

September 2011



Rock Spring Reporter

From the office...

Let us be the first to officially welcome you to the 2011/2012 school year! We hope that you are as excited as we are for all of the wonderful activities, learning opportunities and fun events we have planned for the coming year.

On Friday, September 16th we will be hosting our annual RSCC Back to School Night & Potluck. On that night, from 6-8pm, you will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with all our wonderful teachers. You will also get the chance to hear from the teachers about their plans for your child's classroom and all the things they will be working on this year. While dinner will be served in the indoor play area, parents and children will be moved to their individual classrooms to dine with fellow classmates, their families and their teachers.

September is always an exciting time that brings some new families to RSCC and we would like to highlight some of the multiple ways that the office attempts to keep our parents informed of information that is important to our school community.

1. **Email/Listserv:** We send out frequent reminders and notices, either for the whole school or your child's classroom, on a regular basis. RSCC also has a parent listerv through Yahoo Groups. Please make sure that the office has the email address that you check most often.
2. **Classroom Mailboxes:** Every child has either a cubby or a mailbox in their class-

room. Please check these mailboxes often for notes from the office, information from teachers or projects from your child.

3. **White Boards:** Upcoming events, important reminders and other useful information is put up on the white boards at both front and back entrances. Please take a look each day on your way in/out of the school.
4. **Website:** The RSCC website has a wealth of knowledge! For example, tuition rates, newsletters, menus and school announcements.
5. **Phone:** We will contact families via phone if there is communication that is urgent.

Last but not least, please always feel free to stop into the office should you have any questions, comments, concerns-or if you just want to speak with someone in person. Carrie and Sandra are always here to help you in anyway. Erin is also taking on extra hours in the office as Assistant Director (in addition to her primary role of teaching the Swans) and will happily assist you in anyway that she can.

Here's to a fantastic new school year at our pond!

Sincerely,

Carrie, Sandra & Erin

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Don't forget that you need to have a Rock Spring bumper magnet or window sticker

displayed on your car to park in the drop off spots in front of the school. Also, 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). Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe!

Happy Birthday & Employment Anniversary to...



Happy Birthday...

Nirosha: September 1st

Flora: September 21st

Happy Anniversary...

Sandra: September 9th-19 years!!

Rosa: September 26th-11 years!!

Guppies

There have been some big changes in the Guppy Room...

Our sweet little girl, Lulu has moved onto the Mobile Babies Room. We are so sad to say goodbye to her. We will miss her and her wonderful family and wish you the best of luck...we love you, Lulu!

We already have two new beautiful babies (and their families) with us; Riley Miller and Max Miller. (They do have the same last name but we don't think they are brother and sister).

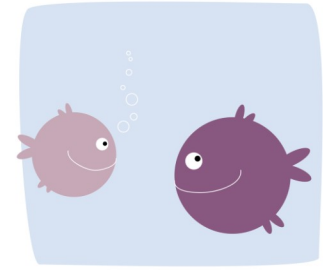
Riley is such a big girl. She knows everything and is trying her best to crawl. Riley also loves to eat and can drink from a sippy cup! She is such a happy girl and has adjusted so well to her new room!

Max is a very sweet little boy. He also adjusted to his new room beautifully! He is so easy going and doesn't seem to have any problems with anything. Max's favorite spots in the room are under the baby gym or playing in front of the mirror. He is such a sweet boy and already loved by all!

Our handsome boy, Elliot is doing great! He is the oldest baby in the room now and is crawling all over the place! When he does crawl he looks so proud of himself. (And Elliot, we are proud of you, too!) Elliot is so sweet and always concerned about his friends. He does not like when anyone else gets upset and is one of his friends cries he gets very worried, such a good friend!

Our happy baby Maya is such a social butterfly! She loves to say "hi" to anyone who comes to the room and greets them with her beautiful smile. Maya is moving all over the place and reaching for everything in sight. She is becoming more and more vocal too. Maya and Riley are quite a pair. They love to play together but will also fight over the same toys. They are slowly learning to share though, they are so cute!

