

Field Tests in Swing

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PART 2

It is September 6, 1968 and in the "FIELD TEST" TEACHING AND SITES, "THE ALASKAN READERS" are in full swing.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools and the State-Operated Schools involved in this project are such an important item that I would like to list them, along with their educators:

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SCHOOLS:

Audrey Raasina, Quinhagak, Alaska; Phyllis Hagedorn, Kipnuk, Alaska; Sharon Sonnenberg, Tuntuntuliak, Alaska; Elaine Jensen, Lower Kalskag, Alaska; Mrs. Ruth Jack, Shungnak, Alaska; Donna Pierson, Easigluk, Alaska; Alice Sivets, Hooper Bay, Alaska; Carol Jimison, Kaltag, Alaska; Beverly Williams, Barter Island, Alaska; Mrs. Sarah Christensen, Wales, Alaska;

STATE - OPERATED SCHOOLS:

Julia Kinsey, Chignik, Alaska; Bernice Jacobson, Port Heiden, Alaska; Helen Steward, Togiak, Alaska; Gladys Fancher, Bethel, Alaska; Barbara Van Ness, Allakaket, Alaska; Wilma Miller, Koyukuk, Alaska; Lillian Eggleston, Angoon, Alaska; Alice

Booth, Metlakatla, Alaska.

I wish to emphasize that it is only at these listed "testing sites," the native child will be using "THE ALASKAN READERS."

Significant differences in "THE ALASKAN READERS" are obvious to both the students and their teachers.

"THE READERS" for the three primary grades are divided into 12 levels. Each of these levels is made up of Language Development Units, and includes instructional stories, exercises and supplementary books.

Much of the material is semiprogramed, and this arrangement makes it possible for each student to progress at his own pace.

An Alaskan Holiday Book, A resource Book of Poems, music, stories and games, Teachers' Manuals and other teaching materials accompany the series. Alaskan children come to school with experiences different from children in the other 49 states.

It is, with this specifically in mind, that "THE ALASKAN READERS" were developed, and they are being developed cooperatively by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory and the Alaska Rural School Project along with several other organizations in Alaska and the Northwest.