

Off to a Great Start!

The Great Start Readiness Preschool Program (GSRP)
 Fall Issue

Dear GSRP Macomb County Families,

On behalf of the Macomb Intermediate School District, we would like to welcome GSRP families to a new and exciting school year! As a nationally recognized program the Macomb County GSRP high-quality preschools provide developmentally appropriate learning in a safe, nurturing, and positive environment.

Preschool is an opportunity to learn to share, follow instructions, and begin the foundation for learning. A high quality GSRP classroom is structured to follow a consistent daily routine. The components of the daily routine include:

- **Arrival:** As children separate from their caregivers, they learn to regulate their emotions and establish relationships with their teachers and peers.
- **Large-Group:** Children participate cooperatively and constructively in group situations. They explore music, dance, and movement concepts. Children explore drama through actions and language.
- **Planning and Choice:** Children take the initiative to plan how they will engage in their learning. Through children's play, they learn about language, literacy, communication, math, social studies, science, technology, creative arts, physical development, cognitive development, and social emotional concepts. Children engage in collaborative discussion as they reflect on their experiences.
- **Small Group:** Children explore, play, and work with materials as they learn concepts. For example, they may learn about alphabetic knowledge, writing, phonological awareness, scientific inquiry skills, or number concepts.
- **Outside:** As children engage in the outdoor learning environment, they demonstrate traveling, balancing, gross-motor, and fine-motor skills.
- **Meals:** Through interactions with each other, children develop appropriate oral language skills.
- **Read-Aloud:** Reading aloud to children helps them develop language and listening skills, vocabulary skills, and prepares them to understand the written word.

The Macomb ISD is committed to supporting families ensuring that every preschool child enters Kindergarten ready to succeed.

The Macomb ISD GSRP Team

Read! Read! Read!

We encourage you to foster a love of literacy by reading to your child at least 15 minutes every day. There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed as a reader than reading aloud together. You have a tremendous influence in getting your child ready to read. Check your local library for these great Fall reads:

- "Ten Apples Up on Top!" by Dr. Seuss
- "Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf" by Lois Ehlert
- "I Like Myself!" by Karen Beaumont
- "It's Pumpkin Time!" by Zoe Hall

EXTRA! EXTRA!

READ ALL ABOUT IT....
 All GSRP children will be receiving books throughout the school year to build a home library.



While exploring the outside environment, invite your child to find items from nature such as leaves, pinecones, sticks, acorns, rocks, flowers, and trees. Have a conversation about the physical characteristics of the items found. This might include the color, size, and shape of the items. Encourage children to sort and count the items found. The outside environment provides many opportunities to extend learning!