



Rock Spring Reporter

September 2009

From the office...

We would like to officially welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year! We have high hopes for this year! We will have a strong focus on curriculum, community, and having a ton of fun!

We are starting the year off with a bang with many Parent Committee (RSPC) planned events. Back to School Night will be on Friday, September 25th from 5 to 7. The main focus on this event will be on getting to know all of the families at RSCC, learning more about your child's classroom and having a chance to mingle with your child's teachers. The tentative plan is to have parents mingle from 5 to 6, have a brief welcome from the directors, and then get food and head to your child's classroom to meet or get to know your child's teachers a little better. Dinner will be a pot luck so we ask that all families bring a dish to share.

In late October we will be cele-

brating our one year anniversary at our new location! (Can you believe it?!) The RSPC has come through yet again and has a fun afternoon planned on Saturday, October 31st. More details to follow!

As we begin this new school year, it is very important to take a moment to remember how precious each and every child is that enters our lives. We, like you, love your children dearly and look forward to having the precious gift of watching them grow and mature for another year. Please let us know if you have any questions throughout the year about your child, their classroom, or any other inquires that we may be able to help you with.

Here's to a wonderful 2009/2010 school year!

-Carrie, Betsy, and Sandra

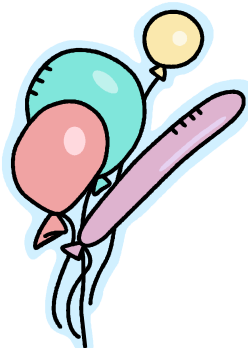
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Don't forget to display your Rock Spring Bumper Magnets! This is helping us both to advertise the Center as well as avoid getting towed from the drop off spots in front of the school. Parking will continue to be a bit tricky until the new parking garage is finished in a few months.



Happy Birthday & Employment Anniversary to...



Happy Birthday...

Nirosha- Sept. 1st

Flora- Sept. 21st

Anna- Sept. 29th

Happy Anniversary...

Mary Beth- Sept. 1st- 1 year

Sandra- Sept. 7th- 16 years

Rosa- Sept. 26th- 9 years

Guppies

It seems like just the other day we were talking about the nice warm summer weather and now we are busy getting ready for the new school year and talking about Fall! We still have a little bit of summer left to enjoy which we plan to fill with stroller rides! Our babies are nature lovers and they love to be outside.

We are so sad to say goodbye to our two little friends Sienna and Jon Temple. We will miss them and their wonderful families. At least we will be able to peek in on them everyday and continue to watch them grow. We love you so much!

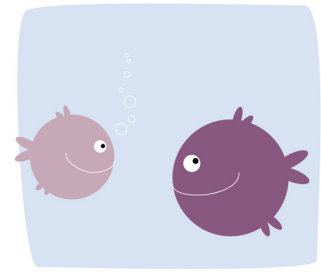
At the same time we would like to welcome our two new babies Addie and Daniella and their families. We know that you will like our colorful Guppy Class-

room.

Our oldest boy in the room is Coby. He is going to miss his friends Sienna and Jon temple but he told them before they left that he will see them soon! Other than missing his friends Coby is doing great! He is moving all around the classroom and exploring every nook and cranny. We are glad that he is back from vacation!

Our pretty girl Paige is growing every day! Now she sits up very well. One of her favorite activities is playing in front of the mirror with her favorite toys. She also sings very well and loud. Sometimes we have to remind her that the other babies are trying to sleep. She went on a long vacation to the beach and has changed so much since they returned from the beach.

Our sweet lady Ada... We are so amazed at how quickly she



grew! She can sit and is all over the carpet. She loves feeling the different textures of the carpet and the color mat. She has blue eyes and a beautiful smile. She just started eating solid foods and enjoys them a lot.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful parents for your cooperation, understanding and support.

We love you!

Dilruba, Rosa, and Nanda

Tadpoles

Hello Friends!

This month has been full of adventures! The Tadpole might be small but we sure love to learn new things each and every day! We have been enjoying the nice weather by exploring the outdoors when we go on our little stroller rides. We have seen ducks, butterflies, flowers and so many colors that our environment has to offer us. After or long rides we head to the Blue Room where we play, work on walking, share, sing, and enjoy dancing along to all of the songs that we hear.

