



December 2011



Rock Spring Reporter

From the office...

It's hard to believe it's just about time to wrap up 2011. In the past 12 months there's been a Royal Wedding, a hurricane, an earthquake, RSCC celebrated 25 years, the iPad 2 was released, the big playground gained a stage, Steve Jobs passed away, the little playground gained a tree, Casey Anthony was acquitted, Breaking Dawn was released, the Caps fired their head coach, and Demi and Ashton split up... in no particular order, of course.

All in all it's been an incredible year and we are just happy that we got to spend it with all our fantastic families here at RSCC. The year isn't over quite yet though, and we plan to send it out on a great note in the month of December!

Erin and Ms. Mary (from the Otter class) are heading a food and clothing drive through the organization S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). We will be accepting donations at the school from December 1st-December 20th. More information on this can be found in the back couple of pages of the newsletter, or feel free to ask Erin or Mary if you have any questions.

We are also excited that several of the staff who help us in the summer will be here while they are on break from their respective colleges. So you may see some familiar faces helping in your child's classroom in the coming weeks!

As we get further into December the classrooms will also start talking about the holidays. Information will be provided soon about classroom holiday parties. This is always a fun way to celebrate this wonderful time of year together before heading out to enjoy the holiday break from December 23rd-January 2nd.

We hope that when you think back on 2011 you remember the wonderful times you and your child(ren) have had here at RSCC.

Here's to a safe and happy Holiday Season...and a happy new year!

~Carrie, Sandra & Erin

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Don't forget that parking in the drop off spots in front of the school is only available to those who display Rock Spring bumper magnets or window stickers on their cars. Please follow the traffic pattern that we have established to keep everyone safe (drive around the pond rather than parking backwards or turning around in the drop off lane). Do not park along the curbs that are marked "no parking." The police have been out recently ticketing people. Thanks so much!



Happy Birthday to...

Tania...12/14

Elsi...12/16

Happy Anniversary to...

Nanda...12/03

Dee Dee..11/23



Guppies

Christmas bells are ringing at the door! This year has gone by so quickly and now we are getting ready for 2012!

We are so amazed at how quickly these babies develop new skills. Baby Maxwell is doing great! He is sitting very well and is eating big-boy food. He is always full of smiles and really enjoys the musical toys.

Aidan has started rolling on the mat and is exploring the different textures of the carpet and the play mat. He is enjoying every day at his school and is always full of joy.

Our busy boy Nathan is growing every day. He is trying his best to crawl, and in the meantime is doing the army-crawl all around the floor. He is such a strong baby! He is also able to eat some finnaer

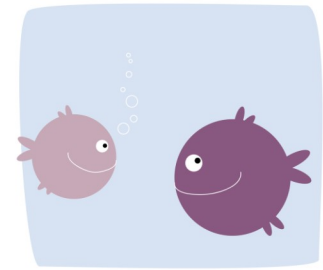
foods and just loves it!

Our new baby Sampras has adjusted so very well. He loves to play on the color mat with his favorite toys and also he loves to jump in the exer-saucer. Sampras also loves going on our stroller rides.

Our youngest boy is Matthew and he is doing wonderfully! He is now moving all over the mat and trying his hardest to roll over. He also just started eating solid food and loves it. Matthew also enjoys being in the exer-saucer.

We are so sad to say good-bye to our sweet little friend, Maya as she has moved on to the mobile baby class. We will miss Maya and her wonderful parents, and wish her the best of luck!

We are however, very excited to welcome our new baby boy Andrew, and



his family. We hope they will love our colorful room!

Well, we now have six boys...can we call our room the "Guppy Boys Club?"

We'd like to give a special thanks to all the parents who contributed money to the staff holiday fund. It is much appreciated and means so much to us!

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Dilruba, Rosa & Thamara

Minnows

Happy December. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! This year is quickly coming to it's end and our Minnows are quickly growing! They are all beginning to try and crawl, rolling everywhere and exploring the whole classroom.