Our handsome boy, Nathan is doing wonderfully! He is growing so much every day. He loves to play in front of the mirror on his tummy. He catches his handsome reflection in the mirror and gives the biggest smile! Nathan also knows his name and always responds when you call him. He is such an



adorable little boy!

Finally, we are sad to say goodbye to our sweet teacher, Ms. Zonia. She is moving to the Frog Class with the big kids and we are going to miss her dearly. Ms. Zonia, thank you so much for all of your help and love. We love you!

If you have any questions, please let us know as we are always here for you. Hope you enjoyed the summer. Love you all!

The Guppy Teachers

~Dilruba, Rosa & Thamara

Minnows

The month of August went by very fast. Welcome to the month of September!!

The Minnows have been enjoying the beautiful weather by going on stroller rides outside and around the pond. We have seen many geese families, butterflies, flowers and so many colors that our environment has offered us. Our babies are nature lovers and they love to be outside. We are so surprised how quickly these babies have developed new skills.

We are sad to say good bye to our handsome, busy two boys; James and Ryder. We will miss them and their wonderful families. We wish them good luck! At the same time, we would like to welcome our new babies; Max Lubochinski and Zachary Mandeville. We promise that your

babies are going to have so much fun. They will learn new things and they will be loved by everyone. We hope that you parents will love the Minnows room too!

The infants are growing so fast. Our oldest boy in the room is Leo. He is a very busy boy. He is crawling all over the classroom. He loves to clap his hands and to read books. Leo loves to do peek-a-boo with the teachers and his friends. He enjoys his solid foods. Leo is always happy and everyone loves him. He can say few words like "no" and also he knows how to wave his hand.

Our pretty girl Emily is growing every day. Emily explores every corner of the room. She really loves to play in the exer-saucer and gives us a big, full smile all day long. She is doing great with her solid food. She is always waving and clapping her hands with a nice smile on her face.

Our little busy bee is Addison. Most of the time she is happy to sit on the color mat and watch others as they crawl by. She loves to play quietly with her few favorite toys. She enjoys her solid food. She is always happy and everyone loves her a lot.

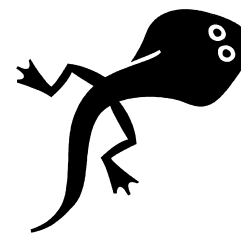
Our little handsome boy Vincent is doing wonderful. He is very happy and also adjusted very well. He loves to do tummy time in front of the mirror and play in the exer-saucer too. His favorite toy is the musical fish.

As always please feel free to ask any questions and let us know of any concerns. We would love to hear from you.

~The Minnow Teachers

Nanda, Dee Dee and Asoka

Tadpoles



August was a busy month for the Tadpoles! Our children enjoyed the stroller rides, learning Spanish and sign language and some can now even use sign language to communicate a few words!

We want to congratulate Maxwell and Dylan on their graduation from the Tadpole class and are now moving on to the Frog and Salamander classes, respectively. We are going to miss them both and wish nothing but the best for each of them. Please come visit, your Tadpole friends will be waiting with open arms. Also, we want to give a warm welcome to Lulu and her family!

Our Tadpole members are:

Wyatt is a sweet and busy little boy who loves to climb on things. He re-



MY OH MY! Time to take out the rainy boots and put away the sandals because September is HEREEEE!!!

We are very sad to say goodbye to Thomas. We are really going to miss him and his beautiful family. We know he is going to love his new class. There are so many things for him to learn and explore in the Salamanders.

Now Owen is the oldest Goldfish in the class. He is almost walking. Yay!! He has been working so hard and he is almost there. He loves to sing and dance during circle time. Oh yeah our babies know how to dance!

