

Pre-Kindergarten News

Rochester City
School District



*Message from the Executive
Director, Dr. Robin Hooper*



Welcome to Preschool to our students and families! Our prekindergarten enrollment of three and four year old students has exceeded 3,200 students to date. Family involvement in a child's education is important to a child's success in school and life. There are some important opportunities for involvement coming up that families will want to be sure to put on their calendars.

Our **Read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Campaign** is underway! Thank you for reading aloud to your child every day! Ask your child's teacher for bubble sheets to keep track of all the books you are reading with your child! Research shows children who read 1,000 books before entering kindergarten become better readers!

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten registration for Fall 2018 will begin in **January 2018**. An event is being planned where school representatives will be available to answer questions and placement staff will be available to take registrations for prekindergarten and kindergarten. Look for information in our next newsletter! Registering early will give you the best selection of schools and programs.

Families of four-year-old students are invited to attend the **Transition to Kindergarten Family Event on Saturday, April 28th from 10 AM—2:00 PM at 500 Webster Ave.** Families will have an opportunity to engage in learning activities with their children, attend workshops and receive free learning tools to take home with recommended activities for learning at home.

Pre-k families have a variety of ways to connect with their child's education. Before each vacation break three-year-old and four-year-old prekindergarten students will receive **Take Home Books** to read during the break and to keep for their home libraries. These books can be read multiple times and counted toward each student's goal of **reading 1,000 books before kindergarten**. Families who are speakers of languages other than English are invited to participate in Bilingual Council Meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month.

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018-2019

Registration will begin in January!

Registration for children entering the Rochester City School District can be completed at the Office of Student Placement and Equity, located at [131 W. Broad Street](http://131.W.BroadStreet). Monday- Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

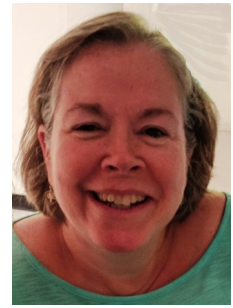
You will need to bring:

Child's Identification * Proof of Address * Proof of Guardianship * Child's immunization record
For more information visit www.rcsdk12.org or call (585) 262-8241

LET LITERACY SHINE!!

Kathy Eppeira, Family Literacy Coach

Hello Pre-K Community!!! Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is **Kathy Eppeira** and I am the Family Literacy Coordinator. I am so happy to be working with you to help build your child's foundation for reading!



You are your child's first and best teacher! Reading aloud every day will light up your child's brain, build vocabulary and teach your child to LOVE reading!! **Reading** - it's the most important thing you can do to help your child succeed in learning! LET'S ALL READ!!!!!!

READ ALOUD EVERY DAY!!!!!!
POINT OUT VOCABULARY

I Love to Read!

KJ Eppeira

I love to read! I love to read! I love to look at books!
And when somebody reads to me, well, my brain really cooks!
I hear the words she's reading and draw pictures in my mind.
Soon in my long term memory those pictures you will find.
Somebody please read to me and help build up my brain!
What adventures we will have aboard the reading train!!
I love to read! And I love books! I really love to read!
And I know that reading books will help me to succeed!



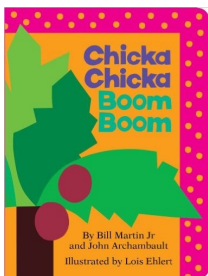
One of the Dads in Cathy Owen's EPK class shared his favorite book with the children!

There's a whole lot of reading going on!!! The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Campaign is well under way in Teri Kenyon's class at School #23! And in Chrisann Collins class at School #17!

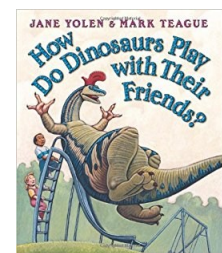
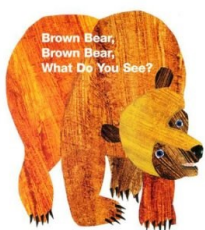


TAKE HOME BOOKS

The Early Childhood Department has purchased books for our Pre-K students to take home to read and to keep for their home libraries. A few of the titles for September are pictured here. Research shows that children who are read to daily are more likely to develop a love of reading! Please read aloud to your child every day! Reading aloud builds vocabulary and models language for your child! It is also a wonderful time to snuggle!



Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle



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Every child is a work of art.
Create a masterpiece.

Our Vision

Prekindergarten Programs empower young children to successfully contribute to their families, school, community and environment.

Our Mission

Prekindergarten Programs provide opportunities for young children to participate in challenging, stimulating programs, designed to support their language, cognitive, and social development while being sensitive to their strengths and needs.



Visit our website at
www.rcsdk12.org/PreK

***Look at all the learning happening in the “Corn Box” at
Friendship Children’s Center
during their Harvest Party!!!
Just imagine all the talking (Language!) going on!!!
Language is the foundation for reading!!!***

