



SIDEWALK CHALK

OUR VISION

We believe children are our future, and the community is an essential part of their path to success.

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Children need at least one person in their life that thinks the sun rises and sets on them, who delights in their existence, and loves them unconditionally.

-Pam Leo

Thank You Gala Sponsors!



We are incredibly grateful to our generous sponsors for supporting the Winnie-the-Pooh Gala for the Children 2025! Your commitment helps us continue providing essential programs for young children and families in Randolph County while ensuring we can adapt to changing community needs.

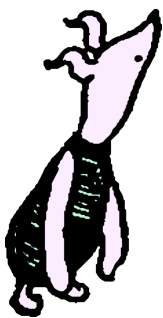
A special thank you to our Big Hearted Pooh Bear Presenting Sponsors, whose leadership and generosity set the stage for a magical evening. We also appreciate our Tender Hearted Piglets, Light Hearted Tiggers, and Warm Hearted Rabbits sponsors for their dedication to building Great Beginnings and Strong Futures.



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There's still time to join this wonderful group of supporters! Learn more about sponsorship opportunities below!

SPONSOR BENEFITS

The Warm-Hearted Rabbits
\$350



- 2 tickets to event
- Listing in event marketing, on our website and in our Newsletter



The Light-Hearted Tiggers
\$750

- Everything in previous tier plus:
- 2 additional tickets (4 total)
 - "Shout out" at event
 - Print credit at event



The Tender-Hearted Piglets
\$1,200

- Everything in previous tier plus:
- 2 additional tickets (6 total)
 - 1/2 page color ad in event program
 - Book donated in sponsor's name



The Big-Hearted Pooh Bears
Presenting Sponsors
\$3,000

- Everything in previous tier plus:
- 2 additional tickets (8 total - a full table)
 - Reserved parking spot
 - Full page color ad
 - Book donated in sponsor's name

Sponsor Opportunities

Save the Date!

Early Childhood Educator February Training Opportunities

February 6, 6:30 PM

Conscious Conversations: The Power of Unity

Participants will explore ways to create a caring community within the classroom. Building a 'school family' means every child and family has a sense of belonging. We will reflect on using the skill of Encouragement to implement ways to be helpful, such as having



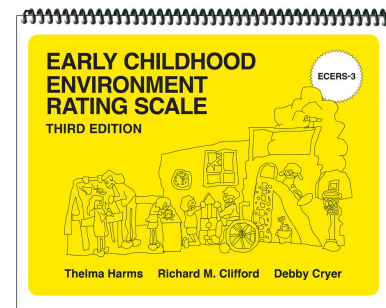


meaningful jobs for the children in the classroom.

[Register Here](#)

February 11, 6:30PM
Intro to ECERS-3

This session will introduce participants to the 3rd version of the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale. We will learn what is different about the newest version, and have time for Q & A



[Register Here](#)



February 25, 6:30PM
Facing Food Fears: Setting the Stage for Exploration and Discovery

Ready to transform moments of resistance to moments of curiosity-fueled exploration? Participants in this session will learn best practices and implementation strategies for fostering a positive, safe environment in which children can safely explore new food. By the end of the session, participants will be equipped with practical tools and playful approaches to help students build positive food experiences and expand their palates with confidence!

[Register Here](#)

Now Accepting Applications for the Susan Helsabeck



Scholarship

Susan Helsabeck



Scholarship for Early Educators

The Susan Helsabeck Scholarship for Early Educators has been established to provide financial support to early educators working in Randolph County striving towards advanced education. This scholarship honors the legacy of Susan Helsabeck, our former colleague and friend. It celebrates her lifelong desire to support our early educators. Through higher learning, the recipients of this scholarship actively enhance the quality of the classroom and their commitment to the field of Early Care and Education.

One recipient annually will be offered a \$1000.00 scholarship if selection criteria are met and the applicant is selected by the scholarship committee. This award will be presented at our annual Night of the Stars event.

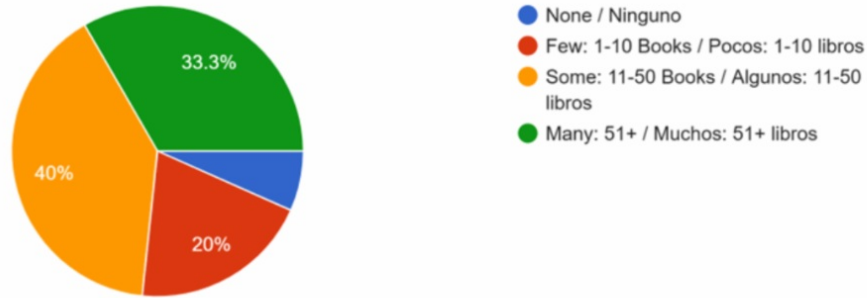
To be considered for the Susan Helsabeck Scholarship for Early Educators, applicants must complete an application and return it to Randolph Partnership for Children by April 18, 2025.

