

THE BEST CHRISTMAS: THE GIFT OF READING



Children work on decorations for the annual BGACDC Christmas party.

The best Christmas gift is one that keeps on bringing joy and satisfaction throughout life - the gift of learning. So the theme of the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center's annual Christmas Bag Giveaway this December was *The Gift of Reading*.

Eighty-eight children from Marvell and Elaine participated in the party, which was co-sponsored by M.M. Tate School, the Mid-Delta Community Consortium, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Spriggs and Marvell-Elaine Reads, a part of the Arkansas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. Parents and guardians of the children also participated.

Christmas is a time to give, share and have fun educationally. There were toys, food and games, and every child from pre-kindergarten through the fifth grade received special gifts of books that were appropriate to their reading levels.

The party, three days before Christmas, gives the sponsors a chance to focus parents and guardians on the task of working closely with children to advance their education and development the year round.



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