We are so sad to say good-bye to our two oldest Minnows; Vincent and Addison. We hope you will enjoy your new classroom...we will miss you and your families very much!

We would like to welcome our two newest Minnows, Andrew and Clark and their families. We hope you all feel right at home in your new classroom and enjoy being a Minnow.

Max is now our oldest child in the room and he is doing wonderfully. He loves to sit up and roll around. He is very talkative and always checking to see what's going on around him. Max loves the exer-saucer too. He's very laid back but when he's hungry or tired he will certainly let you know!

Zachary is our next oldest Minnow and he loves to smile, adores banging and pulling on things and if you are close enough he'll grab you! Zach loves the exer-saucer, stroller rides and circle time. He is also very ticklish and shows his tongue to everyone. Zachary loves to play with all of his friends but he especially adores his girls! Whenever he can Zach watches to see if Jayna is ready to play!

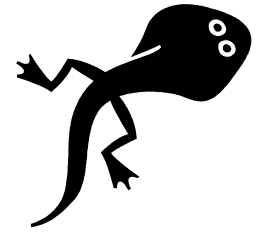
Jayna is such a happy girl! She loves her stroller rides as well as playing in the exer-saucer and in the open space. She loves to drink her bottles and is practicing holding them by herself. Jayna is a very social girl and is always alert to see what's going on around her. She particularly likes to watch her friend, Jameela.

Jameela is our youngest Minnow. She loves to cuddle and smile at everyone. Jameela really enjoys the swing but loves to hop in the stroller for a walk too. She has such a calm, sweet demeanor the whole time she is at school.

Our Minnows are so sweet and precious. We want to wish everyone a wonderful, healthy holiday season.

~Ms. Nanda, Ms. Asoka & Ms. Dee Dee

Tadpoles



It is amazing how fast the time goes! Our children are growing and some are now saying good bye.

This month two of our babies are moving on to the Frog Room...of course if they have been Tadpoles it is time to become Frogs!

Ryan, we are going to miss you a lot with your sweet smiles and warming hugs. Your Mommy and Daddy are very special to us and we will miss them too!

Wyatt we are going to miss you too! You are a sweet and wonderful child and we will be waiting for you to come visit us anytime! We wish for nothing but the best for you boys! Now it is time to prepare for two new babies and we are so excited to welcome our new Tadpoles; Addison

and Maya. We are so happy to have you and your families join our class!

Our sweet Tadpoles are:

Lulu is a wonderful little girl who loves to give hugs! She is one of the busiest children in the classroom.

Lulu is so talkative and loves to blow kisses to everyone who comes to visit our room.

Henry is a sweet, energetic child who loves to explore everything in the classroom. He is always so busy and never gets tired of dancing! Henry is such a sweet, adorable boy.

Sayaka is a beautiful little girl! She also loves to dance and really enjoys our stroller rides. Sayaka is very smart and always so gentle when she plays with her friends. She loves to give and receive hugs.

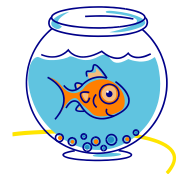
Leo is our sweet little guy with a mellow personality. He is an amazing child and loves to explore everything-including his sweet little face when he sees it in the mirror! Leo is also a great dancer.

Thank you to all our parents for always being so supportive. Please let us know if you ever need anything.

Sincerely,

~Tadpole Teachers
Chandi, Maria & Marlene

Goldfish



We are welcoming the holiday season by saying goodbye to Thanksgiving. We are so happy to have had warm weather and plenty of sunshine still because that means we are still enjoying our stroller rides.

It is sad to say good-bye to our cute baby Hugo and his wonderful family. We are really going to miss you. We hope you will enjoy your stay in the Salamanders. We wish you best of luck for the bright future. We love you Hugo.

On the other hand, we would like to welcome Vincent and his family to the Goldfish family. We hope that you will enjoy your time as a Goldfish with your new friends and teachers.

