

Prekindergarten News

Rochester City
School District



Message from the Executive Director, Dr. Robin Hooper

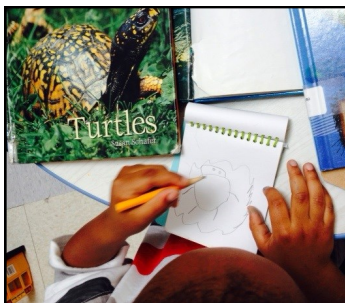
Our Students are Preparing for Kindergarten!

This is a bittersweet time of year for parents, teachers and students as we prepare to transition to kindergarten. Hundreds of preschoolers and their families attended the Transition to Kindergarten Family Event held on May 2nd. Preschoolers and their families participated in learning activities and workshops designed to help them prepare for kindergarten in the fall.

Our students participated in the Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge this year and the classroom Lending Libraries helped many students read several books each week. We are very proud of the way parents, teachers and students worked toward this goal. Each prekindergarten student will be receiving a green drawstring bag with 10 books to read over the summer. The public library has many story hours and literacy activities during the summer that students and their families can participate in maintain literacy skills during the summer. There are many ways families can continue reading throughout the summer to get ready for kindergarten.

All of our prekindergarten classrooms enjoyed field trips to the Strong Museum of Play this spring. It was wonderful to see so many family members accompanying their children on this educational field trip.. Many of our prekindergarten students will be attending summer programs where they will learn new skills that will better prepare them for kindergarten. Additionally, the majority of our prekindergarten students are registered for kindergarten for next year and they already know which school they will be attending.

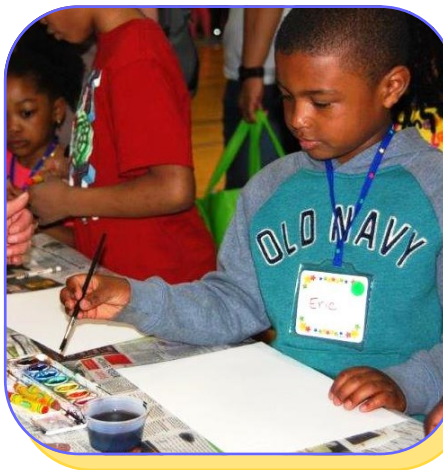
So our prekindergarten year is almost over and we will soon be celebrating "Moving Up" ceremonies at many of our programs. It has been a pleasure to work with our parents to support their children's learning this year. Parents are their children's first teachers and they continue to be an important part of children's success in school when they move to kindergarten. Thank you for allowing us to take part in your children's educational journey.



"Reading is important because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything."
-Tomie dePaola



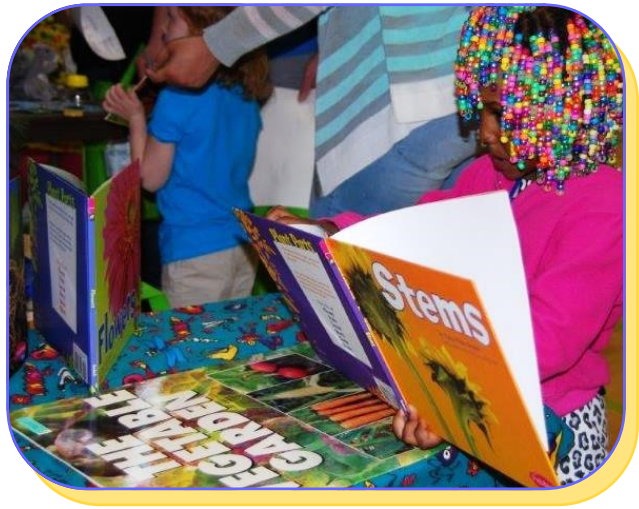
Transition to Kindergarten Event



On May 2, we were excited to see over 270 families participate in this event. It was offered to support Prekindergarten students who will be attending Kindergarten this fall. There were many hands-on activities for children, workshops for parents and free learning materials for each child to take home.



Continue To Learn All Summer Long



Green drawstring Summer Reading Bags filled with 10 books each will be sent home with UPK students before the end of the school year. Children in our bilingual classrooms will receive books in Spanish.

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