



## Final Reminder - Kindergarten Registration

The kindergarten registration process is ongoing now through March 28. You should have received a registration packet in the mail. There are three ways to register your child:

- **Contact-Free:** Please place the registration packet and required documentation into the secure, designated drop box located at 2000 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, 14467 (Carlton O. Webster/Webster Learning Center - District Registrar entrance - look for the **yellow kindergarten registration** sign).
- **Electronic:** Please click here to read the step-by-step instructions in order to complete registration electronically. You will need access to a scanner to send registration forms and required documentation via email.
- **In Person:** If you would like to register in-person, please contact the district registrar at (585) 359-7957 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are not accepted. Please be sure to bring all completed forms and required documentation with you.

Please contact the district registrar's office at 359-7957 or [registrar@rhnet.org](mailto:registrar@rhnet.org) to request a kindergarten registration packet be mailed to you, if you haven't received one.

## Parent Discussion Group

This month, parent educator Betsy Marshall will host a discussion on "**Bully-Proofing Your Child.**" She will guide you through modeling anti-bullying behaviors and working with your children on becoming confident and assertive. We welcome and encourage interested UPK parents to attend any session that fits their schedule. See the attached flyer for details and the calendar below for session dates and times!

### Bully-Proofing Your Child

UPK Site	Date	Times
Augustin	Thursday, March 13	9-10 a.m.
Care-a-lot	Tuesday, March 11	8-9 a.m.
Expressive Beginnings	Monday, March 10	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Good Shepherd	Thursday, March 6	9:30-10:30 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.
Henrietta Recreation Center	Monday, March 10	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Richard M. Guon Child Care Center at MCC	Monday, March 3	9-10 a.m.
Pride and Joy	Tuesday, March 4	8:30-9:30 a.m.

### Tips for Parents

Please read this month's "Family Focus" article on the importance of incorporating math skills into your child's daily routines. At home, preschool students can practice counting objects, identifying shapes, making patterns, and sorting objects.

## Family Center Events



Mark your calendars! A **Summer Camp Extravaganza** will be held for families 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday, March 3. Multiple organizations will be available to provide parents with information on their summer camp offerings. No registration is required. See the flyer for details.











Be sure to join us at the Family Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, for **STEM Night!** There will be a variety of fun STEM-related games and activities. Registration opens March 17 and space is limited to 20 families. Please email Patty Sammon at [psammon@rhnet.org](mailto:psammon@rhnet.org) if you would like to attend. See the attached flyer for more details!

## Calendar

Students at Augustin will not have class on Friday, March 21, for professional development. Otherwise, there are no days off this month.

Remember to have your child to school on time every day. If your child will be absent, please notify your child's school.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>Read Across America Day</b> (March 2)  How many books can you read today??	Write numbers 1-10 on cards. Mix them up and have your child place them in the correct order. If this is challenging, start with 1-5.	Ask your child to clap the syllables they hear in the words:  <b>March, green, shamrock, gold, lucky, spring, leprechaun</b>	Take a vote in your home to choose which breakfast food is the favorite:  Pancakes vs Eggs	Count 5 objects with your child. Take away 3. Ask, "How many are left?" Repeat using new numbers.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Daylight Saving Time</b> begins. "Spring" your clocks ahead! 	Draw the shapes below. Play <b>I Spy</b> . (I spy something with 3 sides, with no sides, with 4 corners, etc.) 	Practice directional words. Can your child put a spoon in front, behind, over, next to and under a chair?	Give your child scrap paper and kid scissors. Let them practice cutting lines and shapes. 	Go for a walk. Talk with your child about the change of seasons. What changes will they see in Spring?	Help your child think of words that begin with the same sound as: <b>Spring</b> <b>Gold</b> <b>March</b> <b>Leprechaun</b>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	What color is a shamrock? Can your child name 3 other things that are the same color? 	Have your child play with something that works their finger muscles – playdough, clay, slime, finger paint, chalk, or Legos.	Clap your hands or stomp your feet 5 times. Ask your child to copy what you did. Repeat with different numbers.	Have your child draw a self-portrait. Have them identify multiple parts of the body.	Use household objects (beads, buttons, coins) to make patterns. Start with AB patterns and then try ABC patterns.  <b>ABABAB</b> <b>ABCABCABC</b>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Give your child drawing and coloring materials (crayons, markers, pencils and paper.) Have them design a picture.	Have your child do 6 sit ups, 5 knee bends, 10 toe touches, and 8 jumping jacks. 	Use blocks, boxes, blankets, pillows, and/or furniture to make a fort. If it's large enough, read a book together inside the fort!	Review the colors of the rainbow. Have your child find one item of each color and put them in rainbow order. 	Have your child think of words that rhyme with hat.  (Ex: sat, mat, cat)	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	<b>Joke of the month:</b> What kind of spells do leprechauns use?  <b>Lucky Charms!!</b>					

