

EAGLE Monthly Newsletter

Exploring Avenues of Getting Literate Early

An Empowerment Project of Floyd, Mitchell and Chickasaw Counties

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EAGLE is a Literacy Resource Program for individuals working with 0 – 5 year old children. Its focus is to provide age-appropriate programming for this age group to enhance school readiness skills.



EAGLE, an acronym which stands for “Exploring Avenues for Getting Literate Early”, is a program geared towards children five and younger. Its main purposes are igniting an early interest in books and reading, preparing young children for school, and providing resources to those in direct contact with children on a daily basis. To accomplish these goals, EAGLE partners with preschools teachers, public librarians, registered daycare providers, and others within Floyd, Mitchell, and Chickasaw Counties. EAGLE offers its resources through numerous avenues including special programs, bookbags, and resource support.

Programs All public libraries in the tri-county area are invited to host special programs for preschool children offered by EAGLE. Recent programs offered have been *The Lion and the Mouse*, *Itsy, Bitsy Spider*, *The Hello, Goodbye Window and Barn Dance!* EAGLE tends to offer four programs each year, and public libraries may host any or all of the programs for their communities. Programs last about an hour and include a story, exploration of targeted concepts through games and activities, and free books for participating children to take home. Siblings of children within the target age range are always welcome! EAGLE programs have also been offered at area preschools and parent support groups. Look at the “Schedule of Events” on the back of this newsletter to see if there is a program scheduled in your area soon.

Bookbags EAGLE also offers bookbags to children and their families. Bookbags are kits that include a book and an accompanying activity that extends key concepts covered in the book. This resource gives parents and others working with children an easy way to connect literature to other activities. Bookbags are available at preschools, many daycare centers, and most public libraries in Floyd, Mitchell, and Chickasaw Counties.

Daycare Provider Crates EAGLE and several registered daycare providers in the tri-county area initiated a program in 2004 that strives to meet the needs of home daycare providers. Through this program, EAGLE home-delivers a crate filled with educational resources for registered daycare providers to use free of charge for one month. After one month, the EAGLE coordinator picks up one crate and leaves another with different resources. Each daycare provider crate contains: four book bags, a game, a resource book, and a video containing picture books in a video format. The providers keep track of usage and evaluate the resources within each crate. The daycare provider crates program gives participating providers an inexpensive way to offer a variety of educational resources to the children in their care. This EAGLE resource is available to any interested registered daycare provider.

Online Catalog In an effort to better inform citizens of Floyd, Mitchell, and Chickasaw Counties of the resources EAGLE has to offer, an online catalog is available on the Empowerment website. If you would like to browse EAGLE’s resources, please visit EAGLE’s web page on FMC Empowerment’s website at <http://fmccempowerment.com/>. Click on the “Associations” crayon on the home page and then the EAGLE link. There is a link on EAGLE’s web page that will take you to the online catalog.

For more information about EAGLE or if you would like to submit information for upcoming newsletters, please contact Diane Day at eaglepro@iastate.edu or 641-394-2174.

Schedule of Events

**Parents – please post this on your refrigerator as a reminder of these upcoming events.

Key: (TYPE OF EVENT) P/C = Parent & Child C = Child P = Parent DC= Day Care Providers

Floyd County	Mitchell County	Chickasaw County
<p>Thursday, September 13 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotation in Floyd County (DC).</p> <p>Tuesday, September 25 at 5:30-7 PM EAGLE will present <i>Ready to Read from Head to Toe</i> at Our Kids Count, Trinity United Methodist Church , 601 Milwaukee Street in Charles City (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, September 27 at 10:30 AM <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Charles City Public Library(P/C).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----October-----</p> <p>Monday, October 8 at 6:00 PM <i>Little Cloud</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Nora Springs Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Wednesday, October 17 at 3:00 PM <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Rockford Public Library (P/C).</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 18 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotation in Mitchell County (DC).</p> <p>Wednesday, September 26 at 10:00 AM <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Riceville Public Library (P/C).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----October-----</p> <p>Wednesday, October 24 at 10:00 AM <i>Little Cloud</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Riceville Public Library (P/C).</p>	<p>Monday, September 10 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotation in Chickasaw County (DC).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----October-----</p> <p>Monday, October 1 at 10:00 AM <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Nashua Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Monday, October 15 at 10:00 AM <i>Little Cloud</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Nashua Public Library (P/C).</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

Fall EAGLE Programs

The new fall programs are beginning!! Over the summer, I was very fortunate to have had assistance from a summer intern. UNI student Sara Hageman assisted in creating new book bags and planning programs. Sara put her Early Childhood education to good use in planning the activities for the *Little Cloud* program, and I'm sure that everyone will enjoy the fun and educational activities Sara planned. Each of the fall programs lasts about an hour and includes a story, activities, and a free book for each participating child. Look at the "Schedule of Events" section above and in upcoming EAGLE newsletters to see when a public library near you has scheduled one of the following EAGLE Programs:



Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, written by John Archambault and Bill Martin, Jr. and illustrated by Lois Ehlert. The book reads like a chant that is in alphabetical order as the letters of the alphabet to make it to the top of the tree, only to tumble down again. This program is for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years and will include activities that tie into the storyline of the book. Children within the targeted age group will receive a paperback copy of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, to add to their personal book collections. Books will be available to children outside of the targeted age group as well.

Little Cloud, written by Eric Carle, is a tale about an imaginative little cloud that passes the time by changing into the shapes and sizes he has seen around him in the world until he rejoins the other clouds to make a rainstorm. This program is for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years and will include activities that tie into the storyline of the book. Children within the targeted age group will receive a paperback copy of *Little Cloud* to add to their personal book collections. Books will be available to children outside of the targeted age group as well.

