

# PRESCHOOL PRESS

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## ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL

Preschool Site/Date: SEC Room 209 / January  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1-2: NO SCHOOL Winter Break  
Jan. 6: Begin our Clothing Study  
Jan. 7: Homework Sent Home  
Jan. 9: Stripes Day  
Jan. 16: Polka Dots Day  
Jan. 20: NO SCHOOL MLK Day  
Jan. 21: Homework Sent Home

### JANUARY STUDY

Jan. 6-16: Clothing Study

### STRIPES & POLKA DOTS DAYS

To celebrate what we are learning about clothing, students are invited to wear clothing with stripes (Jan. 9) and polka dots (Jan. 16) to school!

### JANUARY HOMEWORK

Jan 7: Balloon Bingo  
(16a. Identifies and names letters)  
Jan 21: Conversation Cards  
(8a. Comprehends Language)  
(9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary)

### REMINDERS

- We DO NOT have school from Jan. 1-Jan. 2 for winter break.
- Please send your old used winter gear to school! There are students in our building that may need them.
- Check out our classroom website for photos of what is happening at school!  
<https://www.ahschools.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=41400>

### CREATIVE CURRICULUM FOCUS

#### Physical Development:

Demonstrates fine-motor strength and coordination

Uses writing and drawing tools

The art curriculum in the preschool classroom provides children with opportunities to:

- Use a variety of drawing tools- crayons, markers, paint brushes, and pencils
- Tear paper
- Cut paper using scissors
- Develop eye-hand coordination as they create works of art
- Squeeze glue bottles
- Finger-paint

Children also develop fine-motor strength when squeezing and rolling play-dough. Stacking blocks or legos allows children to practice their fine-motor skills and develop coordination.

### THINGS TO DO AT HOME

- Provide a variety of writing tools-markers, crayons, pencils
- Have child-safe scissors available
- Provide blank paper for writing and drawing
- Let your child tear or scrunch-up paper
- Have your child help you make lists-let them write words on the grocery list (apple, milk, bread)
- Give your child a paintbrush and a bucket of water-let them paint the driveway
- Use sidewalk chalk for outside drawing

We are enjoying your children, thank you so much for sharing them with us!