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## Special Class Achieved Goals In '84-85 School Year

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Seventh-grader David Rhodes will probably always remember the 1984-85 school year. It was the year David learned to read his first words.

"He didn't even know the alphabet last year," said Jo Gaughan, a volunteer in Emma Lou Edwards' Shallotte Middle School exceptional children's class. "He was really turned off to reading. It was affecting the morale of the rest of the group."

Ms. Gaughan introduced David to the Laubach method of reading in January, an adult reading program that uses phonics, or the sounds that different combinations of letters make to help students decode words phonetically. After just five months of twice a week one-on-one tutoring sessions, David is now reading at a second-grade level.

"We went in there and the first day I learned something," David now recalls. "The second day, it was the same thing."

David liked the idea of learning to read by using a program designed for adults, Ms. Gaughan said. If he works hard next year, David will be reading at a fifth-grade level as an eighth-grade student, after just two

years of lessons, she said.

"The first day he read a sentence he shouted, 'I read that! I actually read that!'" Ms. Gaughan said.

David suffers from dyslexia, a difficulty in reading often caused by some form of brain disorder. Each of his 17 classmates in the exceptional children's class also suffer from some form of learning disability—ranging from autism, severe emotional problems to deafness.

At the first of the year, David refused to study his reading assignments with his classmates, who were using the Palo Alto Reading Program. He was also having difficulty attending school, Ms. Edwards said.

"He just didn't have any self-esteem at all," Ms. Edwards said. "I'm thinking of next year maybe starting some of the other students on the Laubach program."

Ms. Gaughan, a retired third-grade school teacher from New Jersey, now lives at Carolina Shores. She volunteers to help teach the class two days each week, using Laubach materials she obtains through the Horry County Literacy Council. She learned of the need for school volunteers through an advertisement in a local newspaper.

"For me, it's great," she said. "It gives me a chance

to use some of the things I've learned. It's good to retire, but it's still good to be able to help."

The pages of David's reading books have been laminated in clear plastic by Shallotte Middle School librarian Kay Coleman. David takes the books everywhere he goes. If Principal Mark Owens comes to view the classroom, David "makes him stand in the doorway and listen to him read," Ms. Edwards said.

Ms. Coleman recalled how David would come to school at the first of the year, often dressed in dirty clothes and in need of a haircut. Since he began reading and working on computers in the library, his whole attitude toward school has changed, she said. He now keeps his hair neat, his clothes clean and has also become a role model for the class.

"We took them and let them work on a computer here in the library to make them realize that without reading skills you can't function in society," Ms. Gaughan said. "The computer is one tool that is maybe making them realize that they need to learn to read."

Using computer programs obtained by the school through the Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium, some students are learning basic math, such as addition and multiplication problems on the Apple IIe model computer. Other students who have more difficulty in learning are using the computer to perform exercises that teach directions, such as left from right.

"They've gone from beginning counting to one group which is working on multiplications," said Ms. Edwards. The class is divided into six different reading groups in the mornings, while "practically no one is doing the same thing," she added.

"If you saw them last year and compared them to this year," said Ms. Gaughan, "you could see that they have made tremendous progress. They learn a lot orally, through filmstrips and television shows."

"You are constantly having to cope with their individual differences," she added. "They have a wide span of abilities."

Earlier in the year, all 18 students were each given a budget of \$20 and taken to a shopping center in Shallotte where they were to purchase different items. One student bought only items for a cold while others planned meals.

"It was to show them how important reading really is," Ms. Edwards said. "With a limited budget, they really did realize how much reading and counting means. Some of them blew it."

"I went way over," David added. Eighteen students in a self-contained exceptional children's classroom is considered a "very large class," Ms. Edwards said. To begin the school year, you must work with each student, "just start them where they are. It takes time," she added.

"Ms. Gaughan has been a blessing," she said. "She is as dedicated to them as I am. When she's here they consider her a teacher, too. She's one in a million."

Last Friday was Ms. Gaughan's last day of working



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EXCEPTIONAL children's instructor Emma Lou Edwards watches as student Stuart Carter uses the computer to practice math problems. Allen Lowery awaits his turn.



SCHOOL VOLUNTEER Jo Gaughan, standing, worked with student David Rhodes this year to teach him to read. Ms. Gaughan also introduced the students to the

computer. Ms. Edwards called Ms. Gaughan "a blessing" for the class.

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