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SUPON PANTHONG : THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUPPLEMENTARY READING BOOK FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THE ELEPHANTS IN MY VILLAGE: BANTAKLANG, THATOOM DISTRICT, SURIN PROVINCE. THESIS ADVISORS : WARAPORN SRISUPAN M.Ed., PIMPIMON THONGTHIEN Ph.D., WINAI RODJAY M.Sc. 144 p. ISBN 974-04-2487-2

The objectives of this research were to develop a supplementary reading book on “The elephants in my village” for primary school students in Surin province, to study the knowledge achievement, the book’s quality by the opinions of experts and students and to study reaction of the students towards the elephants after reading the book.

The study was divided into 4 steps. First, the book was constructed by setting learning objectives, scope of contents, learning concept, story line in non-fiction, etc., and then organized into the first draft. After that, the book was to be improved by the adjustment of resource people in Mubantaklang and of the experts. Second, the book was to be improved by trying it out with some students. After the last improvement, the experts evaluated the book’s quality. Thirdly, tools for measuring the quality of the book were developed. The last steps were tested with 30 sample students, using one group, pre-test and post-test design. The samples were the Prathomsuksa six students from three randomly selected primary schools in Thatoom District, Surin province and 10 students were randomly selected from each school. The statistic used for analysis was t-test.

The results showed that after reading the book, the students increased their knowledge significantly at a level of 0.05. Regarding opinions on the book’s quality, the students and the experts evaluated it at the level of very good. The students expressed more love and concern about the elephants.

In conclusion, the book is suitable for use as a supplementary reading book for primary schools in Surin province and it is effective in motivating the students towards conservation of culture and elephants.