Rush Henrietta Universal Pre-K

# Parenting Education Programs



## Bully Proof Your Child

- Learn about what bullying actually looks like.
- Where and when is bullying happening.
- Is your child at risk of being bullied?
- What can you do to help your child now and in the future?

Betsy Marshall, Parent Educator, will be providing a free hour long program for parents/caregivers.  
Attend any meeting that fits your schedule.

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Town Rec. Center	Monday, March 10	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Care-A-Lot	Tuesday, March 11	8-9 a.m.
Rush Nursery School	Tuesday, March 11	2-3 p.m.
Augustin	Thursday, March 13	9-10 a.m.

**All are welcome! Please join us (any of the sites/times that work for your schedule). This is a free program for adults.**

# Summer Camp Extravaganza

March 3, 2025

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Good Shepherd Building  
3288 East Henrietta Rd  
Enter through Door #1

Several different organizations will be available to talk to you about their camp offerings, answer questions, and offer information about pricing, requirements, and options.

Organizations that will be represented:

RMSC  
Girl Scouts  
Boy Scouts  
OFC Creations

R-H Cub Care  
Town of Henrietta  
Camp Invention  
Genesee Country Village

Roc City Sailing  
YMCA-Camp Cory  
Camp Stella Maris

R-H Continuing Education

Stages-Magical Journey

\*More organizations may be added as the event draws near.

No Registration required.





# FAMILY STEM NIGHT

Monday, March 24, 2025 6:30 - 7:30 pm

For parents and children in Even Start and UPK

The event will be held at the Good Shepherd Building - 3288 East Henrietta Rd in the gym

Join us for a fun night of math games and activities. There will also be science demonstrations including:

- Skittle Rainbows
  - Lava lamps
  - Magic Milk
- As well as many hands-on activities!

This program is limited to 20 families.

Registration begins on Monday, March 17, 2025.

**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THAT DATE.**

To register email Patty Sammon at: [psammon@rhnet.org](mailto:psammon@rhnet.org). Please include the following information:

- Your family name
- Number of children and their ages
- Number of adults
- The best phone number to reach you.

# Family Focus

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Building a Foundation for School Success

## *Math at Home*

There are many opportunities for children to learn about math in their everyday routines at home. At home, children can practice counting objects, identifying shapes, make patterns, and sort objects.

**Counting and number sense** is the ability to make sense out of numbers. It includes recognizing and naming numbers, that each number has a quantity or amount, counting first in order and then backwards, and number operations such as adding and subtracting.

### Activities to Try

- ❖ **One-to-one correspondence:** Find 5-10 items to count. As you are counting them with your child, touch each one and say the number.
- ❖ **Counting:** Make a simple counting game using a disposable drink tray. Write numbers inside each of the sections and give your child items to count and place in the section. Touch each object and count out loud.
- ❖ **More than Less than:** To get your child ready for adding and subtracting later in his or her school years, count out two sets of objects. For example, there four blue cups and three red cups. Ask them questions like: *Are there more or less blue cups than red cups?*

### Counting Books to Check Out at the Library

- ❖ *One Duck Stuck* by Phyllis Root
- ❖ *Ten Black Dots* by Donald Crews
- ❖ *One Gorilla: A Counting Book* by Anthony Browne
- ❖ *Chicka, Chicka 123* by Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault
- ❖ *Feast for Ten* by Cathryn Falwell
- ❖ *Ten Red Apples* by Pat Hutchin

**Shapes** can be found around the home both indoors and outdoors. In preschool, children can learn to identify and name circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, and ovals.