Matthew is walking, running, talking and ready to go! He loves to sit and turn the pages of the books also. He is such a flirt with the girls! Matthew is such a gentle baby with all his friends.

Alexander just started to walk this month and he is all over the classroom! He knows how to open the gate, so once he did help all his friends escape! They were so happy and he was just smiling, of course.

cently started walking and is improving every day! Wyatt also knows a few words in sign language. He is such an adorable little guy and loves to observe his sweet face in the mirror.

Sam is a wonderful little boy who loves to give hugs! His infectious smile has made him quite popular too. Sam loves to bring books to us to read and his favorite seems to be one called Sam's Room. He also loves stroller rides and playing with the big balls in the open area.

Ryan is a lovable, smart, sweet little boy. He is always happy and makes our day each morning when we see his sweet smile. Ryan loves to use the train and cart to move around the classroom. He knows a few words in

sign language and loves to dance and give hugs.

Henry is a cheerful little boy who loves to explore the entire classroom. He is a busy boy and at the sound of music he starts to dance with lots of energy. He seems to love it, and never gets tired! Henry also loves stroller rides, but most of all he loves his food! He is also a good listener when we read.

Parents, please be sure to check your child's clothes to see if they still fit and thank you for the plastic shopping bags, they are very helpful!

~The Tadpole Teachers

Maria, Chandi & Marlene

Goldfish

Caroline, our big baby girl, is running all around the classroom with her buddy Matthew. She loves her vegetables and her fruits; especially watermelon. She is always happy and it seems that nothing scares her. Caroline is very happy to have her big brother near her since Ben is now right down the hall in the Owls.

Hugo is back from vacation!! Yay!! We missed him a lot. Even though he was out for a while, he doesn't seem to be bothered by the change of hours or all that yummy food he had. He seems to be very happy to be back. Hugo is about to start walking and we are all so excited- especially Mommy!

Katherine has adapted to the room wonderfully! She loves her friends and teachers. Every morning she seems to be very happy to come to school. We also want to wish good luck to her sister Beth, who is going to kindergarten! We know you are going to have so much fun!

We want to welcome our new Goldfish, Ryder, who just transitioned from the Minnows. He is such a happy boy! We think he gets this from mommy, daddy and his big brother Brady; who is

also now in the Owls. We are very happy to have this beautiful family here with us. We know Ryder is ready to learn so many new things!

We all are very sad to see Ms. Tania move to the Butterflies. We love her so much and are going to miss her dearly!! We know she will always come to see us, though and we hope that when we move to the Butterflies Ms. Tania will still be there. Thanks for everything you taught us and for all the love, Ms. Tania...good luck and have fun in your new room!

PARENTS: please check your child's clothing. The weather it's about to start to changing and we probably need some socks and pants. If you have a questions please just let us know.

LOVE ♥

Bimali, Soranji and Tania

Frogs

August was a such amazing month for the Frogs! We had so much fun with all the "Freaky Fridays" and enjoyed closing out the month with Silly Wacky Week.

We are so sad to say so many goodbyes; first to Ms. Ashmeera, who returned to the Philippines. Then Ms. Megan and Ms. Brittney who both returned to their respective colleges to start a new school year. We loved having them all with us and we wish them each the best of luck!

We do also have some transitions this month and we are so sad to say goodbye to Rohan and his family who are moving on to the Dragonfly Room. We are so proud of you, Rohan, and we will

On the other hand, we are very excited for our new addition to the Frog Room. WELCOME MAXWELL and his family-we are so thrilled to have you join us!

We are also just as excited to welcome to Ms. Christina and Ms. Zonia as they join our class. We know they will be a wonderful addition to the Frog Teacher Team!

Well, September is a new school year and we are ready with a lot of fun activities! The curriculum theme this month is "Everyday Places and Routines." We are going to explore how we start and end our day (and everything in between) in addition to learning about school, family, our neighborhoods and community. We will also continue working on good manners, numbers and colors as



well.

