



Dear Swan Parents,

Welcome to the Swan class! The Swans are the oldest group of children here at Rock Spring Children's Center. The children in this class are 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old. This class was developed for those children who have already been through the four-year-old program but are not quite old enough for kindergarten. The Swan Class is a bridge to ensure that these children continue to be challenged and stimulated and are well prepared for elementary school.

Children of this age are independent, energetic, and enthusiastic. They enjoy carrying on conversations and having a "best friend." They like to plan and discuss and role play. They are more empathetic and sensitive to the feelings of others and begin to understand right from wrong. They can be critical of other children and embarrassed by their own mistakes. They are cheerful with a good sense of humor and enjoy laughing and being silly. (NNEC- Ages and Stages.)

Overall, four to five year olds are wonderful to be around! Some of the statements that they make are priceless and they absorb everything around them. We look forward to getting your child prepared for kindergarten and having a sad farewell at the end of the year!

We have formal conferences that are done twice a year and can be done in person or over the phone. However, if you have something that you would like to discuss between formal conferences, we have a short rest period around 1:30 everyday so you are welcome to call at that time.

**Welcome!**