



January, 2010 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We hope that your holidays were all that you anticipated and more, and we wish you a grand and glorious **NEW YEAR** filled with peace and goodwill! You have brought us terrific families who have been a pleasure to get to know and welcome into our family. It is hoped that you will continue to help spread the word about RDS and RUMC. We would love to become friends with your friends and have them join us for the fun and educational experiences that our wonderful teachers provide each and every day. They might just become church friends, too!

Please let us know in the office if any further **changes need to be made concerning addresses and phone numbers**. You will receive another **school calendar** showing dates and events for the remainder of this school year and new events that have been added (just in case you may have misplaced your original).

Please check the weather each morning before bringing your little one(s) to school. When it's in the 60's or below, be sure you provide a **sweater or jacket** for the playground. We have a limited number of spares and don't want anyone to miss playing outside because of the cold. In this terrible cold and flu season, we need to prevent as much sickness as possible. **Keep your child home**, as long as it takes, to get over a **fever** (at least 24 hours free), **runny nose, etc.** The time spent in bed is needed more than playing with friends and sharing the germs. Your cooperation in this matter is necessary and greatly appreciated by every family. If our VPK families exceed your allotted days for any given month, you may bring your child by to be checked in if they feel well enough to be mobile. If you don't surpass the allotted 20% absenteeism for the year, we don't have to worry at all.

Calendar Events for January

(Please also check your teacher's newsletters and calendars for any updates and/or changes not listed currently that might occur throughout the remaining months.)

Jan. 4 & 5 (Mon./Tues.) -Welcome back to school! We missed you!

11 (Mon.) -Publix - Mrs. Moore's VPK

18 (Mon.) -MLK, Jr. Day - No School - No A.A.

25 (Mon.) -Conferences for VPK's - all others have school - NO A.A. or Ext'd. Day

26(Tues.) -Conferences for VPK's - all others have school - NO A.A. or Ext'd. Day

Look for **Spring Fling Meeting** signs this month - 9:15 - Church Nursery

February & Registration Dates for Fall 2010

Feb. 6(Sat.) -Fall 2010 Registration for current RDS families ONLY - 8:00 (Line up at back door where VPK's dismiss.)

10 (Wed.) -Fall 2010 Registration for **RUMC members** - RDS Office

11 (Thurs.)-Fall 2009 Registration for **RDS Returning Families** in RDS Office; Dr. Sandra Worman, DDS at RDS; Valentine's Parties (check Teacher's schedules)

12 (Fri.) -**5-Day** Registration for **families already registered** for Fall 2010 - RDS Office; Valentine's Parties (check Teacher's schedules)

15 (Mon.)-President's Day - No School - No A.A. or Ext'd. Day

16 (Tues.)-Fall 2010 Registration for **general public** - RDS Office - 8:30

24 (Wed.) -Matt Edmonds - birds of prey, etc. - Playground or Fellowship Hall - 9:30

Be sure to read your **teacher's class newsletter** for specific activities and events for your child. If you don't receive one, or you misplace yours, please request another copy.

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January tuition is due this week. This fee includes the Consumables Fee (Supplies) and the Activities Fee.

(See pages 12 and 13 of Parent Handbook & tuition boxes outside each classroom.)

2's & 3's T-Th	- \$230
2's & 3's MWF	- \$260
2's & 3's 5-day	- \$490
Non-VPK	- \$282

Please add your December A.A. fee into your January tuition check if you still owe for December. Continue to return **Afternoon Adventures** slips **to the office** or phone in early. We are filling up quickly. December fees must be paid before January dates will be honored. You may write **one check for all fees** & itemize at the bottom.

Please check the hallway easels for our next **Spring Fling meeting** dates held each time at **9:15** in the **church nursery**. We will be building up a good head of steam now that the time will be fast approaching for our **11th Annual Spring Fling**. Remember to **schedule Friday, March 5**, for the Adults-Only Dinner & Auctions at the Yacht Club **and Saturday, March 6**, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for our RDS Carnival for families and friends. Our terrific moms who chair the various committees can surely use all the help you can possibly give to them as the time for our **gala event** draws nearer! There are many preliminary tasks, large and small. If you can't attend the meetings, please call **Holly Jans (644-0665)**, and let her know how you might be of assistance. Many thanks to **Holly and her indispensable co-chair, Sondra Hannan and all Committee Moms!!**

Monday, January 18, will be a **school holiday** in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. We'll see you on the 19th and 20th.

Please mark your calendars for **VPK class conferences** on **Monday, January 25**, or **Tuesday, January 26**. Mrs. Yeomans, Mrs. Walters, and Mrs. Crow will watch only RDS children during your scheduled conference time. You will be receiving additional information closer to this date. All other children have school that day, but there will be **NO Afternoon Adventures or Extended Day classes**.

This is advance notice for you to **set aside SATURDAY, February 6th, to register** your child/children **for the 2010-2011 school year**. The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. so that **current RDS parents** will have the first opportunity to register. **WE CANNOT TAKE ANY REGISTRATIONS BEFORE FEBRUARY 6th. PLEASE DON'T ASK!** What we do for one, we must try to do for all. If you will be out of town or unavailable for any reason, be sure to arrange for a family member or friend to registration for you on the 6th or during that next week. Please don't ask your teachers or the office for special favors, as they can't help you. **In fairness to all concerned, we must adhere to this strict policy. Your understanding is appreciated!**

I know some of these newsletters can get lengthy. There is much to tell, and, hopefully, none of you will feel uninformed! If we could only get **every** parent to read our literature like you do!!! Refer to your **Parent Handbook** when in doubt, or ask anyone of us for refreshers. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, **PLEASE don't hesitate** to ask us for clarification. The best place to go for answers is **always** to the "horse's mouth." A dilemma is probably something very simply explained that would otherwise get muddled if "whispered down the lane" instead.

Have a wonderful month of fun and friendship! Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles, please come in at anytime and assist your teachers with class and/or at-home projects and activities. The children love your participation, too!

Happy New Year and love from,

