

EUREKA SUPERKIDZ NEWS

12 Districts, 49 Blocks, 38000 Children



Eureka Skill Fest

Celebrating Learning !



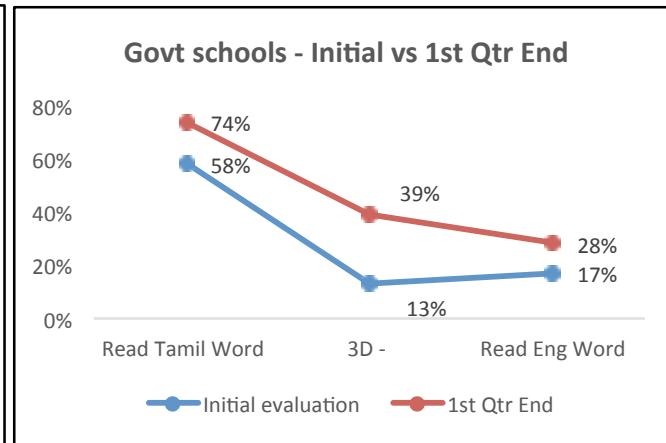
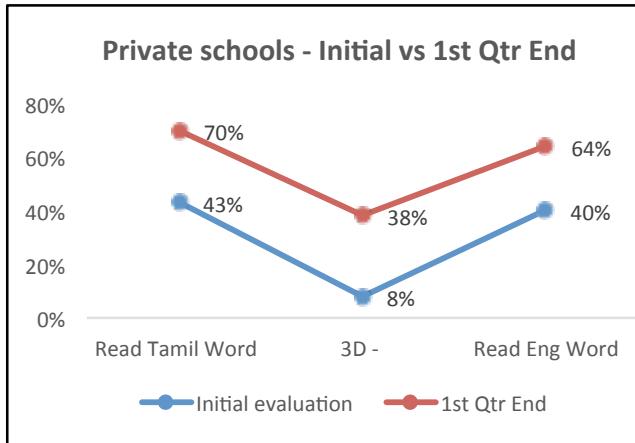
October was celebration Month at Eureka SuperKidz villages. Learning was celebrated across many schools and village centers. A Skill Fest was held in all the centers where the Young Teachers put up Tamil, Math and English stalls. Children enthusiastically stopped at each of the booths to be assessed and get stickers that said "I can Read! and "I can Add and Subtract!" As

each child collected the stickers, they ran to their teachers to show off their achievement stickers. Every child who had all 3 stickers was awarded a certificate declaring their skills. The teacher and the Head master of the school signed off on a sheet with the name of the children who had achieved all the skills. The silent pact is that the teachers and the school authorities are aware that they will work on the lagging children too to ensure they achieve basic skills in Reading and Math.



SnapShot of ESK Performance and Learnings from the field

Scale			
2000 centres, 12 Districts, 49 Blocks, 38000 children			
1 st Quarter Results Overall Skill Levels August Vs September			
Month	Tamil %	Math %	Eng %
August	57	21	30
September	70	39	41
Improvement	13	18	11



Learnings from the field: Most Govt school teachers like our English Materials and methodology as compared to their own phonetic method which is more complex. Worksheets and workbooks are seen of great value by Govt school teachers. Private school teachers find our Tamil material very useful. They feel it is well graded and they are easily able to identify the skill levels in children.

Challenges faced: Since Govt schools teachers are busy with their admin work and trainings, they are not able to spend much time for taking classes with individual attention. Private schools have many restrictions on visits, so prior information and scheduling is required. Training of teachers takes a lot of time and we need to devise special ways to train young teachers. Further, methodology transfer across three levels is not very effective.

Plan ahead: For class 3, we will continue the last quarter skills in Tamil, Math and English. While, for class 4 and 5 children, we will start focusing on 2nd quarter skills. Tablets have been given to the field team to track skills through the Skill Chart app developed by Volunteers. We are in the process of finding out how best we can use the same to send updates. Videos for procedures in multiplication and division have been provided in the tablets to help teachers and EBTs get better idea on how to teach children these concepts

Young Teacher Model: As we had shared with you in the earlier newsletters, the results from the Young Teachers Model are quite encouraging. The data below shows a comparison between the % of children who can read Tamil words and do Subtraction in centers where there are Young Teachers vis-à-vis centers with no Young teachers. We will continue developing the Young Teacher model and providing adequate training to these students.

Young Teacher Model Effectiveness		
Skills	Young Teacher Model	No Young Teachers
Word %	71	54
Subtraction %	44	25

Stories of Inspiring Young Teachers

Ilphana Begum is a 5th std student at Nehru Nagar govt. school, Thiruvallur District. Her father passed away when she was young and her mother works full-time to sustain the family. Her family background has neither deterred nor slowed her quest for learning. She is one of our Young Teacher Role models. Every day she spends time mentoring a group of children in class, teaching them the skills in Tamil and Math. And that's not all, thrice a week she runs Tamil, Math and English classes at home using Eureka materials helping other children learn well. Her motivation and desire to educate her community leaves us spellbound!



Priyadarshini, a class 5 student from Vivekananda School in Thiruthani is an inspiration for many kids. She hails from a poor family and her dream is to become an IAS officer. She quickly learnt the skills required for the first term and seeing her enthusiasm and interest, the teacher appointed her as the Young Teacher. She now helps 4 other children in her class and her efforts are bearing fruit as many of them are progressing quite well.

Suwetha is studying in the 5th Standard at Thachankuruchi A.P.S in Trichy District. Her parents, Saravanan and Magala, work in construction as part of the 100 Days Work Scheme. Alongside studying, she also enjoys singing. Suwetha was very proud to be a Young Teacher and she particularly enjoys working with the Tamil materials, including the sentence work and calendar. Her favourite school subject is Science, and it is with this that she hopes to become a doctor one day. We wish her the very best in her endeavours!



What's Brewing in November ?

- 6th Edition of Eureka Run is on November 15th at Marina Beach, Chennai . Join us to spread the cause of "Quality Education for All"
- Eureka Little Creators Event to bring out the creativity in children is being organized across all blocks
- Eureka Skill Fest will continue to bring joy and motivate children throughout November
- Mid term Evaluation to determine progress and compare with the baseline

Call Out for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers

- For the Eureka Run on November 15, 2015
- To visit the centres and observe classes.
- Conduct Evaluations
- Teach English Reading at the centres
- Prepare worksheets in Maths
- For setting up talks in your company

Please do get in touch with Selva.aid.selva@gmail.com if interested in any of the above.