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## From the Desk of Mrs. Klymko - Letting Children Choose

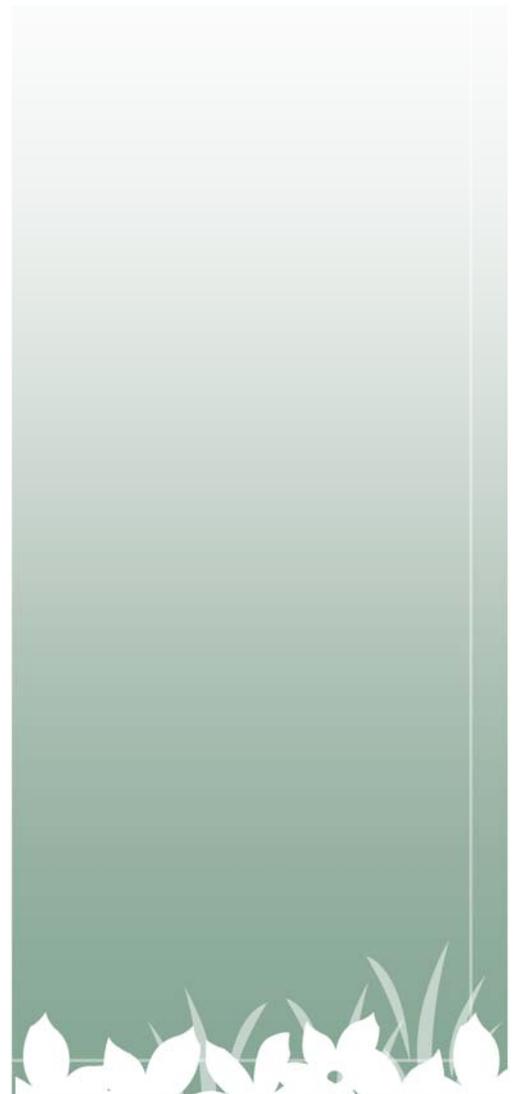
Why do we as adults pursue hobbies such as golf, crochet, or gardening? We spend time in such an activity because we find it enjoyable, we have some control over the activity, and we see it as offering some probability of success. We choose what we will crochet or plant, we decide where, when and with whom we will play golf or tennis.

Children, too, learn best when activities are meaningful and relevant and when they can make choices in the materials they will work and how they will use them.

Children thrive when they have opportunities every day to make choices in their learning. We facilitate children's choices within a carefully planned environment. We create the environment to allow each child to choose activities that are developmentally appropriate for his or her age. The children choose the peers with whom they will work and play and usually determine how they will use the available materials. These choices empower children to take control of their own learning. Children use materials and equipment in far more creative and innovative ways than we could ever plan, and they use the materials in way that meet their own developmental needs.

Research indicates that intrinsic motivation – when we work on a task primarily because we find it satisfying – is the most effective and engaging way to learn.

At Robin Hood we make an effort to provide materials and activities that provide choice and interest for the children. That is a key reason that you will see busy, involved children when you visit our classrooms.



## Biography of the Month: Thomas Edison

**Thomas Edison** was born in Milan, Ohio on February 11, 1847. His family soon moved to Port Huron, Michigan where he spent most of his childhood. Surprisingly, he did not do well in school and ended up being home schooled by his mother. Thomas was an enterprising young man, selling vegetables, candy and newspapers on trains. One day he saved a child from a runaway train. The child's father repaid Edison by training him as a telegraph operator. As a telegraph operator, Thomas became interested in communications, which would be the focus of many of his inventions.

Thomas Edison built his research labs in Menlo Park, New Jersey. This was the first business or institution with the sole purpose of inventing. They would do research and science and then apply it to practical applications that could be manufactured and built on a large scale. There were a lot of employees working for Edison at Menlo Park. These workers were inventors, too, and did a lot of work on Edison's ideas to help turn them into inventions.

Thomas Edison has the patents and credits for many inventions. Three of his most famous include:

**The Phonograph** - This was the first major invention by Edison and made him famous. It was the first machine that was able to record and playback sound.

**Light Bulb** - Although he did not invent the first electric light, Edison made the first practical electric light bulb that could be manufactured and used in the home.

**The Motion Picture** - Edison did a lot of work in creating the motion picture camera and helping move forward the progress of practical movies.

Reference: [http://www.ducksters.com/biography/thomas\\_edison.php](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/thomas_edison.php)

## Spring Garage Sale on April 21

The Robin Hood PTA Spring Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>! Please save items that can be used for the sale during your spring cleaning for this worthwhile fundraiser.

All proceeds go to the Robin Hood PTA, which will be used towards bus rental for field trips, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day celebrations, Graduation & Year End Concert, and other school activities.



## Save the Date!

### Re-Enrollment Form Due April 20

Please complete re-enrollment forms for the upcoming School year

### Mother's Day Breakfast May 11, 9 am

Look forward to a delightful morning full of hugs, songs & love

### Spring Garage Sale April 21

Items can be dropped off starting 4/16, contact Wendy Lau at [wylau76@gmail.com](mailto:wylau76@gmail.com)