

Eureka SuperKidz

Districts

Chennai

Vellore

Thiruvannamalai Tanjore

Kanchipuram

Cuddalore

Trichy

Thiruvallur

Pondicherry

Sivagangai

Quality education for all children

Eureka SuperKidz 2.0

The story so far...

Learnings from the 'Padippum Inikkum' program and demand for a good quality education, led to the conceptualization of AID INDIA's flagship **Eureka SuperKidz** program in 2010. The program was initiated as an innovative and sustainable village centric after-school program, that focused on learning levels of standards 3-8.

The new Avatar...

AID INDIA building on its experience of the Eureka SuperKidz program in 500 villages across Tamilnadu, is now expanding its reach to work with **Government and Private schools** also, to bring larger level impact in the state.

The program has been designed specifically for **interested** teachers who would like to bring about a change in their students' learning levels by measuring and tracking children's skill progress at their class or Eureka center.

The Eureka SuperKidz (version 2.0) program has been especially Designed integrating the following key elements

- Specific learning goals for every month
- Attractive learning materials and activities in Tamil, Math and English to make learning fun and interesting
- Regular evaluation and tracking through **Skill Chart** to identify and focus on children lagging in a particular skill.
- Interactive and innovative methods of teacher training.
- '**Eureka SuperKidz**' certificates to all children enrolled in the program on achieving the targeted skills in each of the subjects.
- '**Eureka Super Teacher**' certificates awarded to teachers who have been instrumental in bringing the change in the learning levels of children.

Rollout of ESK 2.0

ESK field team visited many schools and tuition centers and explained the Eureka methodology and has identified **interested** teachers/ HMs and tutors who want to run the ESK program in their centers/schools. The team came back in the 2nd week of January with an incredibly long list of schools and centers who are interested in being part of the ESK program. The program was launched in the first week of February in **1850** centers (in schools and after school. Each center has a group of 20 children)

EXCLUSIVE NEWS THIS JANUARY

Master Trainers Trained



A 2 day training was conducted on Jan 30 and 31st. There were interactive sessions on how to talk to government school teachers, the roles and responsibilities of the Eureka team and that of the participating teachers.

The content sessions were focused on the diagnostics of problems that children face in Tamil/English reading and Maths skills. The sessions were conducted as GDs, quizzes etc to make the training more effective and enjoyable.



An inspiring talk by Balaji Sampath

Dr. Balaji Sampath's talk on the work that we do, the impact on the society and what we need to do to make our work more effective was very motivating and inspirational.



How to be a public speaker by Meenakshi Ramesh

Ms. Meenakshi Ramesh's interactive session on public speaking was loved by all the participants. Many of them shed their inhibitions and came forward to speak in front of the audience.

Happenings from the field

Cold Calls Work !

The state team walked into a private school (LEF nursery and primary school) HM in Gummidipoondi block armed with the activity kits, skill charts and workbooks. The HM was very impressed with the Eureka materials and methodology and insisted that we train the teachers that very day! The school has agreed to enroll all 400 students in Std 3-5 in the ESK. The HM then introduced us to the AEO of the block and insisted that we explain the program to him. The AEO, much to our surprise was extremely willing to do the program and immediately called his coordinators and scheduled multiple training sessions. This in spite of the fact that we insisted that the program will be carried out only with teachers who were interested and willing to take it up.

Government Teachers Trained

Teachers in Gummidipoondi block were trained in 5 CRCs on the usage of skill chart and the Eureka methodology over a week. The team has identified a group of teachers who are genuinely interested in the program and plan to start ESK centers in those schools alone.



ESK bridging the digital divide

In today's digital world, technology has lots to offer towards learning. Almost every child in the Indian urban household is learning through many tablet based apps. To bridge the digital divide we introduced tablet based learning to the children from some of the rural Eureka centers.

As a pilot program we have been trying out **tablet** based teaching in some of our Eureka SuperKidz centers. The enrolled students learn Math and English through apps pre-installed on the Tablets. These fun apps help the children improve their mental math, calculation speed and spoken English while making learning fun. The children and parents are extremely excited to be part of this program. few parents even mentioned that their children are willing to attend the Tablet class on even on Sundays!



Corporate News

Ashok Leyland approached us for improving the quality of Vellivoyalchavadi government school adjoining their campus in Manali.

The program was launched on **Friday February 6** at the school. The team conducted an orientation and content training at the school. The Headmaster, primary school teachers, and five volunteers from Ashok Leyland were present. We are certain that with volunteers' cooperation and teachers' willingness to implement the program, there would be an evident improvement in children's learning levels over a period of time.



LionBridge technologies

An update on our facebook page prompted the CSR team from Lionbridge to contact us about the ESK program. The company has now agreed to support the program for 1000 children !

Bank Of America

Bank of America has agreed to sponsor the science and maths event to be held in Vellore in February. The event promises to be fun and exciting for both the participants and volunteers. Please do **join** us on **Feb 22nd at Anaicut, Vellore** to witness the Maths and science skills of the children.

A wish come true

I can read English!

Aishwarya is a student of class 4 studying in the nearby Government School at Nellikolai village Cuddalore. From the time she attended the Eureka Centre, she has shown a keen interest in learning and has progressed well in the past one year. She reads fluently in Tamil and is also able to do addition and subtraction with ease. Though Aishwarya is from a Tamil medium school, she had always wanted to learn English and would listen without batting an eyelid to anything that was said in English! Unfortunately her parents were not able to afford the fees charged in private English medium schools. Nevertheless, after coming to this centre, she practised reading English words along with her tutor, using phonetics and finds it very interesting. She especially likes vocabulary cards. Aishwarya is very happy to read and now knows a lot of words in English. She has also helped many of her classmates in school with simple math problems. Aishwarya's school teacher is very happy with her progress and encourages her to continue learning at Eureka. Aishwarya's parents are relieved now because not only does Aishwarya finish her homework on time and do well in academics, but also her wish for learning English has been answered!



What's coming up ?

Saturday Feb 14, 2015 – Training at Lalgudi, Trichy for govt and private school teachers.

Friday, Feb 20, 2015 – Declaration Event in 5 villages at Vembakkam, Thiruvannamalai

Sunday, Feb 22, 2015 – Maths Mela and Science quiz at Anaicut, Vellore

Please do join us for these events. It will motivate our field staff and the Eureka children and tutors

Call out for volunteers !

We are looking for volunteers

- To visit the centers and observe classes.
- Conduct Evaluations
- Teach English Reading at the centers
- Prepare content in Maths and Tamil
- For setting up talks in your company
- Event volunteering

Please do get in touch with Selva aid.selva@gmail.com if interested