



## Week of the Young Child

School Board Meeting: April 27, 2017

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### **INTRODUCTION (Dr. Crawley):**

This evening, we are thrilled to have with us a few of our preschoolers, their teachers, and their families as we celebrate the Week of the Young Child, April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>.

This annual celebration, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers and families.

Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to meeting the needs of the city's preschoolers and their families by collaborating with the city, local businesses, non-profit organizations, and others to offer high-quality early childhood options.

This year, nearly 400 students are receiving quality education in Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) classrooms through ACPS and our partner organizations. We also have over 130 preschool students with disabilities in our class-based programs.

We will now hear from a few of our preschoolers followed by a slideshow as we celebrate "The Week of the Young Child."

### **REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION (Hagar Ali Algabyali and Garrett Pipke, pre-K students):**

My name is Hagar and I go to VPI at John Adams.

I love to draw and put on puppet shows.

Even though I am 4, I can already read books.

I either want to be a teacher, doctor, or a police officer when I grow up.

My name is Garrett and I go to John Adams Preschool.

I love going to school because I get to go on nature walks and find slugs and bugs.

I have lots of friends and we have fun making space mud and taking care of our classroom pets. My favorite activity was when we made a farm stand outside and I was the cashier.

I even know how to do sign language and talk to my friends who are learning how to talk.

We can teach you a few signs:

- Friends
- Help
- I love you

Thank you for making it possible for us to learn with our friends!

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS (Dr. Crawley):**

Please join me in recognizing the amazing teachers and paraprofessionals who work hard every day and are committed to the success of our youngest learners. We also would like to recognize the parents and families for their support. A special thank you to our teachers who are here this evening with their extraordinary students.

Thank you.