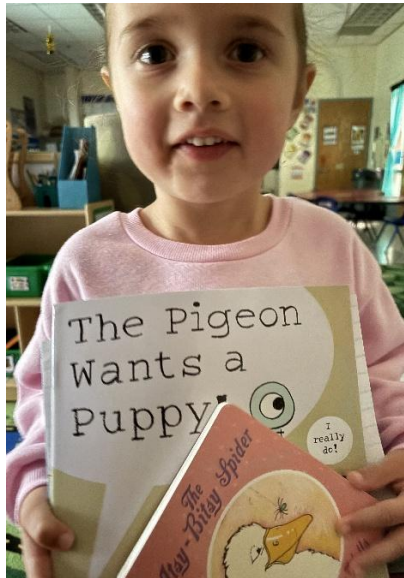
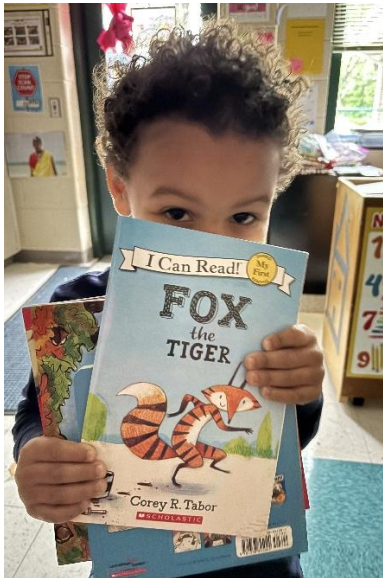




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BASF Grant Provides Books to 40 Head Start Students at James River Elementary School

Williamsburg, Virginia (6/11/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report that the 40 Head Start preschool students at James River Elementary School in Williamsburg have received books for summer reading thanks to a generous grant from BASF Corporation to our Racquets for Reading!!! initiative. These books are intended to help increase vocabulary, develop pre-reading skills and prepare these kids for kindergarten in the fall.



Monika Bozyk, Education Manager for Williamsburg-James City County Community Action, says, “We just received the books, and they have been distributed. Each student received 4 books to take home. Thank you again for your kind support.”

QCV Founder Lynda Harrill adds, “The kids in the Head Start program at James River Elementary are getting a leg up on kindergarten with these books. Their emerging literacy skills will be assessed this fall, and these books will help get them prepared. It’s hard to believe, but some preschool kids have never seen or touched a book until they get to school. That’s why we help start Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library programs and make Racquets for Reading!!! grants for preschoolers. These kids are so fortunate that BASF supports early childhood literacy in such a generous way. Thank you, BASF!”

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