## Unity's Early Learning Program

The Unity Prek (Early Learning) program focuses on child development, with an emphasis on social, emotional and physical growth. The curriculum consists of activities for developing and/or enhancing student's large and fine muscle skills, visual perception and eye-hand coordination, which are all necessary tools for learning to read and academic success.

We have a great program filled with opportunities for children and family involvement. In addition to our daily program, we also have several special events during the school year. Some of our special events include: Moms and Muffins, Dads and Donuts, Watermelon Wednesday (lunch with grandparents), Family Feast and a Holiday Program. In order to assure opportunities for all parents to be involved, we also host evening events. These events include a Luau at the Unity Pool, Library/Literacy Nights for families and an end of the year Ice Cream Social.

## Program Goals for 2013-14:

- \*Administer the PALS (Phonological Awareness LiteracyScreening) state assessment for 4 year old students (fall and spring)
- \*Conduct progress monitoring of literacy skills three times a year using the new IGDI (Individual Growth and Development Indicator) assessment tool purchased in the fall of 2013
- \*Increase parent and teacher communication using PBIS (Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports) strategies (i.e. celebration phone calls and "Soaring Like An Eagle" postcards)

## **Program Highlights:**

- \*Incorporated 5 new iPads into our classroom setting
- \*Attended classes to incorporate new portable SMART boards into the daily classroom routines
- \*PBIS program introduced to PreK students and parents during being of the year PreK Conferences
- \*Celebrated PreK PBIS achievements with school spirit activities and the Unity High School athletes during Homecoming week



**Evening Literacy Family Event** 





SMART board fun!