

Ready for School Program 2017-18

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

The Ready for School Program grew out of the recognition of the growing number of newly resettled refugee children who were entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten without the necessary skills to succeed. Many of their parents' home countries do not have children's literature in their first language and culturally there is no history of parents reading to their children. Some of the refugee parents have limited English language skills and very few homes have children's books in English.

The goal of the program is to prepare the children and their families for early childhood (Pre-K and Kindergarten) classes in American schools. The program is designed to be used with a group of children ages 3-4 who are not enrolled in school and their parents (at least one). Class will be once a week for 20 weeks during the school calendar beginning in September. The children will receive books weekly to take home and at the end of the year will be given a small wooden bookshelf for their home library.

Needs:

- Volunteers willing to work with these children.
- Supplies needed
 - 30 Triangular crayons
 - 30 Triangular pencils
 - 30 Scissors (blunt)
 - 30 Cans of different colors of Play Dough
 - 30 Glue sticks
 - 30 Kid's placemats (for artwork)
 - 30 Packages of colored construction paper
 - 30 Chefmate Alphabet Magnets – Multicolor (Target online)
- Bookboards
 - 30 **Count 123** (My First touch and Trace) by Scholastic Books
 - 30 **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle
 - 30 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
 - 30 **From Head to Toe** by Eric Carle
 - 30 **Five Little Monkeys** by Eileen Christelow
 - 30 **The Big Fat Hen** by Keith Baker
 - 30 **Wheels on the Bus** by Raffi
 - 30 **Ten Hungry Rabbits** by Anita Lobel
 - 30 **Ten Apples Up On Top** by Dr. Suess
 - 30 **Shapes, Shapes, Shapes** by Tana Hoban
 - 30 **The Feelings Book** by Todd Parr
 - 30 **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Marin, Jr. and John Archibald
 - 30 **Dr. Suess's ABC** by Dr. Suess



* If you are interested in volunteering and/or helping to provide some of the needed items or just want more information please contact Butch Green, CBF Field Personnel, at bgreen@cbf.net or (803)517-3735. Also, we covet your prayers as we try to be the hands and feet of Christ to these refugee children and their parents.