the gym. There were five different stations: Power Word Hopscotch, Sight Word Bingo, Sight Word Scavenger Hunt, Sight Word Musical Chairs and Coloring with the Reading Wizard. The students rotated groups until it was time for them to pick out a book.

Throughout the event, Jim Swope circulated around the gym entertaining the students with the Reading Wizard Puppet.

