

By DICK MILLER Highland School Librarian

IN THE UNITED STATES, there are close to 1500 new children's books published every year. This flood of books certainly adds to the difficulty of choosing the proper ones for your child to read. Naturally, some books are better than others. The decision of which books best suit your son or daughter is, at best, perplexing.

The following list is designed to help you choose the books you want your child to read.

Some of the booklists



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are available at the public library and some can be seen at the local school library. They all may be ordered direct from the publisher. Our thanks go to Nancy Larrick, who compiled this list and published it in her book, A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS, Charles E. Merrill Books, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. ADVENTURING with

BOOKS (National Council of Teachers of English, 704 S. 6th St., Champaign, Ill.) Nearly 500 out-

standing books are described. BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (R.R. Bowker Co., 62 W. 45 St., N.Y. 36) 2500 books by age level and type with good index and cross references. Revised annually.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (Association for Childhood Education International, 3615 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington 16, D.C.) About 1700 books, well in-

dexed, revised every two years.

BOOKS OF THE YEAR FOR CHILDREN (Child Study Association of America, 132 E. 74 St., N.Y. 21) Annual list.

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NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS (Children's Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11,) An annual list.

THE FOLLOWING MAGAZINES carry excellent reviews of new children's books, frequently with mention of their special value in school:

CENTER (University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Ave., Chicago 37) Monthly except August. Sixteen-page Magazine of critical

reviews, no articles. ELEMENTARY ENGLISH (National Council of Teachers of English, 704 S. 6th St., Champaign, Ill.) Monthly, October through May. Excellent reviews as well as frequent articles about using children's books in school. THE GRADE TEACHER (23 Leroy Ave., Darien, Conn.) Monthly, Sept. through June.

Brief book reviews. THE HORN BOOK (The Horn Book, Inc., 585 Boylston St., Boston16) Six times a year. The entire magazine is devoted to children's literature. Excellent reviews and articles

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TARDY, BUT OH SO WELCOME, pictures are shown of the excellent and inspiring Recital and Musicale presented by Piano Teacher, Joanne Sykes recently at the Zion Methodist Church.

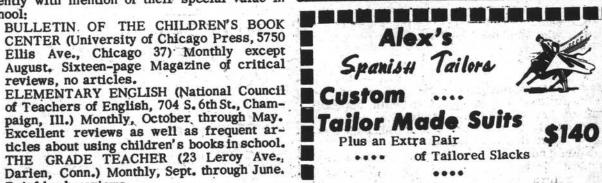
UPPER PHOTO - Guest Artists and Teacher shown are - 1st row (1-r) James Brown, Pat George, Terri Jones, Kathryn Jones, and Donald Sykes. 2nd row (1-r) Joanne Sykes, Teacher; Herbert Freeman, Bobbie Smith, Herschel Williams, Barbara Kirkland, Marjorie Dickinson, and Brenda Brown.

LOWER PHOTO - Students 1st row--Patricia Ernest, Bobbye Ernest, Marcia Jones, Diann Stevenson; 2nd row--Gerald Cannon, Ella Blackman, Carol Hartwell, and Lita Rosemond.

about authors and illustrators. THE INSTRUCTOR (Dansville, N.Y.) Monthly, Sept. through June. Brief book reviews. JUNIOR LIBRARIES (R. R. Bowker Co., 62 W. 45 St., N.Y. 36) Monthly, Sept. through June. Reviews practically all books. News of book awards. Occasional articles of interest to teachers.

The above six magazines can be found in most school libraries. All six may be seen at the Clark County School District Education Center on Flamingo Road. Further information may be obtained by writing the author of this column in care of the VOICE, or by visiting this columnist at the Highland School fibrary.

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