

## **KIDS FIRST COMMITTEE – “Month of the Young Child”**

Garrett County Commissioners, James Raley and Robert Gatto, visited St. Mark’s Christian Early Learning Center on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, to promote the Eleventh Annual Kids First Family Fun Festival. The commissioners also declared April as the “Month of the Young Child” with a signed proclamation and engaged the students in a read-aloud story titled: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Chick, followed by a chick activity/craft! The children at St. Mark’s were also learning about the color “yellow!”

The “Month of the Young Child” is a time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to encourage families, early childhood professionals, and local agencies throughout Garrett County to support these children and give them a great start in life!

The Family Fun Festival sponsored by the Kids First Committee is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Broad Ford Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The festival is free for children (birth-8 years of age) and their families. For more information about the festival contact the Garrett County Judy Center at 301-334-4211.



Pictured: Commissions James Raley and Robert Gatto engaged St. Mark’s students in the story There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Chick. Also pictured: Becky Moyer, St. Mark’s teacher; Jodi Smith, St. Mark’s assistant teacher; and Suzanne Sincell, St. Mark’s Board Member.