

March Newsletter

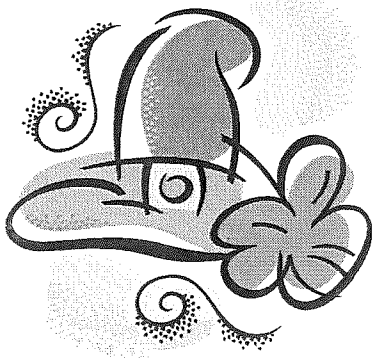
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Curriculum Corner

During the preschool year, children have started to develop the skills needed to transition into Kindergarten successfully. Families and their child's teachers are instrumental in teaching children the skills needed for independence. Benefits of involving children in self-care activities include improved sensorimotor skills such as strength, endurance, flexibility, and coordination. Cognitive skills, such as, sequencing, memory and concept formation are, also, enhanced through self-care. Children develop a sense of accomplishment and pride as they develop the ability to care for themselves. This is important because many Kindergarten students enter the school building by themselves. (KDI's C16, C17, C19 and C20)

Ideas for encouraging independence at school:

- Encourage your child to hang up their own coat and backpack.
- Have your child use the school bathroom on their own.
- Encourage your child to bring their folder to class.
- Practice conflict resolution skills.
- Work on putting on their own shoes and tying them.



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Dates to Remember

- March 5th & 6th Spring Pictures
- March 1st & 15th Home-Visits
- March 21st 6:30 Open House
- April 1st-5th - Spring Break!

Late Starts

Wed. March 6th
Wed. March 13th
Wed. March 20th
Wed. March 27th

Important Business

Kindergarten Enrollment has begun for Royal Oak Schools. Please make sure you visit the board office to turn in all necessary paperwork.

Schools of Choice families must complete the Schools of Choice Application, which is open from March 4th to March 29th.

We encourage you to attend your home schools Open House to visit the kindergarten classrooms and building. Open House will be held on March 21st at 6:30.