Thank you for all the support you always give and feel free to talk with us any time regarding your child or concerns you may have.

Children learn in the real world, with real things and real people and we are here to support and encourage them.

~The Frogs Teachers

Ms. Luiza, Ms. Nirosha, Ms. Zonia & Ms. Christina

Salamanders

Hello and welcome to the month of September!

The weather is starting to turn cooler, and the leaves will begin changing into their best shades :orange, red, yellow, brown and copper.

What a exciting summer we had! Freaky Fridays, water play and so many fun activities. We are practicing brushing teeth while singing the brush your teeth song.

September's curriculum will be very exciting! The theme is "Everyday Places and Routines" and we are very eager to explore how we start and end our day, the places we go-like home and school-and we will also talk about family, neighborhoods and our community.

We would like to welcome Dylan and Thomas and their wonderful families to the Salamanders. We are sad to say Goodbye to Diego and Catherine as they both are moving to the Butterfly Classroom. We would also like to welcome our new Teacher, Jessica to the room. Finally, we would like to wish the best to Remona as she moves to the Goldfish. We will miss you, Remona-thank you for everything!

Our children are doing great! We in addition to focusing on the curriculum, we are also teaching them important things like cleaning up the room after done playing with toys and putting our books back on the shelves after reading them. We are trying to make these things fun by singing the "Clean up, Clean up" song while they all join in.

Parents you can encourage them at home as we do it here!

As the weather starts to cool down, please send weather appropriate clothing. Please also make sure the clothes still fit your child and that you label everything that is brought in from home.

Thank you so much. Here's to a wonderful new school year!

~Salamanders Teachers

Dolly, Dulari, Estefania



Butterflies

What a wonderful summer we had with all the fun field trips and activities in (and outside!) the classroom.

First of all, we are so sad to say goodbye to Zoe and Peter who have moved to the Turtle class and Coby who has moved to the Otters. We will miss you all and your wonderful parents.

On the other hand we would like to welcome three new friends to the Butterfly class. We are so excited to have Diego and Catherine join us from the Toddler Class along with Elena Fran-

cesca, who is brand new to our school! We are so thrilled to have you and your parents join us!

The High Reach Curriculum for the month of September is "Everyday Places and Routines." With this topic the children will learn about and explore things that happen in our daily lives both at home and at school.

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Catherine who will turn 2 on September 15th!

We will also continue to work on potty training, table man-

ners, sharing and being nice to our friends with the Butterflies.

Please feel free to talk to any of us should you have any questions or concerns. The phone extension to our classroom is 228.

Thank you!

Ms. Asha, Ms. Doris & Ms. Tania



Dragonflies

Welcome to the Dragonflies Classroom! We are looking forward to an exciting school year filled with fun and educational activities.

August was a great month. We had so much fun with all of our Freaky Friday themes and had a fantastic time finishing it all off with "Silly, Wacky Week".

The new High Reach Curriculum theme for September is "Everyday Places and Routines." We are going to have so much fun with this theme and we will keep you posted on our daily activities through our class blog.

We would like to officially welcome Rohan, Kavya, Iida and their

families to our room. We are so glad you are all now part of the Dragonfly bunch!

We also want to let you know that potty training is still in progress. The kids in the classroom are working so hard! Thank you parents for supporting this effort at home as well-we know it isn't easy!

We would also like to remind you to please check your child's cubby and make sure they have enough extra clothes. Please remember to label these items as well!

Thank you so much for being such supportive parents and in helping

to make the classroom run so smoothly. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Roxana, Chamida & Maritza



Otters

As the new school year begins, it is time to say good-bye to summer. The Otters had a great summer! With all the silly wacky themes we had, and not to mention the creativity you parents put into our themes, we couldn't ask for a better wacky summer!

