

# Vitamins Reading & Literacy Grant

This grant is an opportunity for Twiggs County families with 2-3yr olds to prepare their children for school. Monthly sessions are held on the second Tuesday in Room 47 @ Jeffersonville Elementary School



Reading and literacy support healthy child and family development



Mercer Univ. NP student, Lorraine Lynch, volunteers her time



Summer sessions were held at the Twiggs Co. Public Library

Children play with educational manipulatives while parents attend session



Morning (8am) and afternoon (2pm) sessions are offered to accommodate parents





Children fill their bags with items that promote healthy eating habits



Sherri Wood of KaMin LLC sponsored lunch for families in June and July



# Around the Classroom



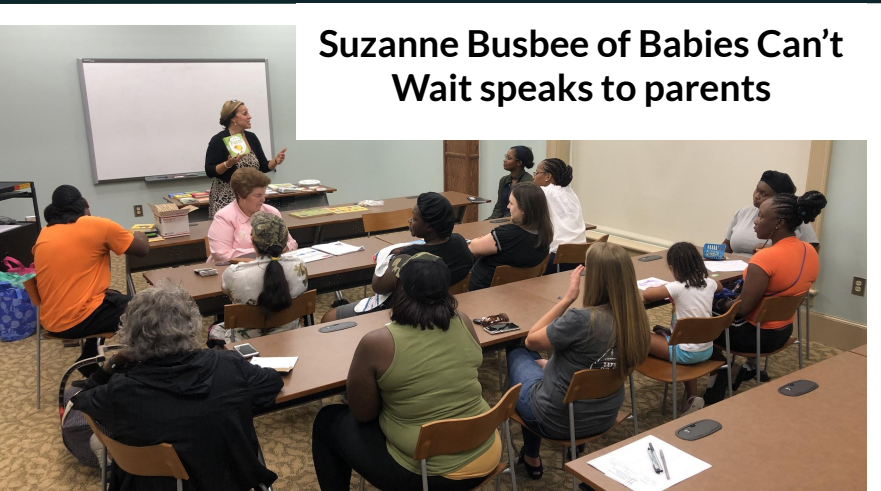
Families receive books and vocabulary cards for use at home

Families apply for library cards and are introduced to library resources





**John Hurt, a Mercer University med student, assists with the children**



**Suzanne Busbee of Babies Can't Wait speaks to parents**



**RN Rhonda Howell of the Twiggs Co. Health Dept. attends session in support of early childhood education**



Parents were encouraged to try Ready4KGA, a text messaging program that sends three text messages each week. Parents receive fun facts and easy tips. Research shows this approach can boost learning by an additional 2-3 months.

Mr. Dixon, Superintendent of Schools, talks to parents about reading and literacy and its impact on student achievement



Children are tested periodically throughout the grant to monitor their expressive and receptive vocabulary progress