[Get the Application](#)

Family Survey 2024 - Early Literacy Supports

How many children's books do you have in your home? / ¿Cuántos libros infantiles tienes en tu casa?

15 responses



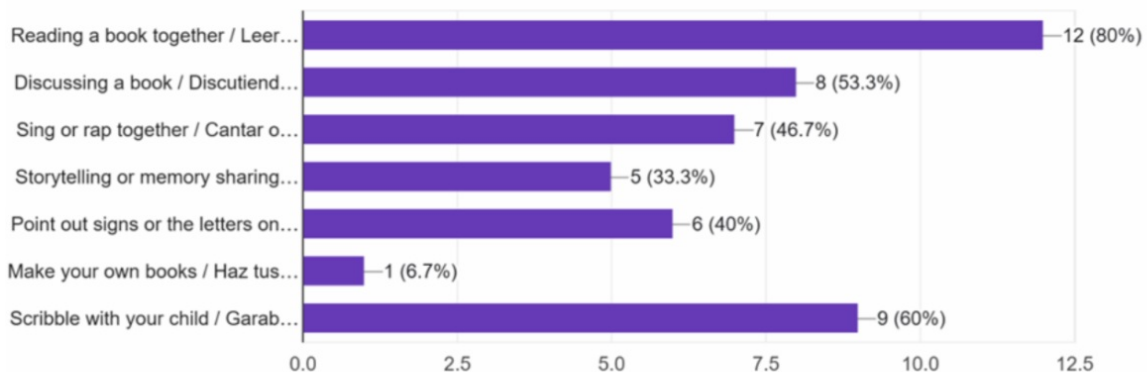
At the Randolph Partnership for Children, we know that early literacy skills lay the foundation for a child's success in school and beyond. Our recent family survey provided valuable insights into how families in Randolph County are engaging in early learning activities—and the results highlight both strengths and opportunities to grow.

One encouraging finding is that more than 73% of families reported having at least 10 children's books in their home. Research consistently shows that access to books at an early age has a direct impact on a child's language development, school readiness, and long-term academic success. When books are readily available, children are more likely to develop a love for reading, build vocabulary, and strengthen comprehension skills that will serve them for life.

We also learned that two-thirds of families are engaging in literacy-building activities daily, such as reading, singing, and storytelling. These everyday moments are powerful tools in developing early literacy skills. Even a few minutes spent reading together each day helps strengthen parent-child bonds while promoting brain development.

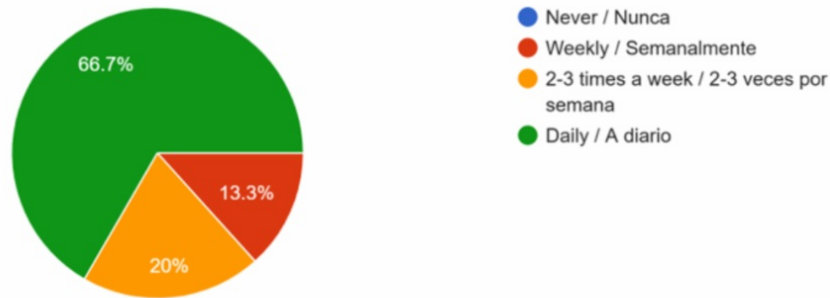
Do you engage in any of these literacy-building activities with your child/children? / ¿Participa usted en alguna de estas actividades de alfabetización con su hijo?

15 responses



How often do you engage in at least one of the above activities with your child? / ¿Con qué frecuencia participa en al menos una de las actividades anteriores con su hijo?

15 responses



However, the survey also revealed an opportunity to expand awareness of **The Basics**, a set of five simple and powerful parenting principles that support brain growth in young children. Only 26.7% of respondents had heard of The Basics, but every family who was familiar with it was actively using it. This tells us that once families learn about The Basics, they recognize its value and integrate it into their daily routines.

By continuing to promote early literacy and access to books, through programs like **Books for Babies** and the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, we can help ensure that every child in Randolph County has the strong foundation they need to thrive.

Sign Up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Randolph County



Due to funding limits, some NC communities are no longer accepting NEW registrations for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This is unfortunate and we continue to work with our partners across the Smart Start Network to secure more state funding.

Until then, we have great news for Randolph County thanks to local funding! In Randolph County, we are still enrolling NEW children in Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library. Sign up today and your child (ages 0-5) will receive a free book every month!

Start Their Literacy Journey
Here

Congratulations, Millstone Creek Orchards!



Congratulations to our Board Chair, Beverly Mooney and Millstone Creek Orchards, for being recognized as Industry of the Year at the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting! This well-deserved honor reflects Beverly and Nick's dedication to our community and the impact Millstone Creek Orchards has on families, local businesses, and agritourism in Randolph County.. We are grateful for Beverly's leadership at Randolph Partnership for Children and her commitment to making our community a better place for children and families. Please join us in celebrating this achievement!

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Penciled In

- **Tuesday, February 18, 8:15 AM**- Board of Directors Meeting
- **Thursday, February 27, 4 PM**- ChAMPS Meeting



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