This month, we would like to welcome our new Otters; Christopher and Coby. We are very happy to have you join our class! The Otters say good-bye to Sara, Julia, Ethan, and Daniel, who transitioned to the Geese class. We will miss you and have been so happy to have had you as part of

Otter class this past year! We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Michael Polis who turns 3 on the 10th and Sienna who also turns 3 on the 28.

This month our High Reach Curriculum will be on "everyday places and routines". We will talk about how we start and end our day, what it's like where we live, what's at school, and all other places we go.

Parents, we would like to remind you to please make sure you sign your child in/out daily and to please make sure you check your Childs'

mailbox daily, too! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to any one of us teachers. You may also contact us through email. Thanks and have a wonderful month of September!

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Ms. Veronica, Ms Adrianna, and Ms. Mary

Turtles

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year in the Turtle classroom!

It has been a busy and joyful summer filled with plenty of fun, learning and field trips.

Our High Reach Curriculum theme for the month of September is "Everyday Places and Routines." Through this topic, the children will learn new things and routines related to home, family, school, and community.

It has been such a joy seeing our little Turtles become independent and develop their own personalities. It is on a sad, yet proud, note that we say goodbye to Sydney Townsend-who is moving to the Geese- and Cara and Aki-who are both moving on to the Duck Room. We know you

are all ready for this next step and that you will thrive in your new rooms!

We are happy to welcome Connor, Noelle, Peter and Zoe S. to our pond!

Here are just a few reminders for our parents:

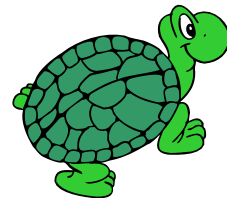
*Please be sure to label all of your Turtle's clothing and lunchbox (if they bring lunch)

*Parent-teacher communication is very important to us. We can always be reached through email:

MsMarieLouise@Rockspringcc.com

MsYessenia@Rockspringcc.com

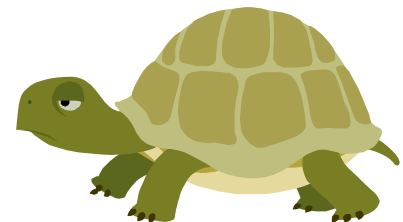
MsIliana@Rockspringcc.com



Thank you for all you do to help our classroom run so smoothly...here's to a great school year!

~The Turtle Teachers

Ms. Marie-Louise, Ms. Yessenia & Ms. Iliana



Geese

The summer is nearing an end and the earthquakes are hopefully past us, but August was a very busy month for our Geese family.

We started off our wonderful month with a very cool week of ice cream fun. We talked about all of the different types of ice cream, how ice cream is made and even when we should eat ice cream and when we should not. We talked about how we can have almost any type of topping on our ice cream as long as we do not eat too much of it because that might give us a tummy ache. Some fan favorites were chocolate syrup, cookies, candy and even fruit were a top of the list!

After cooling off with a week of ice cream talk we moved on to the next week in August where we learned about the 70's and hippies. We learned that hippies loved to wear a lot of different colors and crazy outfits. We also learned that they love to keep their hair long and wear peace signs. We learned that to be peaceful you must be able to get along with different people and accept them for who they are. We made tie dye shirts and even talked about one of the greatest bands of all time: The Beatles! We also talked about how there was a very big concert in the 70's called Wood-



Septemeber already? Wow! The summer at RSCC flew by! We hope that everyone had a great summer just like we did in the Ducks! We are so looking forward to Fall and all the fun things we have planned for this year in the Ducks! It's going to be a great one and we are **SO EXCITED!**

First we'd like to welcome some Ducks into our classroom! Welcome to Aki and Cara and their families from the Turtles! We are **SO EXCITED** to have you! Also we'd like to welcome Bree and her family who is new to the school. We are **SO EXCITED** to have you join us as well! We've been busy getting to know all the new Ducks and their families.