After the Blue Room we head back to the classroom where we get all cleaned up and we have lunch together like a big family! Our teachers help us pick up our food so that we can learn to feed

ourselves.

We are very happy to welcome our new friends Sienna and Jon Temple. We wish Ava and Alessandra good luck and know that we will miss you very much. We love you girls and we know that you will have as much fun with your new teachers as we had with you.

We are very proud of each and every Tadpole!

Michael has learned so much. He is crawling all over the place and taking little steps. He loves to clap his hands and enjoys playing in the Blue Room. He loves his naps the best!

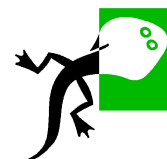
Katherine is growing up so fast! She knows how to walk and even run She loves to read books and is an excellent dancer. We are very proud of how much she loves to

learn.

Luke is a very sweet boy. He loves to jump, move from side to side, and clap his hands as soon as he hears music playing. He loves blowing kisses!

Will is very happy too! He is always smiling and giggling. He love to walk around the classroom with his new shoes!

We are very proud of how all of the Tadpoles love learning, all of the effort they give, and how hard they try and never give up. Parent, if you have any concerns or questions please let us know. Thank you!



Salamanders



Hello Salamander Parents!

September is here and we only have a few weeks until the weather changes (in our opinion for the best!). We love the cool weather and are looking forward to taking long walks with your children collecting leaves, pine cones, acorns and whatever else we can find that represents the fall weather!

William and Sydney have transitioned to other classrooms. We will miss them very much and are happy that we get to see them on the playground every day!!!

We have completed our theme on "Water" and have started "Everyday Places and Routines". Some of the topics for this theme include people we see, places we go, and every day routines such as waking up in the morning, going to school and what we do in school. We will also be learning about the changing season fall. We have ordered new books which pertain to our new themes and will

be arriving soon.

We had a lot of fun this summer. Water Play and eating popsicles were among some of the favorite things we did this summer.

We have a few important reminders for you! Here they are: Please label all of your children's belongings including cups, blankets and sheets, clothes including hats, mittens, shoes and lunch containers. In other words -- everything!

We have some new toys that the children are enjoying. We have also completed our "Wish List" of toys/books, etc. for our back to school event.

We are looking forward to our Back To School event on September 25th from 5-7pm. Our class will provide you with a handout that will include information such as our goals, the teacher's backgrounds, our class sched-

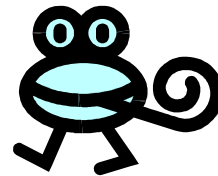
ule and what we plan to do over the next year.

We have a notebook sitting on the ledge next to the sink that we would like you to use whenever you have something to tell us that you have not put on the daily chart. This will be a good way to make sure we are all informed of any pertinent information such as last minute absences or a request to for the teachers (etc).

Salamander parents, thanks so much for being so supportive. We love you!

Love,
Dulari, Chandni, Mary Beth and Amina

Frogs



Wow! What a wonderful summer we had together!

We really enjoyed water play, walks around the pond, playing in the sandbox, and all of the other outdoor summer activities.

We would like to give a huge welcome to Jack, Ava, Jaxon, and Alessandra and their families. We are very excited that you are becoming Frogs! Welcome!

We will miss Ethan, Nicolas, and Hannah and their families. They have transitioned to new classes but we know that they will be happy there!

Starting in September, we will be focusing on our new theme, *Everyday Places and Routines*. During this month, the Frog Class plans to do many activities related to this curriculum theme. We will focus on learning important aspects of life such as table manners, brushing our teeth, washing our hands, and learning new words. We encourage you to continue these habits at home.

If your child is having difficulties with a specific aspect, please feel free to let us know so that we can work with each child and take care of their needs.

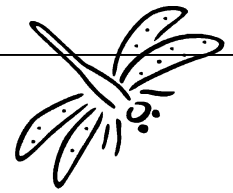
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your child's cubby and bring in clothing that is appropriate for the weather.

Thank you for all of your cooperation.

