



# Kiddie Prep News

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## Be Creative!

Creativity is thinking, expressing, or putting things together in a new way. Is your child creative? Chances are you say "yes!" Think about these characteristics you might see in your three-or four-year old.

- Young children are naturally curious and adventurous.
- Young children are unself-conscious and open to expressing themselves in a variety of ways. They aren't concerned with being perfect.
- Preschoolers enjoy telling lengthy, imaginative stories.
- Older preschoolers may choose a favorite area of creativity, such as drawing and painting, listening and moving to music, or telling stories and making up songs.

Creative experiences establish feelings of self-confidence and satisfaction. They help children

make decisions, solve problems, and improve language skills. So how can you take a new look at encouraging your child's uninhibited creative spirit?

- Display your child's artwork.
- Tape-record your child's music
- Provide a variety of art supplies, such as clay, markers, all types of paper, paint, fingerpaint, scissors, and glue.
- Give your child enriching experiences at museums and musical concerts.
- Do something creative while your child is watching!

### Books About Being Creative

*Matthew's Dream* by

Leo Lionni

*Frederick* by Leo Lionni

*The Art Lesson* by

Tomie dePaola

*Harold and the Purple Crayon*  
by Crockett Johnson

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## Summer Rosters

To help us determine our staffing needs for the summer months, please use the summer sign-up sheets that are posted outside of your child's classroom door. We will be using these sheets to prepare new rosters for the summer months.

New rosters are in the process of being prepared for our summer program. Our summer program begins on Monday, June 6th. If you plan on leaving for the summer months, but will be returning in the fall, please see Cindy or Melanie in the KPS office to pre-register for the fall semester.

Thanks!

## Bible Verse of the Month

*The Lord is my rock,  
my fortress and  
my deliverer.*

*Psalm 18:2*

## Sunscreen and Bug Spray

With the onset of the warmer weather, we want to remind you of our policy regarding sun screen and insect spray. Before you bring your child to school in the morning, please apply their sunscreen or insect spray. The teachers will re-apply both for the afternoon. Please label these items with your child's name. Be sure to notify your child's teacher that these items are available for your child.

## Parent - Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from May 9-12 for all preschool classrooms. Please sign up for your conference today. Sign up sheets are located outside of your child's classroom door. There is a survey for you to complete after your child's conference. Please take a minute to complete the survey. We appreciate your help with our survey.

Thank You!

# KIDS' PAGE

IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY, THE CHILDREN WERE ASKED TO COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE... I LOVE MY MOMMY BECAUSE...

Molly B.—Because she is so nice to me and she reads me books every night.

Anna M.—Because she is nice to me and because she likes me a lot.

Dawson B.—Because she always helps me clean my room.

Nolan B.—Because she lets me fall asleep in my mom and dad's bed before I go to my bed.

Victor H.—Because she buys toys for me.

McKayla S.—Because she always buys me presents and because she is so nice to me.

Keira H.—Because she always is nice to me and she helps me write books.

Aiden H.—Because she buys me new Star Wars Legos.

Max H.—Because I am special to her.

Nicholas D.—Because she likes to buy me stuff.

Ryan K.—Because she bought me a new Transformer.

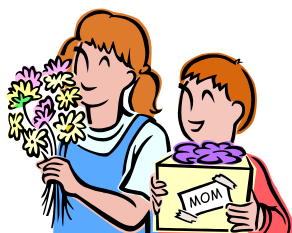
Charlie R.—Because she loves me.

Evan C.—Because she takes me everywhere.

Morgen P.—Because she cooks for me.

Kyle R.—Because I like her so much.

Luke R.—Because I like my mom a lot.



## You Know You've Finally Turned Into a Mom When...

You automatically double-knot everything you tie. You find yourself humming the Barney song as you do the dishes.

You hear a baby cry in the grocery store, and you start to gently sway back and forth, back and forth. However, your children are at school!

You weep through the scene in Dumbo when his mom is taken away, not to mention what Bambi does to you.

You are out for a nice romantic meal with your husband, enjoying some real adult conversation, when suddenly you realize that you've reached over and started to cut up his steak.

## Kitchen Capers

Kitchens are creative places. Gather your choice of the food items listed; then invite your child to make a different creature each time you pull out the ingredients.

1. Give your child half of an English muffin or bagel.
2. Have your child spread either peanut butter or any type of cream cheese onto the bread.
3. Have your child choose from these ingredients to create his/her own mouthwatering monster: alfalfa sprouts, sliced vegetables and fruits, shredded cheese, dried fruits, pretzel sticks, and more.
4. Take a picture of your creative kid with the snack to preserve his/her creation long after it has been consumed.

