



Dear Parents,

Four and Five year old children amaze us on a daily basis! They are capable of taking on more responsibilities and being more independent than the younger classrooms at RSCC. In our classrooms, we have a daily job chart. Some examples of jobs that we have are Star of the Day, book chief, and weather reporter. Throughout the day they have their own special responsibilities such as pouring their own milk and cleaning up after free play. After nap, they learn to fold their own blankets, put on shoes (we help tie), and put their books away. If they want to try, we let them. We ask that you try to understand if your child comes home with inside out socks or a backwards shirt!

We find that children at this age are extremely helpful. They enjoy helping their teachers with special tasks, including sweeping the floor, wiping up spilled milk, taking messages to the office, and much more. Try giving your child more responsibilities at home, such as dressing themselves in the morning and cleaning up their toys at home. They will become much more confident, independent, and responsible young people.

One of the biggest skills we try to work on is teaching conflict resolution. For the most part, this means "using words" to work out conflicts with our friends rather than reacting physically by hitting or grabbing or in other inappropriate ways such as yelling or whining. We enforce this by modeling or supplying the children with appropriate language.

A few reminders and rules about our classroom that you may not have known:

- 1- We will **ALWAYS** post important reminders and sign-up sheets on the classroom door. **PLEASE** check the door daily.
- 2- Show and Share is every Friday at 9:45 a.m. Have your child select **one** special toy or book (please- no action figures or weapons) to bring to school. **SHOW AND SHARE IS THE ONLY TIME THAT TOYS ARE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL.** Books and soft "sleepy" friends are always welcome!
- 3- Please do not place your child's lunch box in the refrigerator. Food that needs to be refrigerated should be labeled and placed in the tray.
- 4- If your child needs medication during the day, the center must have filled out a medication form. The medication itself needs to be placed in a locked medication box on top of the microwave.
- 5- As weather changes, please be sure to update the extra clothing in your child's cubby box. Also be sure to replace clothing anytime it is used. **LABEL EVERYTHING!!**
- 6- During warmer weather, please apply sunscreen to your child before school. We will re-apply before we go out at lunchtime.

We are excited to be your partner in nurturing and watching your child grow! Again, welcome!