Sweet little Katherine is our oldest Goldfish. As a "big sister" of the room she loves to command her

younger brothers and sisters when they are playing together. She starts to talk and sing out all the time. And she enjoys it very much too.

Ryder is our cute little boy who always has a smile on his face. He's shining our class room with his smile. He loves to clap when he hears songs. He likes to stand up at the gate to welcome his friends every morning.

Elliot is another sweet one we have in our Goldfish room, and he always has a smile on his face. He is the one who most enjoys the activities we do with paint and paper. When we put the paint on the paper, he says "touch" "touch"!

Emily is another sweet girl we have. She loves to say "Tata" and give "flying kisses" to her loved ones. She just started activities all around the

room and enjoys them very much.

Ryley is our new member and she adjusted to the classroom very quickly. Now she is another happy baby we have. She likes to explore all over the classroom. Whenever she crawls from here to there she gives a big smile to all she passes by.

Parents: please check your child's cubby to make sure they have clothes appropriate for the upcoming cold weather. As always, feel free to ask any questions or share any concerns you may have.

Thank you!

~Sorranji, Remona & Bimali

Frogs

Wow, happy December! We hope that you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving. This past November the Frogs were very busy! We are so proud of them and hope you are also pleased with the progress they are making.

Our High Reach Curriculum theme for the month of December is "textures and fabrics." With this topic the Frogs will explore the way things feel around us and do some cool creative projects with all kinds of materials. We will also be talking about the holidays and the Frogs will learn

about Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa!

Everyone is growing so fast! The children love our daily routines and have fun learning about the important aspects of life such as good manners, washing hands, brushing teeth and expanding their vocabularies. We love making the children feel happy and secure and hope you can feel that when you walk into our room.

We would like to welcome Wyatt, Ryan and their families to our Frog room. We are so sad to say good bye to Bela, Chloe and their won



derful families. We will miss you all and wish you the best of luck!

Please remember to check your child's cubbies and make sure they have warm clothes for the upcoming cold weather.

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents for their support and encouragement.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

~Luiza, Nirosha, Zonia & Christina

Salamanders



The holiday season is here and we can't wait to celebrate! November flew by so fast with such nice weather...it's hard to believe that winter is around the corner!

We are very sad to say goodbye to Claire, who is moving on to the Butterfly classroom. She is always lovely and friendly with her classmates and we will miss her a lot. We hope you will come and visit your friends in the Salamander room. We would also like to welcome a new student, Hugo and his family to Salamanders. We are so happy to have him and his family with us.

Our High reach learning Curriculum theme for December is "Icky, Sticky, Swishy" this should be a lot of fun. In the month of December we will be talking about winter, the holidays, and doing fun craft projects related to the season.

We will continue to go outdoors during the winter so please bring hats and mittens everyday. Please also be sure to label everything including food containers, clothes, cot sheets etc. We want to make sure your children have extra clothes, diapers, wipes, diaper cream and anything else your child may need at school, so please double check your child's cubby and diaper basket to

make sure they have all these things.

The children's folders have important papers and artwork so please check them on a daily basis.

Thank you parents as you are so helpful and supportive and we thoroughly enjoy having your children in our class. We hope everyone has safe travels and a nice holiday!

Love,

Dulari, Dolly, Estefania & Aleyda



Butterflies

Wow! November flew by so fast. We enjoyed the month so much and hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are now in the month of December, which means holiday season!

Our high reach curriculum for this month is Texture and Fabrics. As per this topic, we will be talking about different types of fabric, exploring textures, fabrics and materials and discovering how we can create with textures.

In addition, we will also learn and talk about Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

The children will also be creating lots of colorful projects. It

is going to be fun for both the teachers and the children.

We would like to welcome Claire Ryan and her family to the Butterfly class. We would also like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Claire on December 7th and to Ms. Tania on December 14th!

