Volney’s Family Literacy Club distributes Tag School Readers

The “Readers Are Leaders” Family Literacy Club was recently formed at Volney Elementary School. The program, coordinated by reading specialist Kathy Biss, received a grant from Entergy that enabled the school to purchase eight Tag School Reader Systems.

The Tag School Reader Systems are special learning tools that respond to touch on specially printed books and materials and provide reading assistance to those using the tool.

The special pen can be used to read an entire story, sound out a single word, or play games and activities with the books to work on vocabulary development, comprehension, phonics and phonemic awareness.

The Tag School Reader System is an easy-to-use handheld learning tool for students in pre-K through the third grade.

This personal learning tool responds to every touch on specially printed books and materials, with audio feedback and on-demand reading assistance. The readers and books are portable and do not require student computers, which make them suitable for home-school connection programs such as the group at Volney.

The eight families attended an orientation where the books and reader systems were distributed to the students and their families and they learned how to use them to help their child become better readers. The families will keep the systems at home and return them to the school at the end of the school year.

New families will be contacted in the fall and a similar group will utilize the books and readers in the coming years.

As the students master the books they have at home, they can exchange them for others at future swap nights planned at the school in the coming weeks. They can also return the system and books and Ms. Biss will load new books onto the specialized reading pen for the students to use.

Playing games
Several games were distributed along with the Tag Reading Systems to the families selected to participate in the Family Literacy Club at Volney Elementary School. Volney Principal Jeff Hendrickson played one of the games to increase phonemic awareness with kindergartner Nathan Jackowski. The students were able to bring home their own versions of the games to play with their family and friends.

Rhyming game
Jayden Palminter (left) and Tessa Galvin (right) play a rhyming game with Volney Elementary School librarian Sarah Fay during the “Readers Are Leaders” Family Literacy Club evening at the school. The girls were among the recipients of Tag Reading Systems distributed by the school through a grant from Entergy.

Exploring Tag Reading System
Lewis Palmer and daughter Madison explore the new Tag Reading System books that were distributed to eight families for their use until the end of the school year. The reading systems were purchased using a grant from Entergy by Kathy Biss, reading specialist at Volney Elementary School. She handed the books out to the families at a recent Family Literacy Club meeting.