Sunilka, Nirosha, Asoka, and Whitney

Dragonflies



August was a wonderful month with lots of fun activities in the classroom and water play. Now, we are welcoming the month of September and we will have many more things to do in our classroom. We want to say goodbye to Kaan and Sunny as they are going to the big classroom where they are going to learn more and more. We enjoyed having them and watching them grow. We will miss them and their wonderful families. Now, we would like to welcome Lauren, John and Sydney,

and their families to our dragonfly classroom.

Parents, please feel free to call us with any questions and concerns.

The curriculum planned for this month is Everyday Places and Routines. We will learn and teach about people they see, places they go, and things they do everyday such as waking up in the morning, going to school, being at school, and where they live.

We will continue to do projects and have circle time, listen to music, and also develop our fine and

gross motor skills.

Parents please help us by bringing in any old magazines and newspapers that you may have.

Last month we celebrate Ella, Arielle and Owen's Birthday. This month we are going to say Happy Birthday to Mark.

Now you can see how your dragonfly is doing going potty. The sticker chart is hanging on the wall in our bathroom and can be checked daily. Please see that your kids have extra clothing in their cubbies since they are being potty trained.

Thank you,

Chamida, Roxana, Yasmin

Butterflies

Wow August is gone quickly! The kids really enjoyed the month with water play and now we are ready for September.

First of all, we will say goodbye to Luke and his family and Daniel and his family. We will miss you so much and you were so wonderful parents.

Now we would like to welcome our new friends to our Butterfly class room William, Ethan, Nicolas, Hannah, and Aki, he started in July, to our classroom. We are so excited to have you in our classroom.

As per the curriculum for

this month the topic is "Every Places And Routines" The things we would be talking about with our kids are; People they see, things they do every day and places they go.

We will be reading books related to the topic and also will be doing projects both indoor and outdoor.

We will say Happy birthday to Aki the 9th and Ethan on the 23rd.

We are also working with some of our kids with potty training, and they are all trying very hard.

Here in the butterfly class room we are working on our table manners such as please and thank

you, talking to other the kids, being gentle with their friends, and also about how to share.

Parents please feel free to ask us any questions and concerns. You can talk to us by phone at ext 228.

Thank you,
MsAsha, Ms Doris and DeeDee





Otters

Dear Otter Parents,

This summer has been great!! the otters have been busy working on fun projects, the high reach curriculum has really blown us away with so much fun stuff to do! we have a large variety of fun activity's planned for the otters this months. The theme for this month is **EVE-RYDAY PLACES AND ROUTINES.**

We wrapped up august by culminating with **FAMILY**

FUN, we talked about fun memory's with our family, Where we visit with our family and Everyone got a chance to bring in pictures and share with the class. it was very cute to see how they expressed themselves about their family. With that i would like to inform the otters parents that we will be working with our new curriculum specialist (Ms Erin) hand to hand.. to make the class the best to it could be.

We are very happy to be working with each child,

we have been seeing the progress of each one. I would like to take this opportunity and remind all parents to please check the mailboxes, and cubbys. Make sure your child has extra cloth. We are officially done with water play so all the water play stuff may go home. Thank you for all your help!

Love,

Idalia, Brooke, and Luiza

Turtles

How quickly August has flown by, but oh how much fun we've had! I'd just like to say thank you again for all the parent support with all the Freaky Fridays, the water play days and all the extra fun things we've done in the classroom. Your enthusiasm and participation is what makes it all possible and leads to all of our learning and FUN!

I hope you are ready to start it all again because September is shaping up to be yet another amazing month for the Turtles:) To start off we have welcomed FIVE new Turtles to the room and are so excited to have Danny, Luke, Kaan, Sunny and Daniel join our class! In turn, Lucas, Ava and Jessica have all moved on to the Geese Room. Though we will miss having them in the classroom, we are proud they are taking this next

step and as with all the other Turtles who have moved on, they now provide awesome inspiration for the remaining Turtles:)

With our largest number of kids in the room to date we look forward to even more learning and fun. This month's curriculum theme is "Everyday Places and Routines" through which we are going to learn about the places we go, the people we see and the things we do on a daily basis.

Be sure to check in with Miss Erin's daily blog so you can keep up with the projects and topics we do everyday and talk about them with your child each nigh! If you have not received an "invite" to the blog or are having trouble with it, please let Miss Erin know.