We would like to say a very special thank you to all the parents who contributed to the teacher holiday fund. We appreciate your generosity

And cannot express how grateful we are to be a part of your child's life.

Please remember to label all your child's belongings and remember to bring in warm

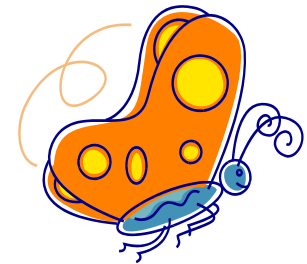
clothes, hats, mittens and gloves as the weather gets colder.

Thanks for being such a wonderful parents. As always feel free to call us for any questions or concerns at ext 228.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Thank you,

Ms. Asha, Ms. Doris & Ms. Tania



Dragonflies

November flew by so fast with such nice weather. Winter is around the corner.

Our November curriculum was "building." We had a blast exploring the different ways we build and material that we can use to build. We are learning a lot and the children are learning to be so independent. We are so proud of them and hope you are happy with their progress. Our High Reach Learning Curriculum theme for December is "what happens when..." this should be a lot of fun during the children's playtime activities.

We are very sad to say our good-byes to Easton, Addie and Madeline. We wish you good luck to your next classroom and know you will have

lots of fun. We also want to welcome to the Dragonflies Chloe, Bella, and their families.

We are very proud of your children, they are learning so much and are growing emotionally, socially and academically too! We notice this on a weekly basis. They are happily engaged in so many different ways with activities, art projects, looking at books, playing with toys and pretend play.

Here are a few reminders: we will continue our potty training and we encourage you to work on it as well. We will continue to go outdoors during winter so please bring hats and mittens every day. Please label everything including food containers, clothes, cot sheets, etc.

Thank you for being such wonderful parents. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with us. Happy Holidays!

Roxana, Chamida, Maritza



Otters

As we take down the turkey decorations, our holiday music has started playing. November is over and it is time, like always, to welcome a new month. Hello December! We have done so much this past month in the Otter classroom but it is time for us to start learning a new topic. During the month of December we will be talking about Textures and Fabrics. Over the next 3 ½ weeks we will be talking about the textures we feel every day. We will also explore how we can create with textures. Lastly we will be looking at different fabrics and materials. This month is perfect because our clothes have a wide range of textures from soft cotton to bumpy corduroy.

This past month we said good-bye to Katie Romans. We will miss her very much and wish her the best in

her new adventures

. For the month of December we have two new girls in our class; Addie and Madeline. We are happy they can be a part of our Otter family.

Wills, Shreya and Coby will all be celebrating their birthdays this month. Wills' is on December 4th, Shreya's is on December 21st and Coby's birthday is on December 11th!

Reminders for this month:

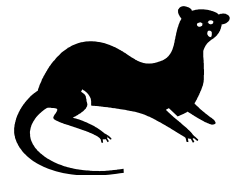
Ms. Erin and Ms. Mary are organizing a clothing and food drive at RSCC for the holidays. The items collected will be going to those who do not have a place for the holidays and not enough clothing for the coming winter. The baskets for drop-offs will be located in the hallway in front of the emergency exit. This all will start

December 1st and will run through December 20th. Also, the center will be on vacation from the 26th - 30th of December so we hope your holidays are wonderful.

Lastly as always, dress your child warmly! Thank you and if you have any questions please ask, email, and even subscribe to the blog.

Happy Holidays!

Miss Veronica, Miss Mary, Miss Adrianna



Turtles

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is already the end of the year 2011! Fall has almost gone and winter is around the corner with exciting and fun holiday activities.

The Turtles had a fun and productive month of November learning about "Building" and Thanksgiving.

Our December Theme is "Texture and Fabrics". We will explore every day textures, the creations of texture, how we can create textures, as well as fabrics and materials. The

learning experiences in this topic are intended to encourage the children's sensory exploration of many textures, promote an awareness of similarities and differences, and build new descriptive vocabulary. In addition, we will discuss winter weather and holidays we celebrate at home.

