NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of
February 6, 2023

Rogers Lane Head Start
616-532-4229

What's Happening?

Conferences have begun! Please touch base with your child's teacher about your scheduled appointment if there is a need to reschedule.

Dress for the Weather

Please make sure you are sending your child with extra clothing, and in warm layers. This is the time all children need to have all their winter clothing gear as they go outside twice a day regardless of weather conditions if the temperature is 20 degrees or higher.

Calendar of Events

Family Engagement Event
Game Night!!!
February 16th , 2023 5-6pm
No School February 20th
Spring Break 3/31-4/7
No School May 29th
Last day of school June 8th

BREAKFAST EVENT FOR DADS
March 9, 2023
7:30 – 8:30am

Attendance

All families signed and attendance agreement regarding attendance, therefore please make sure your child attends regularly to school, keep them home when sick and report their symptoms as we are required by law to report all communicable disease to the Kent County Health Dept.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/hs4kc/events
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Head Start for Kent County

Great Start Readiness Program
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

PBS KIDS FOR PARENTS

February is Black History Month — and it's never too early to begin celebrating and teaching your child about Black leaders of yesterday (and today!). As you begin exploring the Black scientists, politicians, activists, artists, and more who have left their mark on U.S. history, encourage your child's curiosity about the contributions and accomplishments of Black people. Instead of shying away from hard truths, help your child understand the resiliency of Black women and men by discussing the history of unfair and differential treatment towards Black people due to their skin color. Discussing Black people's achievements within their fight for justice and equity encourages empathy and understanding — and teaches children how to connect their personal experiences with the experiences of others. Watch videos about Black leaders throughout history, and then ask your child to draw a picture or write a journal entry to help show what they learned. Read books celebrating Black culture — picture books show the joys and challenges that kids of all races, ethnicities, and cultures can relate to as they learn and grow. You can also explore Black history through art. The arts in general, and Black art in particular, can help reduce the negative stigma often assigned to Blackness and help children see that all Black is beautiful.

Questions to Ask Your Child

1. What makes someone a hero? Who are some Black heroes that you have learned about?
2. When looking at art created by Black illustrators, designers, and painters, ask your child: What stands out to you first and why? What Black history story does this art tell you about or remind you of? Do the people look happy, sad, anxious? Why?
3. Who are the Black heroes who have broken barriers in history and today?
4. What is a role model? What Black role models helped to make the world a better place? How can you be a role model at school or in your neighborhood?
5. How have Black people have helped our country (or your community)?

Play and Learn Together with Children 2 to 5

Invite young children to brainstorm who the leaders and heroes in their lives are. Brainstorm the traits of a hero or grab some markers and crayons and encourage your child to draw how they can help and protect the rights and freedoms of people in your community.