September is also bringing us the close of summer, a handful of Turtle birthdays and our RSCC "Back To School Night" on September 25 from 5-7pm. So as you can see, we have a lot of exciting things to look forward to! We Turtle Teachers promise to keep you up to date as best we can, but please also remember to check your child's mailbox (the folder hanging on the wall by the kitchen) with notices and special announcements from the office.

As always, please feel free to come to any of us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to having a fantastic September!

Miss Erin, Miss Iliana & Miss Rosie

Geese

Welcome to September! We can't believe that the summer months have flown by and we will soon be playing in the chilly days of Fall!

We had so much fun this summer going on field trips and doing water play. We will continue to enjoy the playground this Fall but we will not be in our bathing suits!

This September we sent a bunch of Geese off to live in the Duck pond and they will be missed very much. Goodbye to Ava, Sam, Thomas, Ronnah, Roman, Beth, Anna, and Taryn. We will miss you and your families very much but know you will have a great time being a Duck!

So our Goose Pond doesn't look too empty we have new Geese to welcome to the classroom. Jessica, Lucas, Ava, Nora, Brady, and Jocelyn are all moving in! We are so happy to have you and your families

and look forward to watching you spread your wings in the Geese Class!

In the month of September we will be talking about "Everyday Places and Routines." We will talk about our morning, day, and evening routines and all of the things that we see in the world around us. We are very thankful to have Miss Erin who will be helping us on a monthly basis with our curriculum planning. Thanks Erin!

We also have two new teachers that we would like to welcome to the Geese Room. Miss Tiana will be a full time teacher in our room and Miss. Elsi will be helping both the Geese and the Ducks! We are so happy to have you both!

As a few reminders, please remember to change all of the clothing in your child's cubby to

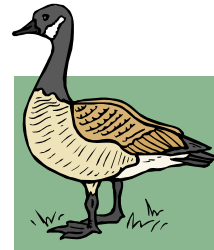
reflect the changing weather. We have already had a few cold mornings so please don't forget to send a jacket in for morning playground time. If you child is potty training, please make sure that we have a ton of extra clothes for them to change into in case of accidents.

We look forward to another great year with your children and are thrilled to be partners with you in your child's education!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always available to help you!

Sincerely,

Yessenia, Tianna, and Elsi



Ducks

Welcome to September! Can you believe that the summer is over? We can't! It seemed to fly by! We had such a great summer! Freaky Fridays, or Splish and Splash curriculum, unit, and field trips! Thanks so for all your help this summer with field trips! If we didn't have parents who drove- we couldn't go! In September, we are doing the curriculum unit called Everyday Places and Routines. We are very excited to start it! Thanks to Miss Erin our new curriculum specialist for getting it all organized for us! During this unit we will be talking about people you see, places you go, and things you see everyday. It should be a very fun unit! We will all learn a lot about each other! We very excited to welcome some new Ducks to our classroom from the Geese! Welcome to Ava,

Sam, Anna, Beth, Roman, Ronnah, and Thomas! We am very excited to have you and your families join us! We also get some returning Ducks. Welcome back to Mia, Niki, Maggie, Lamont, Isabel, and Sophia. We want to wish our Ducks who are moving up to the Swans- Good Luck! We had such a great time being your teachers and we are very excited to see what will happen as you grow into a big Swan! Aidan R, Mateo, Martin, Sean, Georges, and Lauren- We love you all and will see on the playground! A special shout out to my Ducks who are off to kindergarten! David, Claire, and Cameren- you guys are going to do awesome! Please keep in touch! Please visit! To all the new parents in my classroom, we write a blog everyday about what happens in the

Duck classroom. If you would like to be invited to view it, please send an email at MsStephanie@rockspringcc.com and we can send you an invite. Please remember we have a back to school night Pot Luck dinner on Sept 25th from 5-7. We hope to see a lot of you there! As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email or call the classroom. The best time to reach us by phone is between 1 and 3. The extension in the Duck classroom is #244. It will ring right thru. We always here if you need us. xxoo, Miss Stephanie, Miss Catherine, and Miss Elsi

