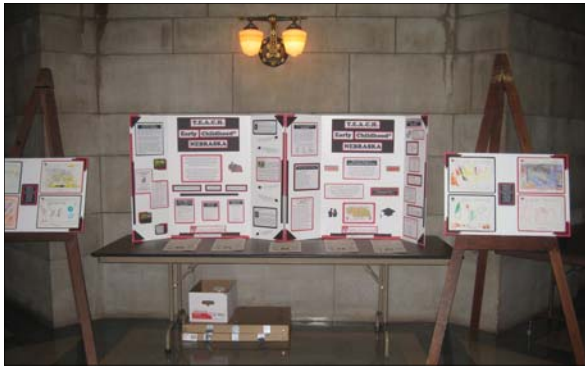


NeAEYC ACTIVITIES

Week of the Young Child, 2010



ROTUNDA
DISPLAY
April 12-16



This is our second year for this activity. We have display boards and information about early childhood in each of the corners of the Rotunda. The four areas of focus are: T.E.A.C.H., Early Childhood NEBRASKA, Nature Explore Classrooms, The NeAEYC Association, and "It's All About Quality"



Governor's Proclamation for Week of the Young Child

EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS

Nebraska Celebrates National Week of the Young Child

April 1, 2010 – Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc asks the citizens of Nebraska to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child (April 11-17, 2010), as part of the national Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, Nebraska is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

"All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and Nebraska has a great opportunity to do our part to help young children," said Linda Zinke, Executive Director. "Week of the Young Child is a time for our state to recognize that early years are learning years for all young children."

Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits to Nebraska. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children has 487 early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.

Nebraska AEYC is an affiliate of NAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children birth through age eight. Founded in 1926, NAEYC has nearly 90,000 members and a national network of over 300 local, state, and regional affiliates.



Governor Dave Heineman & Tracy Gordon, NeAEYC

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Incorporated and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 11 - 17, 2010; and*

WHEREAS, *These organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, which are crucial to the growth and development of young children and to building better futures for everyone in Nebraska; and*

WHEREAS, *All young children and their families across the country and in Nebraska deserve access to high-quality early childhood education and care; and*

WHEREAS, *In recognizing and supporting the people, programs and policies that are committed to high-quality early childhood education as the right choice for kids.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 11 - 17, 2010, as*

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.



Attest:

Jan D. Gale
Secretary of State

Dave Heineman
Governor