

The information compiled in list format reflects what we currently do in our ISD.

We expect to provide the same activities/services next year with the addition of services that relate directly to Great Start, Governor Granholm's plan for reading and parent education in families with very young children. As Governor Granholm develops her programming we will certainly adjust and respond accordingly.

The following are activities that we are currently configuring that will have an impact on our programming for the future:

- We will expand literacy training available to migrant camps. We have plans to continue, and to expand, training of camp aides who have a tremendous impact on the families and children living in the array of camps in our county.
- We plan to facilitate book and material loans and giveaways to the migrant camps by increasing our distribution of R.E.A.D.Y. kits, by holding some of our parent group meetings at the camps, and by utilizing a mobile library unit.
- We are working with high school level LEA Life Management teachers to facilitate book buying and distribution projects for their teen students. These students will direct their projects to preschool level children.
- Our A.S.A.P.-P.I.E. program will begin a daily reading project this Spring in which we distribute charts and stickers to families to encourage daily reading. Families will be able to turn charts in for incentives.
- As a member of the Southwest Michigan A.S.A.P.-P.I.E Group the Van Buren ISD will be developing programming specific to the vision of Governor Granholm and her Great Start Program. Meetings are currently underway to clearly develop various aspects of a plan.
- An intern from Spring Arbor College will be developing six Parent Education group meetings this summer for the Even Start program. Themes will be literacy based and will be directed to families with children between birth and 7 years of age.

As our institution becomes aware of new state and federal initiatives that relate to early childhood reading and parent education for young families we will consider new and appropriate programming to address those initiatives.

Please do not hesitate to reach me should you need any clarification or if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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