The 1st week in the Ducks will be focused on all the rules of the Duck classroom and getting to know the centers we have and the cool things we have to do in the Ducks. We will be asking the Ducks what kinds of rules

stock where all different types of musical artists came together to play music for days at a time while people camped out in tents and sleep under the stars!

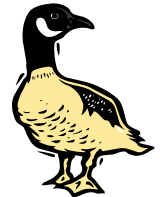
After our colorful experience learning about hippies we moved on to sports week! This was a very busy week for us because we learned all about different types of sports like: baseball, basketball, football, hockey, softball, lacrosse and even cricket! We learned the difference between a team sport and an individual sport and how we have to work together as a team in order to have a better chance at winning. Finally, after scoring some team spirit we moved on to our Silly, Wacky Week where we celebrated rainbow day, tacky day, silly sock day, and hat day! We also were lucky enough to get to celebrate Arielle's 4th birthday on August 24th! The Geese classroom has also gone through some changes with a lot of our friends getting older and moving on to the swans and owl classroom our room has made room for some new friends and we cannot wait to get started in teaching them how to be a GOOSE! We would first love to welcome Ms. Idalia to the geese. We have all

seen how wonderful Ms. Idalia is with our

otter friends and we are so very excited to have her with us J. We also would like to welcome back Ms. Melissa to the geese classroom! We would also like to officially welcome all of our new geese friends coming up from the turtle and otter classrooms: Ethan, Julia, Sara, Daniel, and Sydney! We would also like to remind everyone that back to school night is September 16th and we hope everyone can come out for some great potluck fun.

Again if there is anything we can do for anyone to make their experience with the geese family better, please let us know and we will be more than happy to help.

- The Geese Teacher's



Ducks

we should have in the classroom and then also writing down the rules, so all the Ducks can get familiar with them. We will also be exploring all the different centers we have in the class and how many Ducks are allowed in each one. It should be a fun first week!

The curriculum we will be doing in September will be called "Everyday, Places, and Routines." The Duck teachers have been looking at all the materials and thinking up some awesome projects to do with the Ducks. We will also be practicing writing our names and learning our letters and letter sounds and number in the Ducks. Miss Elsi will also be teaching the Ducks some basic Spanish and we can't wait to hear them say their colors, days of the week, and number in Spanish!

We have one birthday in the Ducks in September! Happy 4th Birthday to Aki on Sept 9th! We hope that you enjoy your special day! If you all ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us. The extension in our classroom is #244 or you can email

us at any time. Our emails are msstephanie@rockspringcc.com, msjessica@rockspringcc.com, and mselsi@rockspringcc.com We are always available to talk at drop off and pick up too! Also there is a Duck blog. If you have not yet received an invite to read the blog, just be sure to mention it to Miss Stephanie and make sure we have your correct email address and we'd love to have you reading about the Duck adventures everyday! Don't forget that Back-To-School Night is Friday Sept. 16th. We hope to see you there!

We are really glad that you all will be a part of the Ducks this year and we can't wait to see all the fun stuff we get to do and the really neat things we get to learn!
~Miss Stephanie, Miss Elsi, and Miss Jessica

Swans



Dear Swan Parents:

Welcome to a brand new school year and congratulations on your child's big move to the Swan classroom! This is a very special time for your child as they are now part of one of the oldest classrooms at RSCC-that's right, your little one is growing up!!

We are so excited about this year; we have a brand new classroom (well, new to Flora, myself and the new Swans), we have all new materials in the room, a new schedule to follow and a new curriculum to explore!

Now that your child is one of the "big kids on campus" there are a few things we will be doing a bit differently from your child's previous classroom.

*We will no longer have "nap time". Instead we will have "rest time" for about an hour each day. The mats we will be using (instead of cots) don't really work with fitted sheets, so a regular sheet or blanket will work. This is an age where a lot of children start to give up naps so if there is a quiet activity you'd like to send in for your Swan to do on their mat, that would be fine!

*In October we will start optional weekly homework. This is not mandatory, and we will have more details for you later.

