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## BOOGIE WITH BOOKS IN THE PARK! East Lincoln Middle School

On June 25 approximately 200 books were handed out to children. Everyone enjoyed the children's games, face painting, popcorn, the Emcee to help get the kids up and moving and the storytellers!

Thank you to Communities in Schools of Lincoln County (CIS) and Don't Foul Out Program, a program which helps students achieve social, academic and athletic success for attending and helping with our event!



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## OUR MISSION

Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide access to high quality services for young children.

## OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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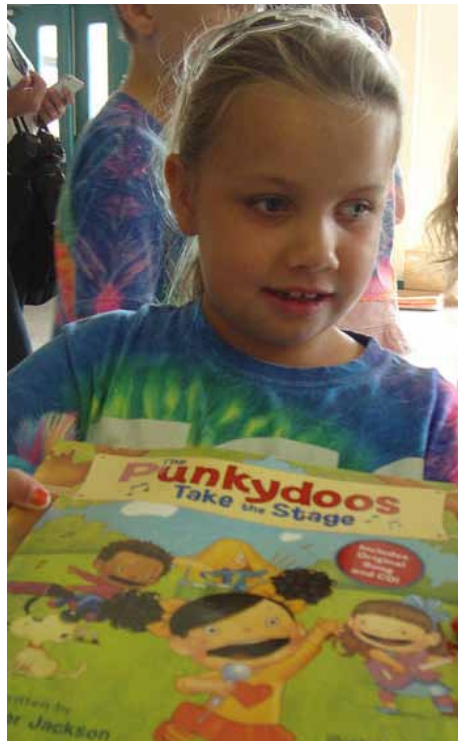
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**Join us for our next Boogie with Books Event**  
**Saturday, July 18th. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Phillips Recreation Center**



**SAVE THE DATES**

**Gastonia Grizzlies Super Splash Day**

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

**Apple Festival**

Saturday, September 19, 2015

**Spooktacular**

Saturday, October 31, 2015

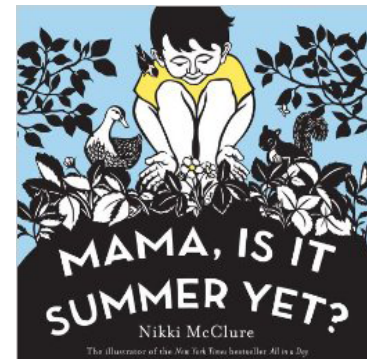
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**Summer Book Recommendations**



Summer:  
By Valerie Gerard

Summer Beach Day  
By Liesbet Slegers

Animals in Summer  
By Jane McCauley

Beaches and Bicycles  
By Rebecca Fjelland Davis

Crafts to make in the summer  
By Kathy Ross

Mouse's First Summer  
By Lauren Thompson

Mama, Is It Summer Yet?  
By Nikki McClure

**WHAT IS SMART START?**

Smart Start was created in 1993 as a solution to a problem-Children were coming to school unprepared to learn. Smart Start is a network of 76 nonprofit local partnerships led by The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc (NCPC). NCPC works to provide fiscal and programmatic oversight to the local partnerships in all 100 counties.

Is it working?

Smart Start is producing some measurable results.

- Childhood obesity-Smart Start is partnering with The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation on a "Shape NC" grant. This is a strategy to create a healthier state.
- Improving early literacy- Programs like Raising a Reader and Reach Out and Read are providing books to parents to read with their children. Information is also being provided on how to help children develop literacy and language skills.
- Increasing access to high quality child care for subsidized families. In 2012-13, 84 percent of children whose families received help with payment attended 4 and 5 star centers.

The North Carolina Partnership for Children helps all of the local partnerships by providing tools to do business including offering leadership training to Executive Directors, board members and management teams. They also help support child care businesses in improving and achieving higher stars, onsite technical assistance and training. All of these things guarantee that all of NC's children have the opportunity to benefit from Smart Start.

Want to learn more? Visit the North Carolina Partnership for Children website, [www.smartstart.org](http://www.smartstart.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILD CARE CENTERS**



**Maintained 5 star rating:**

- Precious Times

**Maintained 4 star rating:**

- A Toddler Tech