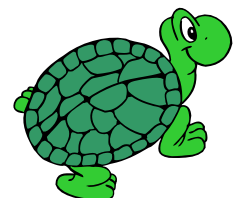
Finally, we want to welcome Easton to the Turtle pond. She is coming from the Dragonflies and we are happy to have her and her family. Please remember to check

your little one's folder daily and bring appropriate change of clothes.

Happy Birthday: Grace Newson, Dec 7th

Thanks,

Turtle Teachers



Geese

The holiday season is here and we are very excited for all of the wonderful surprises we have planned for our Geese during this splendid time of the year. The month of November was a very busy and productive one for the Geese family. We were able to talk in great depth about all of the interesting and complex ideas that go along with our High Reach Curriculum theme of Building! We talked about everything and anything that had to do with construction sites, safety procedures, and even construction planning and management strategies like brainstorming and staff meetings! We were able to create our very own stable Geese Incorporated Construction Company which (if ever needed) will answer any of your building needs in the future (with consent of course). This past month we were also able to celebrate one of our favorite holiday's here at RSCC: THANKSGIVING! We talked about everything that we are thankful for from family and friends to Superman and turkey. We also had our very own mini Thanksgiving here at school where we were able to try a wide variety of different types of foods from all different cultures (and everything was yummy of course!). We were

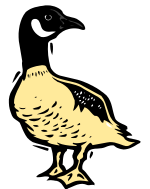
even able to talk about three new letter's ; F,O and B!

This coming month of December is going to be a very busy one. We have all of the amazing holiday's coming up and we get to start our new topic of the month which is: Textures and Fabrics. This month we can look forward to talking about how everything around us has a certain feel or texture to it. We will also be talking about how when we do certain things to objects, like food, their textures can change but they are still considered the same object! The Geese will be boosting their vocabulary with textile words and descriptive ideas about how certain things feel with different parts of our bodies. We will also take a look at how similar things like shoes can be VERY different in terms of how they feel on the outside AND on the inside. Bumpy things, smooth things, rough things, hard things and soft things-we will be talking about it all. This is going to be a very hands-on theme this month which works perfectly with our geese who are

ALWAYS's looking for sensory stimulation. We are looking forward to our holiday party on the 2nd of December and we are happy to announce that our friend Daniel is turning the BIG number 4 on the 3rd of December. We also will be starting off the month by looking at the letter D and everything that goes into the construction, recognition and implication of this fantastic letter!

As always thank you all for everything that you do to keep our Geese as amazing as they are. If there are ever any questions or concerns you may have please do not hesitate to ask any of the Geese teachers. We hope that everyone has a great Holiday season and is attempting to stay warm as the snow starts to FALL!!!

-The Geese Teacher's



Ducks

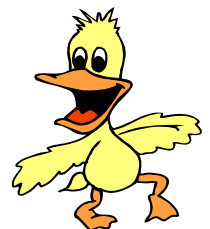
How can it be December already? Wasn't it just August yesterday? The Ducks and their teachers can't believe how fast this year has gone by! We are so excited for all the cool stuff we will be learning about in December! Our High Reach curriculum will be called Textures and Fabrics. Miss Jessica and Miss Elsi have a ton very cool projects planned for this! The Ducks will get to explore all kinds of cool textures! We are planning on a very hands on approach and we can't wait! Miss Stephanie will be continuing her Pre-K curriculum. It's entitled Let's Pretend. They will be learning the letters D, R, and C. The numbers 11 and 12.

They will also be learning about the Cube shape. They will also be talking about time to the hour, real v. make believe, and day dreaming. They will be doing some focusing on the nursery rhyme Hey Diddle, Diddle. There will be a lot going on in the month of December. We will also be learning about Hanukkah and Christmas. We will be talking about why we celebrate both holidays. If anyone has any books on either holiday, please bring them in. Just make sure they are labeled with your child's name. We will have our Christmas tree and menorah set up in our classroom. We have 2 birthdays in the month of December. Happy 4th Birthday to Bree on Dec 14 and Happy Birthday to Miss Elsi on Dec. 16th! We hope that you all enjoy your special

days! Please remember RSCC is closed Dec. 26-Dec. 30. We will reopen on Monday January 2. We hope that everyone has a great holiday season and a very happy 2012!