*We will have Show and Share every Friday. Your Swan is welcome to bring in one thing from home that they would like to



Dear Owl Parents,

Hoot Hoot! New year, new class, new name. Lots of changes but we are off to a great start. We want to welcome all of our new families to the class and we hope you are enjoying it! We know that a new classroom means different rules and routines so here are a few notes about our classroom:

-Sign in/out clipboard will be on wall next to fridge or on fence at playground.

-We call nap time rest time and it is from 2-3pm (but we will begin a little earlier at first for those who still need a longer rest). Everyone rests quietly for the first 30 minutes. Whoever is awake after that can get up and play quietly.

-Fitted sheets do not work on our rest mats. They are too snug and cause the mats to fold up on themselves. Just one blanket and a pillow are all that are needed.

-Every Friday is show and share. Your child may select **one** toy to bring to school that day. Please no weapons and please keep all toys at home on other days:) One soft toy for rest time is fine and books are always fine!

-We do do optional, monthly homework packets in our class but this will not begin until October.

-Each day we will spend some time doing activities from our 5-year-old curriculum. New skills and concepts are introduced most days and are followed up by group activities or worksheets. We usually work on these activities after lunch.

-By now you of course have found your child's cubby. The bottom most section of the cubbies are mailboxes and this is where we will put any notes or art work to go home. **Please** check daily.

share with their friends. At times we may ask that the item pertain to a certain theme or start with a specific letter, but for now the kids can bring in whatever they'd like.

*While we will still be working with the High Reach Curriculum, the Swans will focus on a curriculum designed specifically for 5 year olds (the same one the Owls follow). Each month we will explore a different theme and focus on three letters at a time. This month the theme is "All About Me." We will be learning about our feelings, our bodies and what makes us the same and different from one another. We will learn about our 5 senses and discover our likes and dislikes. We will also focus on the letter **Tt**, **Mm** and **Pp** as well as some basic shapes (triangle, square and rectangle).

We have placed a dry erase board on the side of our refrigerator which will serve as our "Parent-Teacher Communication Board." Please feel free to leave a message for Flora or myself should there be any information we might need about your child's day. If there is ever anything you need to discuss in person you can always email me at MsErin@Rockspringcc.com.

Here's to a great school year!

Ms. Erin & Ms. Flora

Owls

-We will be sending home a piece of poster board for everyone to make a new family collage. The old ones were getting out dated and are too big for our space. This does not have to be anything fancy. It can be as simple as pasting on one family picture and having your child decorate the rest of the board. If you don't have any family photos, then we will be glad to take one of you and your child at pick-up time.

Hope that is not too overwhelming! We have a lot of fun times ahead this month. Our curriculum is focusing on the concept of All About Me. We will be doing some fun things with this. We will spend a week each on the five senses, feelings, and body parts. We will go through each of the senses and do things like have a taste test, use a feely box to identify items from touch, talk about our favorite and least favorite smells etc. We will discuss how certain situations make us feel and what to do if someone is hurting your feelings. We will learn the names of our body parts in both English and Spanish!

Some curriculum skills that will be introduced this month are letters Mm, Pp, and Tt. I know that most of the class already recognizes their letters but the curriculum does activities that reinforce the letter sounds. Each letter has a character to go with it. We will meet Mary and Marsha Mouse, Petey Porcupine and Tad Tiger. We will also focus on basic shapes (circle, triangle, rectangle, and square). A separate curriculum newsletter will be sent home each month outlining all of the skills that will be introduced for that month.

Lastly, we want to wish a very happy birthday to Gloria, Donny, Francisco and Peyton who all turn 5 years old this month!!

Sincerely,
Miss Heather, Miss Brooke, and Miss Evelyn

School Closed Monday, September 5th

RSCC will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.

Back to School Potluck: Friday, September 16th!

