

Meeting Minutes

3/13/2023

Presentation: Arkansas Children's Week 2023, by Geania Dickey

There were 17 people in attendance representing five centers. Four board members were present.

Kathryn Linch welcomed everyone and then introduced Geania Dickey as the presenter for the evening.

Geania spoke on the topic of Arkansas Children's Week. She stated that it is a statewide celebration of children, families, and educators and has a special focus each year. The focus for 2023 is Play Yards, Neighborhoods and Other Special Places.

The class participants were divided into four groups. Each group participated in three activities. The first activity was to choose a book, read it aloud in the group, then discuss whether we could personally relate to the story. The second activity included everyone drawing a picture of a place that meant something to us. We then shared with the people in our group what our picture meant. The last activity was to choose a word from the word board on the wall and make a list of things we could do to achieve what the word meant in our classrooms. We then placed our lists on the wall so other groups could add more ideas or agree with the ideas we had already listed.

We also talked about safe ways to allow children to take risks in their environments.

Donny Caudill concluded the meeting by drawing two names for door prizes.

Class was dismissed.