

Report on Early Childhood Programs
Van Buren Intermediate School District
490 South Paw Paw Street
Lawrence, MI 49064

READING TO CHILDREN

Vocational Technical

The Playschool Nursery is an inclusion based preschool program for 2½ - 5 year olds from the general public and special education populations. It is an integral component of the Child and Adult Care Services vocational-technical program at the Van Buren Technology Center.

- High school students read daily, one-on-one, to preschoolers enrolled in The Playschool Nursery. (Chart and stickers)
- March Read Across America event. Guest speakers invited to read storybooks to preschoolers during the entire month; emphasis on Dr. Seuss books.
- Oral Motor Reading Project - 2-3 times a year. A speech therapist and an occupational therapist develop multiple sensory activities centered around a particular storybook. The storybook is then extended in a multisensory modality - costumes, acting out the story, related art activities, etc.
- Scholastic book orders for families - monthly.
- Lending library for families - several hundred preschool level books.

Early Care and Education Office

A.S.A.P.-P.I.E. Program (Family Links):

- Lending libraries in each local elementary school building.
- Lending library at central Family Links office.
- Reading Rainbow storybook video loops made available at all public waiting rooms.
- R.E.A.D.Y. kit distribution to any interested party. All age levels.
- Scholastic book orders for any interested parties.
- Book reading by educator and parent at each home visit.

- Book reading at weekly Play and Learn groups for preschoolers.
- Birthday books for all children birth - 5 years of age.

Van Buren County Even Start:

- Scholastic book orders to any interested party.
- Birthday books for all children enrolled in program, regardless of age.
- Story reading by family educator and parent at each visit.

Special Education Services

Early Intervention:

- Therapist and parent read to child at appointment.
- Therapists make and share adaptive materials related to storybooks.
- Lending library of books both regular and adaptive (tapes, computer programs, tactile, enlarged, etc.)
- Parents given ideas, directions, materials to make adaptive props as they relate to storybooks.
- Storybooks available in waiting room.

Early On:

- Play and Learn facilitators read to children in a group setting.
- Children read to by support staff at appointments.
- Storybooks available in waiting room.

Preschool Cognitively Impaired Classrooms:

- Daily reading by teacher, classroom assistant and co-op students - large and small groups, individual children.
- Scholastic book orders.

Migrant/Bilingual Education

School Year Programming:

- Teacher consultants read to children and monitor reading skills of children, preschool - grade 12.
- Book loans.
- R.I.F. book distribution, twice a year.

Summer Programming:

- Daily reading in classrooms by teachers and classroom assistants - large and small group, individual, one-on-one.
- R.E.A.D.Y. kits distributed. All levels. Spanish and/or English.
- R.I.F. book distribution - twice a year.
- Program supervisor facilitates reading activities at several camps. Reads directly to children and models for parents and nineras (camp aides).