We will be having a potluck dinner on Friday, September 16th from 6 to 8pm. Here are the details:

- All families and children are invited! Please attend if you can so you can meet the teachers.
- There will be a sign-up on the sheet located outside of the office window. Please write your family's name, the dish that you will provide, and the number of people who will be attending.
- No time to cook? Not a problem! Simply write a check for \$30 and we will provide food for you.
- Parking: We ask that all families attending the potluck park in the parking garage. We have requested that the gates remain up that evening so you can exit without a charge. Please do not park in the pick up and drop off spaces as those will be used by families who are picking up their children.

***Late fees will be administered for all children who are not with their parents by 6pm. Extended Day will not be available. The teachers have to be available to talk with parents.**

Parent's Night Out

Parking Reminder

Please help us ensure a safe and orderly traffic pattern in front of our School. Please obey all “No Parking” signs. If you come into the office park from Rock Spring Drive, **please go around the pond rather than try to pull into the drop off spaces facing the wrong way.** If there are no available spots in the main pick-up and drop-off you have several other options:

- 1) Drop-off spots next to the playground
- 2) Drop-off spots on the 1st floor of the garage
- 3) General Garage Parking (20 minutes free)
- 4) Visitor spots around the pond and elsewhere in the office park
- 5) Wait for a spot to open up



****Remember, if you park in the drop off area without a RSCC magnet or sticker, you may get towed. All others must use general parking options.****

Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe and for helping to create a harmonious community!

Board Update

The Rock Spring Board of Directors is looking forward to another great school year. As mentioned in the last newsletter, this past year, the members of the Board split up into two committees to better focus on issues that impact the School.

The Policy Committee was chaired by Jacqui Demitz and Patti Rehfield. The committee focused on reviewing and revising School policies in our Parent and Staff Handbooks. The committee had a number of great conversations about the School and its operations and made sure the current handbook reflects the best policies possible for our children and for the smooth operation of our School community.

The Finance Committee was chaired by Rob Shroff and Matt

Ramsdell. The committee focused on reviewing the financial performance of the School, ensuring our tuition rates are set at the appropriate levels, and doing financial projections to ensure the School is on a strong financial course for a secure future.

If you ever have any input on any issues that are handled by the Board, in addition to the Directors, you can also feel free to talk to any of the Board members, the Board President or any of the Committee Chairs.

RSCC Board

Shaun Rose, President
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We are entering our 4th Year at the new location since we doubled our size and greatly upgraded our facilities. Every year has been stronger than the last and the Board looks forward to helping the 2011-2012 year be the best one yet!

September 2011

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | CLOSED | Breakfast: Pancakes w/ fruit and milk Snack: String cheese w/ crackers and milk | Breakfast: Cheese eggs w/ toast and milk Snack: Tater-tots w/ milk | Breakfast: Waffles w/ fruit and milk Snack: Cheese quesadillas w/ milk | Breakfast: Cheerios w/ fruit and milk Snack: Trail mix and milk | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | Breakfast: Rice crispy w/ fruit and milk Snack: Graham crackers w/ milk | Breakfast: French toast sticks w/ fruit and milk Snack: Cheezits w/ milk | Breakfast: Cheese eggs w/ toast and milk Snack: Vanilla wafers w/ milk | Breakfast: Muffins w/ fruit and milk Snack: Goldfish crackers and milk | Breakfast: Corn flakes w/ fruit and milk Snack: Yogurt w/ crackers and milk | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | Breakfast: Cheerios w/ fruit and milk Snack: Tater-tots w/ milk | Breakfast: Biscuits w/ honey and fruit and milk Snack: American cheese w/ crackers and milk | Breakfast: Cheese eggs w/ toast and milk Snack: Hummus and pita and milk | Breakfast: Pancakes w/ fruit and milk Snack: Cheese quesadillas w/ milk | Breakfast: Rice crispy w/ fruit and milk Snack: Chips and salsa w/ milk | |
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