We love you!

-Miss Stephanie, Miss Elsi,
and Miss Jessica



Swans

Dear Swan Parents,

I think it's safe to say we can all look back on November as a month of learning, fun and growth! In the beginning of the month we learned about all kinds of transportation, worked on our ordinal numbers and became experts on the letters Bb, Oo and Ff. The last couple weeks were dedicated to Thanksgiving. We talked about what it means to be thankful, we learned about the first Thanksgiving and even had a special Thanksgiving potluck of our own here at school.

It's so hard to believe that it's almost time to wrap up 2011, but we plan to finish off this year with a bang! We have so many fun activities and lessons planned for the Swans. With our High Reach Curriculum we will be tapping into our imaginations more than ever through the theme "Let's Pretend." We are going to explore our dreams, (and if you've been reading the blog you'll know this is a recurring topic in "Just One Thing") talk about using your imagination, discuss Real vs. Make Believe and so much more. In addition to this we will be focusing on the letters Dd, Rr, Cc, as well as numbers 11 and 12. We will also learn about our second three dimensional shape; the cube!

Of course, we cannot go through the month of December

without experiencing, sharing and talking about the wonders of the Holiday Season! Together the Swans will learn about Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years. We have several books to read and projects to do on these holidays, but throughout the month we invite you to send (or bring) in any special books from home, music or even treats to taste that exemplify traditions from your family or ways that you celebrate your holiday at home! We will also be doing a lot of fun activities surrounding the story of The Gingerbread Man and making some gingerbread houses of our own! The Swans will also be working on a couple of crafts to give as gifts this holiday season!

We are so excited for the upcoming month and are so grateful that we get to send off 2011 with all of you! We are always here to answer any questions or provide anything else you may need, so please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

Merry Everything to Everyone!

Sincerely,

Erin, Lea & Flora



Owls

Dear Owl parents,

We have really had a great November and have been very busy Owls. We began the month learning about transportation and learned that wheels make getting the job done easier. We thought up a very long list of different types transportation. We built a racecar out of boxes too. The end of the month was devoted to Thanksgiving. The class listened attentively as I read all about the first Thanksgiving and were interested and learned many new words such as Mayflower, Pilgrims and Squanto. We did some turkey projects and read many books and even had our pot luck snack which was a big hit. We focused on letters Bb, Oo, and Ff and learned about spheres and ordinal counting and more.

December is here and will be packed with activities. We will learn all about the winter holidays starting with Hanukkah and moving on to Christmas and New Year's day. We will learn why these holidays are celebrated, taste some holiday foods, learn to play dreidel, learn a few holiday songs, read many books and more. I invite any of you to share any special Hanukkah or Christmas books, recipes or traditions with us! Also, this month, we will be focusing on the story of The Gingerbread Man. I have several versions of the story and some are quite different (The Gingerbread Girl for example!). We will read and compare each version of the tale and we will of course be baking our own

gingerbread people (they have been known to disappear from the oven and wander around RSCC leaving crumb trails). We will be making special holiday gifts for you all this month too!

Our curriculum this month will focus on letters Dd, Rr, and Cc. We will begin to learn time to the hour! We will learn about cubes and will focus on the numbers 11 and 12. We will learn the nursery rhyme Hey Diddle Diddle too.

A very happy 5th birthday to Nate (12/4), Brady (12/6), Kadi (12/8) and Zach (12/14). That just leaves Bora who will be five in January! We will be having a holiday party toward the end of the month so look for details to come. You all are invited so come by and have a treat with us! As the weather gets colder, don't forget to send your child to school with hats and gloves for the playground. We are working on learning to put our coats on and zip them up and also to store our gloves in our hats so they don't get lost. These are all good things to work on at home too! Happy holidays to everyone!

