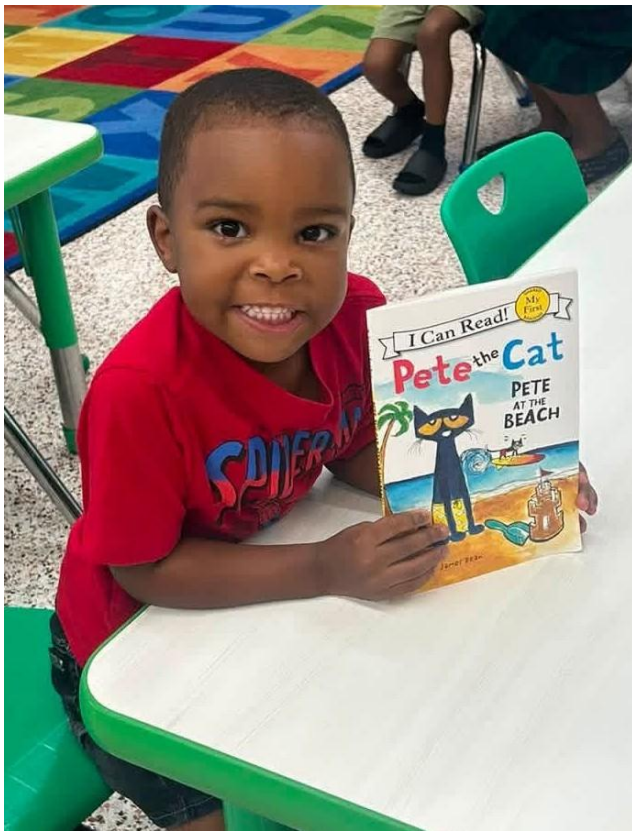




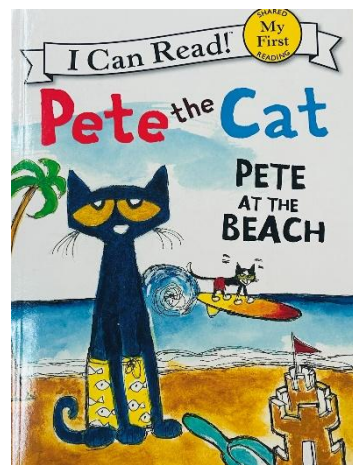
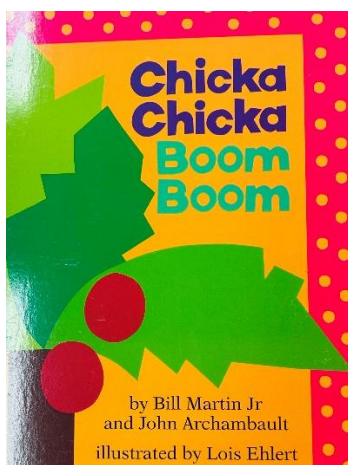
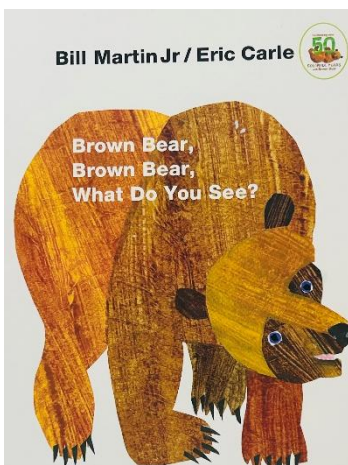
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Franklin Preschoolers Receive First Racquets for Reading!!! Book

Williamsburg, Virginia (9/11/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report the 60 preschoolers at S. P. Morton Elementary School in the City of Franklin have received their first [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) book: *Pete the Cat – Pete at the Beach*. The distribution was made recently at the school's annual Open House event.



Krystal L. Thompkins, Chief Academic Officer, says, “I wanted to follow up and share some pictures from our open house, along with details about the books distributed to our students. All PreK students received their first book, “*Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach!*” The remaining two books (*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* and *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*) will be distributed at different times throughout the year. Attached are a few pictures of the books and some students who were excited to receive their first book. Thank you once again for your support and partnership. It is greatly appreciated.”



This ***Racquets for Reading!!!*** grant was made possible by the generosity of [Obici Healthcare Foundation](#). Obici supports early childhood education interventions to “improve children’s development and act as a protective factor against future onset of adult disease and disability. Improving the level of early childhood education provides a primary path for improving overall academic achievement and attainment starting with kindergarten readiness. We are so grateful for their support and our partnership with Franklin City Public Schools.



“Early childhood literacy is everybody’s business and every child’s birthright.”

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