



Literacy Resource Room

Of Hancock County Head Start & Pre-K

Hancock County Early Head Start/ Head Start & Pre-K hosted a preview of the opening of the newly created Literacy Resource Room at M. E. Lewis Elementary School on October 27, 2016. It was a grand affair with array of stakeholders from the school district and the community. The purpose of the resource room is to create a literacy enriched environment for children to develop their reading skills. The literacy resource room is dedicated to promoting leisure reading and activities as a key to unlocking a child's full potential. Students in our classrooms vary greatly in their literacy needs and ability levels. As a result, we found it necessary to provide multiple opportunities for students to read, write, participate in meaningful experiences, and collaborate with others so that they can develop their ability to read and comprehend text(s).

The resource room is a physical area designated for specific learning purposes. It is designed to provide appropriate materials to help students work independently or collaboratively (with partners or in small groups) to meet literacy goals. The room consist of an Inspire Interactive Board (designed with Head Start Objectives and Kindergarten Common Core standards in mind, the board includes 10 cooperative play explorations of literacy, language, math, cognitive, and science domains), library centers, books of all sizes, listening center, and smart tablets to utilize all sensory aspects of the children to improve literacy skills of the EHS/ HS & Pre-K children and families.

The opening begun with a welcome and tour of the room by Dr. Angela Primus, EHS/ HS & Pre-K Director. After the tour, stakeholders engaged with the interactive board and discussed ways they could assist with school needs and improvement. Mrs. Tara Worthen, Education Manager escorted the stakeholders to tour the Head Start and Pre-K classrooms. Following the tour, everyone enjoyed the reception catered by Upper Echelon Catering (owner and operated by LaKesha Jones). The opening was beyond spectacular.