Sincerely, Miss Heather





Dear RSCC families,

This is the time of year when we all start thinking of family, spending time with loved ones and giving. This is also the time of year when we start thinking of those in need-especially as the weather gets colder and some people may not have food to eat or clothes to stay warm.

Last year we held our first RSCC food and clothing drive through the organization S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). With the help and support of all the wonderful families here at our school we had an *incredible* turnout and donated enough food and clothing to almost fill the truck that came to pick up donations.

This year we will be holding a food and clothing drive again from **Thursday, December 1st-Tuesday, December 20th**. S.O.M.E. will accept new and/or gently used clothing that is “laundered and free of tears or stains.” The greatest need right now is for men’s clothing (coats, jackets, jeans, shoes, boots, underwear and socks) but obviously all clothing can be used and would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, S.O.M.E. accepts any non-perishable food items and their “wish list” includes ground coffee, cold cereal and canned meats and tuna.

There will be boxes and baskets located outside the Teacher’s Lounge where we will be collecting all donated items, however if you have any questions please feel free to ask myself or Mary (from the Otter’s class).

Coming together as a community like this is not only a fantastic way to show our kids what wonderful things we can accomplish when we work together, but also that helping and giving to others can be just as special as receiving.

Thank you all so much, and Happy Everything to Everyone!

Sincerely,

Erin & Mary





Sign In / Out Sheets

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day at pick up and drop off. Also, please be sure you sign your initials each time. This is a State regulation. Thanks for remembering!!

Parent's Nights/Days Out...

*Saturday, December 3rd 9am-1pm

*Friday, December 9th 6pm-9:30pm

*Sunday, December 11th 3pm-7pm

*Friday, December 16th 6pm-9:30pm

*Saturday, December 17th 9am-1pm

Sign up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the front office.

- **Details**
Each event will be hosted by two or three teachers from the center.
- Lunch or dinner will be served depending on the timing of the event.
- If you sign up and are then unable to attend, you must give 24 hours notice or you will be charged.
- The rates are as follows:
 - One child= \$30
 - Two children= \$35
 - Three children=\$40

All payments go directly to the teachers.

Please bring cash to pay them when you drop off or pick up your child.
(the teachers will split the money)

Board Update

We want to wish everyone a great holiday season and thank all of our families who supported the School in 2011. This year, we reached full capacity and are very proud to have the School running at peak efficiency with top notch, high quality programs thanks to the hard work and dedication of our administrative and teaching staff.

We are also pleased to announce our new officers for 2012:

- Board Chair - Jacqui Demitz**
(mother of Erin in the Dragonflies and Alexandra in the Swans)
- Vice-Chair - Mike Imber**
(father of Claire in the Ducks and Catherine in the Butterflies)

Secretary - Megan Mackey

(mother of William in the Ducks and Ryan in the Frogs)

Treasurer - Rob Shroff

(father of Emma in the Turtles and two RSCC alumni Ethan and Hannah)

RSCC Board

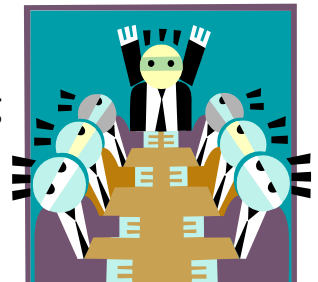
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A big thank you to our outgoing officers, Patti Rehfield and Matt Ramsdell for their service to the School this past year.

We look forward to a great 2012 for the School

and all of its wonderful and supportive families. Thank you for being a part of the Rock Spring Children's Center community.



