

## **EEC Corner Spotlight** Chapter Program & Projects

**Beta's New Teacher Project** 

Do you remember your first year of teaching— hours spent making bulletin board decorations from construction paper, pennies pinched to purchase classroom supplies, or dollars saved to create your own classroom library? The members of Beta Chapter certainly do, and that is why we decided to launch a service project designed to support and encourage firstyear teachers.

In its second year, our New Teacher Project provided goody baskets filled with office supplies and gift cards to six first-year teachers from Hattie Cotton Elementary and Ruby Major Elementary in Nashville. The six adopted teachers were invited to attend the March Literacy meeting, where they were presented with a Caldecott Award winning or honorable mention book. Each book included a bookplate with the teacher's name and an acknowledgment from Beta Chapter.

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