

Dates to Remember November 2018

11/01/18	November tuition due and October LB/AA fees
11/05/18—11/09/18	Book Fair this week
11/06/18	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Walters (VPK aide)!
11/07/18	School Spirit Day - wear your RDS shirt - Crazy Hat day
11/13/18	School Spirit Day - wear your RDS shirt - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
11/16/18	No afternoon classes today- everyone gets picked up at noon
 Happy Thanksgiving	
11/19/18—11/23/18	Closed for Thanksgiving break
11/26/18	Classes Resume
11/29/18	Parent Leader meeting at 9:05 a.m.
11/30/18	Parent Leader meeting at 9:05 a.m.

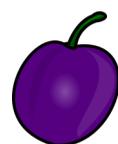
Heads up for December:

12/06/18	Gingerbread Night
12/15/18	Christmas Pajama Party for RDS Parents
12/21/18	RDS Holiday Show—9:30 a.m.
12/24/18—01/07/19	Christmas Break
01/08/19	Classes Resume

3's Classes School Fundraiser



The 3's Classes still have some PDQ gift cards available and will set up a table in the next month for those that may have forgot and still want to get some. You can purchase PDQ gift cards that are valued at \$10 for only \$8 each. What a deal! They never expire and they make great gifts too. All the proceeds go towards our Busy Bee 3's class and our Under-the-Sea 3's class.



Chapel November 2018

This month's
Fruit of the Spirit
lesson is:
Peace



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Mother Goose Matters

By Cyndi Chavez

When I was growing up, my grandmother taught me every single nursery rhyme there was. I still remember them to this day and have always had a love for the silly poems....brings back special memories. I then passed along my nursery rhyme knowledge to my children, hoping they will do the same one day.

Years back, I took a training class about the educational benefits of nursery rhymes. I learned that fewer parents engage their children in nursery rhymes because they didn't believe they had any educational value and thought they seemed "old-fashioned". Only 50% of today's young parents know all the words to traditional nursery rhymes. This sparked a new idea of how I could share my passion with the children of RDS and their families. I could visit the classrooms as Mother Goose.

Here are some reasons why nursery rhymes are important and the educational benefits they provide:

- Language Development:**
 - Learn sounds (vowels and consonants)
 - Practice pitch, volume, and voice inflection
 - Learn uncommon words, build vocabulary
 - Experience rhythm and steady beat
 - Practice pronunciation
- Cognitive Development:**
 - Rhymes are patterns: easy recall/memorization
 - Beginning, middle, and end
 - Numbers, counting, sequencing
- Alliteration Introduction:**
 - Onomatopoeia (ex: sound a sheep makes in *Baa, Baa, Black Sheep*)
 - Imaginative imagery (ex: the cow jumping over the moon)
- Creative Dramatization:**
 - Acting stories out
 - Flannel boards
 - Drawing their own interpretation
- Physical Development:**
 - Fine motor skills—finderplays
 - Gross motor skills—performing, dancing
- Social/Emotional Development:**
 - Sharing
 - Funny rhymes/humorous
 - Thinking/dreaming

Literacy is not just about skill development though. It is also about grasping the ways which language supports playful interactions. So you see, it's true—Mother Goose matters.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Success!

Another great year for our Cookie Fundraiser—we will be receiving a check for over \$1200 for the school..... that is fantastic! Thank you to all the families that participated. We really appreciate your support.



Congratulations to the McQuaid family (Beckham is in the 2's class) for being our high sales winners. They had over \$600 in sales and are able to choose any item out of the catalog for a prize. And, because their sales were so high, Beckham will also receive a free ticket to our Gingerbread Night on December 6th and Mom and Dad get free tickets to the RDS Christmas Party on December 15th. Woohoo!

The proceeds from our Cookie Dough fundraiser go towards our building fund. We are hoping to do some renovations and replace the vanities and sinks in the restrooms near the school office.

Orders are scheduled to be delivered the week of November 12th. We will notify you of the exact date as the time approaches. Orders that include refrigerated items will need to be picked up on the delivery day since we do not have space to store them.



RUMC Volunteers

We want to thank the RDS families that helped with the Riviera United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch. This is the church's biggest fundraiser and they always appreciate lots of help from volunteers.

Also, it was wonderful to see so many RDS families attend the Church's Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October 20th. It was a beautiful night with face painting, inflatables, and a petting zoo. They had some great snacks and Cuban food for sale as well. The proceeds will go toward the Church's Cuba missions. Thanks for being a part of a great cause!

RDS Gingerbread Night

Our first PAC event is coming up right after the Thanksgiving break. Plan on coming to RDS on Thursday, December 6th, for a fun family night of decorating gingerbread cookies and taking photos with the coolest Gingerbread Man in town! Tickets will be \$10 per child. Siblings are welcome to come too. We will have a sign-up board available soon.



Check out this month's bulletin board:

"Happy Fall" by Mrs. Giger and Mrs. Zuppa's 2's classes



Check out our school's Book Fair the week of November 5th. You can browse through the books on display in the RDS hallway, order books for the holidays, and even get books that are on your teacher's wish list. Our representative, Kate, will be available several mornings that week if you have any questions. See the enclosed flyer.

Parent Leaders

Thank you to all who came to our first Parent Leader meetings. We were able to organize several committees to help plan some great events this school year. Our Room Parents will be contacting you regarding class parties, your class project, your class basket, and teacher appreciation week, among other things.

Our PAC committee will be lead by Tiffany Jones (Aryn is in VPK-Anderson) and Lauren Feaster (DP is in the 2's class) with a great group of PAC members to help plan and organize Gingerbread Night, Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, and Teacher Appreciation week. The PAC members also help with parent surveys in order to gain parent feedback.

Our Spring Fling committee is a great group that is being led by Natasha Kemper (Kennedy is in 3's-Stewart) and Melissa Simoni (Vivian is in 3's-Stewart). Spring Fling will be held at the end of March and planning is now underway.

Thanks again to those of you that devote time and effort to helping make our school a great place for families. We couldn't do it without you!

RDS Christmas Pajama Party

Can you believe it? Christmas activities are right around the corner. We wanted to give you a heads-up so you can book your babysitter right away. December 15th at 7:00 p.m. will be the Christmas Party for our RDS parents (and friends) at Cage Brewing located at 2001 1st Avenue S. There will be a food truck and a band and, of course, lots of great people to hang out with.

It is a pajama party, so start your search now for some really awesome Christmas jammies. We will have some fun prizes as well. Tickets will go on sale after the Thanksgiving break for just \$10 per person. Mark it on your calendars!