RSCC EMAIL LISTSERV

We use a listserv through Yahoo Groups to keep parents informed of different events and issues relating to the School. As the winter months are approaching, snow closures become more likely. We announce closings and delays on the listserv and on our website. Be sure you register whichever email addresses will best keep your family in the loop. To subscribe, simply send an email to rsparents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com from the email address you wish to use. Please include the name of your child and the name of their room in your email so we can verify that the subscribe request is coming from one of our families. Thanks!

Tremendous Teacher Tree

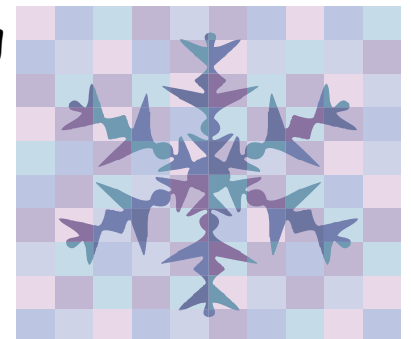
A place like Rock Spring relies on positive energy as its lifeblood. The administration hires the best and sweetest people they can find; teachers who love children and who care very deeply about making the School a great place. The teachers see all of your cute kids each day which brings them joy and makes them only too happy to do their jobs well. When our parents see this, it makes them happy. The parents give great feedback to the administrators and teachers. This positive reinforcement makes the Rock Spring team even happier and they often come up with even better and more creative ways to make the School a great place. The children are the beneficiaries of all of this (we call it the Circle of Positivity). We wanted to bring all of this to life a little bit, so we created the Tremendous Teacher Tree.



The "Tremendous Teacher Tree" is located near the office window. If you experience a teacher going above and beyond the call of duty, please tell us about it! Come to the office to pick up an "apple" so you can personally write a note, or you can send the office an email, office@rockspringcc.com, and we will do it for you. The apples then go on the tree for all to see. Thank you for being an important part of this effort!

School Closed for Holiday Break

RSCC will be closed for the Holidays starting on Monday, December 26 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.



Inclement Weather Policy

We are extremely sensitive to the difficulties it can cause families when we have to close the School or open late. However, many of our teachers travel further distances than our families to get to the School. Thus, we try to make sure our closure decisions balance both interests and serve the needs of our families while safeguarding the safety and well-being of all RSCC community members.



In an effort to create consistency during snow emergencies or other inclement weather, our policy is as follows:

- (1) If the Federal Government, Montgomery County Schools Administrative Offices, or Montgomery County Government is closed, RSCC is closed.
- (2) If Montgomery County Schools are closed but the Administrative offices are open or delayed, RSCC will open at least 2 hours late.*
- (3) If Montgomery County Schools open two hours late, RSCC will open at least 1 hour late.*

**The automatic late policy gives the School more time to assess the weather conditions and make a final decision as to the opening or closing of school.*


















For instances where snow or other inclement weather develops during the day, our policy is as follows:

- (1) If the Federal Government, Montgomery County Schools Administrative Offices, or Montgomery County Government closes, RSCC will also close.*
- (2) If Montgomery County Schools close early, RSCC will also close early.*
- (3) As our pick up times are much later than the schools, RSCC may announce an early closure even if the County schools do not.*

**We will provide enough notice to allow parents time to get to the School and pick up their children. In inclement weather situations where we do not close, we ask that parents try to pick up their children early if they can. This will allow us to start sending our staff home.*

Please check the website, www.rockspringchildrenscenter.com, your email, or call the school and listen to the inclement weather message for updates before leaving your home. Check back frequently if weather or road conditions worsen.

December 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
			Zumba 	Jump Bunch 
5	6	7	8	9
Soccer 	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	JumpBunch  Parent's Night Out 6-9:30pm
12	13	14	15	16
Soccer 	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	JumpBunch  Parent's Night Out 6-9:30pm
19	20	21	22	23
Soccer 	Soccer S.O.M.E. Drive Ends 	Ballet 	Zumba 	JumpBunch 
26	27	28	29	30
RSCC Closed.	RSCC Closed.	RSCC Closed.	RSCC Closed.	RSCC Closed.