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Madison County 2012 Read Across America Dedicated to the Memory of Karen Hayes

The Read Across America project has been so successful in Madison County, mainly because of the help of Karen Hayes, a sweet friend and co-worker from Marshall County. For five years, this project was one of her favorites! Karen was scheduled to help again this year, but she died unexpectedly on February 19, 2012, at the age of 45.



Karen Hayes

When God gives us a “best friend,” He entrusts us with another’s heart!



Kathy Walker, DAC, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District; Steve Morrison, Chief Deputy for Madison County Sheriff’s Department; and Betsy Stine, Administrative Assistant for Madison County Chairman Mike Gillespie; read books and used puppets to act out the “Real Story of the Three Little Pigs” as told by Alexander T. Wolf...aka the wolf in sheep’s clothing. Thanks so much to Steve and Betsy for helping this year! They were so kind to step in at the last minute!

Students at Martin Luther King Elementary School enjoyed the different books and the puppets that were used to encourage a “love of reading!” Some of the students even discovered that they also have acting and writing abilities as they learn to love books.

Nothing comes without drama though. About 15-20 minutes into the presentation, the tornado warning sirens started to sound and the kids reluctantly went for their safe place in the interior of the school. The students were so excited about the fact that we had puppets to act out the stories being read that the principal and teachers asked that we reschedule the program.