



**This is for your child to complete with minimal assistance!**

Write your name on the line. Draw yourself being a leader and cut out the shamrock!

**Suggested Independence Goals:**

- Be a leader and take initiative!
  - Get dress, put on your shoes, or pack your backpack **without** a reminder!
  - Start cleaning your toys before you are asked.

## March: Growing Roots of Independence

This month, our Kindergarteners are taking a giant leap toward self-reliance! In the spirit of **Let Grow**, we are focusing on giving our students the "dignity of the task." We want them to see themselves not just as learners, but as capable, responsible individuals who can manage their own routines.

When we step back, we give them the space to step up. Here's how we are fostering independence this month:

- **The "Never Do for a Child..." Rule:** We are practicing the mantra: *Never do for a child what they can do for themselves.* Whether it's zipping a coat, clearing a snack, or managing their own folder, these small wins build massive confidence.
- **Problem-Solving First:** When a student encounters a hiccup (like a lost pencil or a tangled jump rope), we're pausing before jumping in. We're asking, *"What do you think your first step should be?"*
- **Routine Mastery:** Students are learning to navigate their daily "to-do" lists without constant adult prompts, turning morning arrivals and afternoon pack-ups into a self-guided flow.



### The Let Grow "At-Home" Challenge

To keep the momentum going, try giving your child one **"Big Kid Job"** this month that you usually do for them. It might be letting them pour their own cereal (even if there's a stray flake!), choosing their own outfit, or being responsible for putting their shoes by the door.

Watching them realize **"I can do it!"** is the best part of March. At the end of the month, celebrate their victory by cutting out and returning the shamrock on the back with your child's illustration of them accomplishing their "Big Kid Job".

**This paper is intentionally double sided to reduce waste. Please illustrate, cut and return the shamrock on the back of this paper when they have mastered their "Big Job"! Return no later than March 26th.**