**SSPRPA Early Childhood Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 21, 1:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** SSPRPA Early Childhood Zoom Meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 1:00pm
   1. Present:
      1. Kelly Matson – New Lenox Park District (Co-Chair)
      2. Devin Frendreis– Homewood Flossmoor Park District (Co-Chair)
      3. Karen Cooper- Joliet Park District
      4. Kristen Morrison – Frankfort Park District
      5. Rebecca Perkaus –Alsip Park District
      6. SueAnn Beardsley – Oak Forest Park District
2. **Committee Discussion**
   1. Preschool Picture Days
      1. Some do Fall pictures and Graduation/Spring Pictures
      2. Alsip and Frankfort Park District do in-house pictures and backdrops and send images to Dojo to save money for their families.
      3. Homewood and New Lenox use small local photographers.
      4. Oak Forest only does Fall pictures. They set up a backdrop and let parents take their own pictures. They just started using a local photographer.
   2. Scholastic Book Club
      1. The price of books has increased. No more $1 books.
      2. Scholastic drastically changed their setup and bonus points.
      3. All online causing sales in classrooms to decline.
      4. Homewood uses Bare Foot Books, but they are pricey.
   3. Spring/Mother’s Day Events
      1. Homewood did a cookie decorating event for Spring.
      2. Alsip is doing a Preschool Family Sock Hop.
      3. Frankfort does a Mother’s Day Program with songs and crafts.
      4. Oak Forest does a Love You Lot’s Tea Party
      5. New Lenox has a Grandparents Tea event for the 4’s and an Ice Cream Social for the 3’s.
   4. Preschool Graduation Attire
      1. New Lenox uses caps and gowns.
      2. Oak Forest does not use caps and gowns.
      3. Frankfort provides a take home Graduation crown.
      4. Homewood makes tie-dye shirts and a teacher iron on their name with the school logo and they wear them at graduation and the end of year picnic.
3. **Adjournment:** 2:20pm

**Upcoming Zoom Meeting:** April 18th at 1pm.