### Activities to Try

- ❖ **Make a shape:** Offer toothpicks, pipe cleaners, straws, or craft sticks as materials children can use to make into shapes. Discuss the shapes they make. How could you turn a triangle into a square?
- ❖ **Make 3D Shapes:** Children can explore how to form three-dimensional shapes. For example, let children watch as you cut rectangular containers such as cereal boxes. How many rectangles are there in the box? Then reassemble them.
- ❖ **Shape Hunt:** Give your child a shape to look for in a room in the house. For example, can you find squares in the kitchen? Count the number of shapes they find in the room with them.

### Shape Books to Check Out at the Library

- ❖ *Shapes in the Kitchen* by Tracey Steffora
- ❖ *A Star in My Orange: Looking for Natures Shapes* by Dana Meachen Rau
- ❖ *Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes* by Roseanne Greenfield Thong
- ❖ *Shape* by Henry Arthur Pluckrose



**Understanding patterns** gives children an opportunity to see the relationships between items. The ability to recognize and create patterns helps children make predictions based on observations; which is an important skill in math. Understanding patterns will help children learn complex number concepts and mathematical operations.

#### Activities to Try

- ❖ **AB Movement Patterns:** An AB pattern is when you do one thing such as clapping and then switch to another such as tapping your knees. Show your child this simple pattern- can they repeat it? Encourage them to make an AB pattern of their own. As they master this challenge them to add more movements in their pattern and have you repeat the pattern back to them.
- ❖ **Ice Cube Tray Patterns:** Collect objects that will fit in the ice cube tray sections such as pom-poms. Start a pattern in the top tray with the colors such as blue pom-pom, green pom-pom, blue pom- pom, green pom-pom, and then leave the next empty. Encourage your child to figure out what comes next in the pattern Encourage them to make a pattern of their own.

#### Pattern Books to Check Out at the Library

- ❖ *People Patterns* by Nathan Olson
- ❖ *Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes* by Stephen R. Swinburne
- ❖ *Teddy Bear Patterns* by Barbara Barbieri McGrath
- ❖ *Patterns at the Museum* by Tracey Steffora

**Sorting and classifying** items are basic concepts taught to children as part of preschool math curriculum. Recognizing that groups of objects are the same or different helps your child develop their logical thinking skills.

#### Activities to Try

- ❖ **Sorting Socks:** Collect a variety of colored and sized socks from the people in your home. Separate the pairs and place them in a basket/box. Give them to your child to sort and match into pairs. Start small with five pairs and build up to more as your child is ready.
- ❖ **Sorting Seasonal Clothing:** Give your child clothing items from different seasons such as summer and winter. Have them sort the clothing by the season it goes with. Talk with your child about the differences in the seasons.
- ❖ **Sorting items by color:** Give your child a basket/box of random items. Have your child sort the items by color. Talk with your child about the color piles they sorted items into. To take the activity farther, count each of the items in the pile and talk about which has the most and the least.

#### Sorting Books to Check Out at the Library

- ❖ *The Button Box* by Margarette S. Reid
- ❖ *Sorting* by Lynn Peppas
- ❖ *Sorting at the Market* by Tracey Steffora
- ❖ *Sort it Out!* by Barbara Mariconda

#### Online Resources for families:

[Education.com](https://www.education.com)

Suggested math activities

[Scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com)

This is an article discussing how to nurture a child's mathematical mind.

Resources used for this tip sheet: [NAEYC.org](https://www.naeyc.org)



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