Swans

A new school year has begun! My maiden crop of Swans has moved on to kindergarten and I love them and wish them all the best in the world. And now, WELCOME to my new class! Sydney, Spenser and Josh have been with me for the summer and are going to be very helpful at acclimating the others. Aidan, Martin, Mateo, Sean, Lauren, and Georges have transitioned from the Ducks class and seem to really like their new class. I know it is an adjustment going from a larger to a smaller class for them and they now have the responsibility of being the "big Kids", but you will see how quickly they will grow to love it! Finally, welcome to Apaara who is brand new to the center! She has jumped right in and decided that "Cindy" (Sydney) is her best friend in the world. Fun times will be had during the month of September (and al-

ways!) in the Swan class. We will spend the month doing some back to school activities and getting to know each other. We will begin right away with our High Reach curriculum and that will be a big part of our daily routine covers all areas from language arts to math to social studies and science with fun activities and worksheets. We have ordered some neat supplemental workbooks for this year too.

In addition to our curriculum, we will be learning all about apples this month! We will be tasting all different kinds of apples and doing some apple cooking activities. We will read books about apples and have some fun art activities to do as

well. We will learn lots of apple facts and become experts. If you have any books or activities or recipes that you would like to share with us we would love to use them.

This year, instead of making a family photo collage on poster board, I would like to ask each child to bring in just one photo of their family. This will save precious wall space in our room. I have a special way that we will display the photos once they have been brought in. If you could bring in your child's photo by the end of the month, that would be great!

Thank you and welcome to the Swan class!
Miss Heather



Sally Foster

Our Fall Fundraiser is Sally Foster. All orders are due by September 25th. You, and your family and friends, can order online at www.sallyfoster.com. You will have to enter RSCC's account number, 961315, in order for RSCC to get credit. Thank you!!!

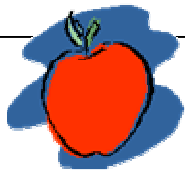
Reenrollment Packets

Please remember that all reenrollment packets are due by September 4th!

Open Houses

We need volunteers for our open houses on September 10th from 9 to 11am and September 24th from 6 to 8pm. Please let us know if you are able to stay and help.





Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be on September 25th from 5 to 7pm. We are going to be conducting the dinner in a pot luck fashion so we ask that all family contribute a dish. The schedule for the evening is that we will mingle from 5 to 6 with brief introductions from the directors and then have dinner in your child's classroom from 6 to 7. Teachers will be available for questions during dinner.



RSCC Spirit Days

Our first RSCC Spirit Day will be on Friday, September 25th. (Same day as Back to School Night!) You can find all of your RSCC apparel needs by visiting www.fieldhouse.com/rockspring

From now until September 7th receive 10% off your entire order when you enter RSCC09 at checkout.

RSCC will receive 20% of all orders and is a wonderful way to show your support for our fantastic school!



Save the Date...



Can you believe that we have almost been at our new school for a whole year? What better way to celebrate this accomplishment than with a Founder's Day Party! Please join us on Saturday, October 31st for a Founder's Day / Halloween Party! There will be entertainment for the kids and plenty of good company for the adults.

Details to follow....



Cabin John Play Date



Come join us for a HUGE RSCC play date!

What better way to spend a Saturday morning than relaxing at Cabin John Park having a snack and hanging out with your best friends?

Where: Cabin John Park on Tuckerman Lane

When: Saturday, September 12th from 10am to 12pm

Attire: Wear your RSCC garb and your favorite play clothes!

We hope to see you there!

Extended Care Option is...well... extended!

Parents,

We had a great trial month with offering care from 6:00 to 6:45 on an as needed basis and therefore will be continuing the service indefinitely. Just as a reminder, here is how it works:

It will cost \$100 for the month (\$175 for two children) or \$10 for each time you use it (\$15 for two children) The charge will be added to your monthly statement.

In order to participate in the monthly option, please notify us no later than by the end of the first week of the month that you would like to sign up for.

For the daily option, ***the office needs to be notified either via phone call or email directed to office@rockspringcc.com no later than 3pm the day you plan to pick late.***

Please note that if you show up after 6pm and have not signed up for the after-hours service, you will still be required to pay the usual fine (\$10 per each 15 minutes or portion thereof).

If you sign up for the late service and end up not needing it that day, the office must be notified by 3pm that you will not need the extended day **otherwise you will be charged for that day.**

We hope that the parents who have utilized this service over the past month have found it helpful.

Please let the office know if you have any additional questions!