

RRC Pre-K



Handbook

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Our pre-K program is based on children learning through play! We have a curriculum based program that we follow with lots of added features and games to make that learning a fun experience!



Our classroom:

Younger students (3-4 year olds):

Must be 3 by Sept.1

2.5 hours a day

32 weeks during the school year

Older students (4-5 year olds):

Must be 4 by Sept. 1

Full school days

32 weeks during the school year

Kathy teaches the older class all day and Joan teaches the younger class in the morning than co-teaches the older in the afternoon. Darla and Lisa are our paras in the morning (1 with each class).

Distance Learning:

If we have to do distance learning Kathy will be the teacher/ contact for the older class, Joan will be the teacher/ contact for the younger class. More information will come home if we need to do this.

This book has a few of the most common questions we get during the year.

Hopefully this helps ☺.



Absent- If your child needs to be absent for any reason please call/email and let us know. Numbers/ email contact information is listed on the cover and also on each newsletter.

Adjustment- Some children have a rough time adjusting to this new adventure. It can take a few minutes or a few months. We can talk through the options if this happens.

Birthday- When it is your child's birthday they may bring store bought treats if you want.

Clothes/shoes- We ask that all students have a change of clothes (including socks). These can be kept at school (or in backpacks if you choose). You never know when there will be bathroom accidents, or spilled milk. We also require a pair of shoes that can stay in school (they don't necessarily have to be gym shoes just ones that can be worn in school). They will not need them until boots season.

Conferences-We have conferences for the older students (full day) in the fall and spring; we have conferences for the younger students (half day) in the spring. Any concerns between those times please email us.

Dismissal- If you are picking up your child after their class please be aware of the time. We run on a schedule to keep everything going as smooth as possible 😊. If there is ever an emergency PLEASE call the elementary office to let us know if you will be late. It is important to let anyone who is picking up your child to also know pick up time.

Distance Learning-If RRC needs to go to Distance Learning (DL) we will send information home with more information.

Food- All students are provided a free breakfast in the morning. The older students who stay all day are served a hot lunch (additional cost) but if you choose they can bring a sack lunch.

Folders- Students (full day) will have a folder. These will need to be brought to school each day they come.

Holidays- We do celebrate/talk about holidays in preschool. If they choose they may bring store bought treats to share with the class. We have a Fall party, Christmas party, and a Valentine party. During our party days we play games relating to the holiday. We do not participate in the Halloween festival the elementary has. This is something they will start in Kindergarten. Christmas time they will receive a gift from us but do not have students exchange with each other.

Homework- We do not send home daily "homework" to return. There will be things we send home to help them prepare for next year. The more they practice/learn the easier transition next year will be. In the event we have distance learning this will change.

Illness-If your child is sick or gone for any reason please email or call to let us know. We follow the RRC handbook for when your child should be in school or stay home. Please refer to this for temperatures, or symptoms. We ask that if they have a fever you keep them home, please do not give them medicine and send them.

Notes from teachers- We do not have much free time during our day (as you can imagine). The only notes we tend to send are out of necessity. Behavior issues, quick questions or notes will be about it. Remember no news is good news 😊.

Practice-Families are the first and most important teachers in a child's world. There will be things sent home for them to practice. It doesn't have to take a long time (some are a few minutes) but just like sports the more they can practice the more confident they will be.

RRC Web page- redrockcentral.org is the school website. There is a preschool tab on the home page- under that you can find our schedule, and information.

Self-help skills- This is something we work on all year- encouraging them to do things for themselves. We do help when needed (like helping tie shoes) but they should be able to get them on themselves.

Special events-One question we get asked often is about a preschool graduation. We do not have one because Kindergarten has one and feel it is special day for them. We are open to any field trip suggestions and would try to get one approved. However common ones like the children's museum and movie events are done in Kindergarten and 1st grade and do not want to duplicate them.

Supplies- One supply we ask for is a backpack. If you cannot get one please let us know. These should be REGULAR sized. The smaller ones are cute and more their size but do not fit everything we need and they get frustrated when they cannot pack them.

Time- Please do NOT send children before class starts. We are not always available before that. Doors open when buses/vans arrive usually around 8:10 but ask if you are in town or bringing them in please do not arrive before 8:15- we need to help with the buses and vans earlier than that. Our class day starts at 8:30.

Toilet Trained- Children need to be fully daytime toilet trained. They must be able to: know when they need to go, go on their own, wipe, pull clothes up, and wash when done. We will do reminders and help with fastening of buttons if needed.

Toys- Please **NO** toys from home! We have PLENTY 😊.

Transportation- Any new changes to transportation will need to go through Stacey 507-752-7361. This is for families that need to have a new stop for drop off or pick up NOT just for the day. If your child is going somewhere different for a day and it is a normal route stop for RRC a call to Kellee 1-507-540-0655 or email to us BEFORE the school day will work.

Weather- If RRC closes early we close at the same time. If RRC is 1-2 hours late we do NOT have younger (half day) class but YES we do have older (full day) class.



*Your children are special to us and we love being the beginning of their school adventure!
If you have any other questions please email us.*

