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Week of the Young Child

The week of the young child is here once again, and we have yet another opportunity to show the children of our county that we care about them. As adults we have the opportunity to educate, nurture, and guide our young ones. They are depending on us!

Get involved this week by attending the many activities planned, by spending quality time with a child in your own family, or by volunteering to interact with the children of the community. In my line of work, I started as a teacher, then moved to school administration, and now I serve as the superintendent of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District that serves over 20,000 students. I entered the profession of education because of my love of children. I am extremely lucky because I am able to interact with children every day, marvel at their efforts and observe the wonderful look on their faces when they have learned something for the first time. Take the time to get involved; learners of all ages are wonderful.

So what can you do this week to honor the Week of the Young Child? Here are a few suggestions: With a child you can read to them, write them a letter and request a written response, let them show you what they know about computers, take a walk with them and listen, or you can volunteer at a local school or library. Finally, you can vow to continue these actions for the rest of the year. We can do so much to enrich a young life, start now, a youngster is waiting!

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