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Sigma Kappa Delta Members Promote Reading and Intellectual Inquiry at Jackson Wonder Pre-School and Elementary

The plan to read to preschoolers at Jackson Wonder Pre-School and Elementary began early this semester in a classroom at Arkansas State University Mid-South. Erika Townsend, President of Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD), English honor society for two year colleges, first presented the idea to fellow club members in early August. “Erika had an excellent idea to reach out to a school in our community to promote the love of reading and intellectual inquiry. Her leadership skills in coordinating this event reveal her enthusiasm for promoting both SKD and ASU-Mid-South,” recalls Christopher Tindall, Faculty Advisor for SKD. “I am very proud of Erika in her role as the President of the organization. I am also grateful to the administration at Jackson Wonder Pre-School and Elementary for allowing us to visit campus.”

“Sigma Kappa Delta is a club that continues to be involved in the community. Members of SKD seek to capitalize on opportunities to grow in membership as well as to promote ASU-Mid-South as a respected institution of higher education,” said Tindall.

The pictures taken during the campus visit capture the enthusiasm the children have for reading. SKD members spent time in five classrooms during the day of the visit. The children were awarded with stickers and other “goodies” after the readings were over. Many of the students asked questions about Sigma Kappa Delta and ASU-Mid-South during the event.

Gabby Sneed, Vice President of SKD, offers the following reflection: “Reading to the children was a great way to connect with them and teach them the importance of reading, not only in their early education but also as they move into higher grade levels.”

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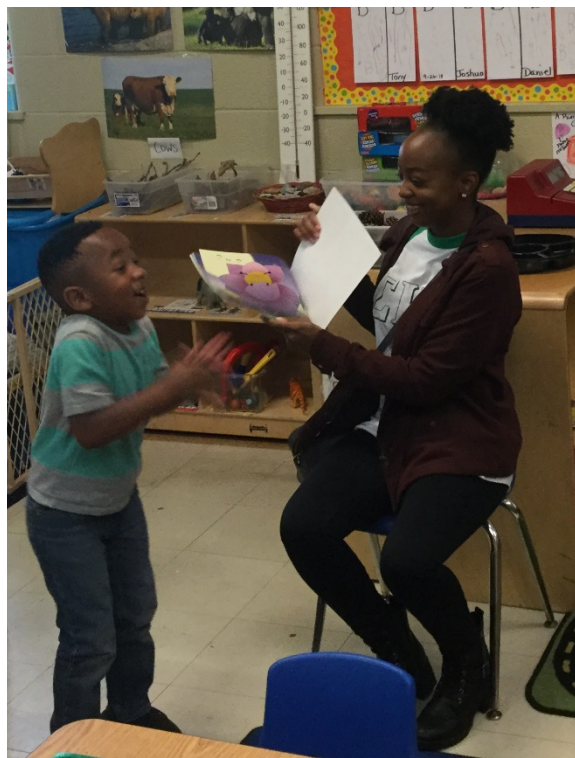
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Sigma Kappa Delta members met at Jackson Wonder Elementary and Pre-School to read to Pre-Schoolers there. Pictured from left to right are Christopher Tindall, Faculty Advisor, Lauren Turner, Rosalyn Chitman, Erika Townsend, SKD President, Gabby Sneed, Vice President, Latasha Rucker, and Reta Shelton, Treasurer.







Sigma Kappa Delta thanks the teachers that allowed the group to visit their classrooms.



Shirley Jackson, Lead Teacher and Jeanette Purifoy, Assistant



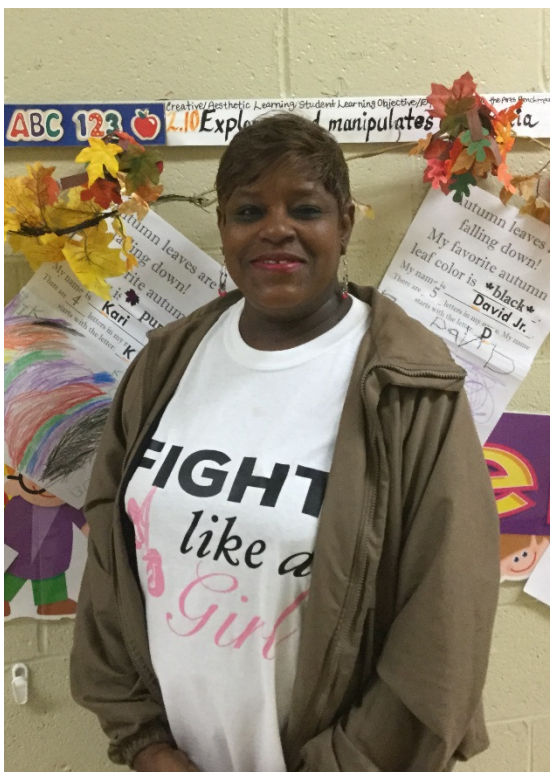
Brittany Nelson, Paraprofessional



Rick Roberts, Lead Teacher and
Keeaurbre Miller, Paraprofessional



Lisa Stewart, Lead Teacher and
Dorshell Logan, Paraprofessional



Glenda Nelson, Director of ABC Program at

Jackson-Wonder Pre-School and Elementary