

'I KNOW I CAN'



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Second-graders in classes taught by Carrie Dahl and Christine Owen at Ayaprun hold up their books.

Second-graders get early input on career choices

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The I Know I Can Outreach program came to Bethel on Feb. 17. As part of the program, school officials and college alumni from the community work with second-graders to encourage them to start thinking about a career.

Much of the effort is centered on a book, "I Know I Can," that walks children through possible career options.

The readings occur at several schools in Alaska and are funded by the University of Alaska College Savings Plan and supported by the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

In Bethel, students at Mikelnguut Elitnaurviat and the Ayaprun Elitnaurviak Yup'ik Immersion School participated.

For more information about the program, call Linda English, University of Alaska College Savings Plan program director, at 907-450-8115, or Lora Jorgensen, ACPE, at 907-269-7591.



Mary Pete reads to second-graders at Ayaprun Elitnaurviak.

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At the Yup'ik immersion school, Hubert Angaiak and Mary Pete sing "I Know I Can" song with second-graders.



Left: At Mikelnguut Elitnaurviat, Aaliyah Westdahl and Shane Phelan read from a book designed to inspire second-graders to start thinking about their career.



Below left: At ME school, Lower Kuskokwim School District superintendent Gary Baldwin signs a certificate for Clara Rose. The certificate is an affirmation of the children's desire to do well in school.

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