

Red Rocks School Age Child Care at Mitchell Elementary:

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Happy December, Red Rocks!

Did you know that we go outside every day, rain, snow, or shine? As long as the temperature is above 20 degrees, our curriculum strives to allow for gross motor activity daily by use of outside and the gym. Please make sure that your child is bringing a coat, hat, gloves, or extra clothes during those snowy days so they are comfortable outside, and when they return inside.

Please be aware that if Jefferson County issues a snow day, late start, or early release due to weather, we will adhere to those guidelines and this may affect your scheduled care. Please be watchful for emails during bad weather! If you have questions about this policy, please let me know!

We are providing a full day of care on December 7th for Mitchell's Modified Contact Day. Please make sure you know your child's testing time when you drop off your child!

Care for Winter Break is offered on January 2nd-January 8th here at Mitchell. Due to the timing of the holidays, we will not be providing care between the 24th and the 1st. The last day to sign up for Winter Break is December 19th.

Important and Upcoming Dates:

December 1st: Tuition Due

December 7th: Full Day of care

December 24th-January 1st:
CLOSED

Happy Holidays!

January 1: Tuition Due

January 2nd-8th:

Winter Break- Full Days of Care Offered @ Mitchell

January 9th: Regular care resumes at Mitchell



Happy Hanukkah!

Happy Kwanzaa!



Merry Christmas!

Let's Talk About Homework!

Did you know that we track your child's homework completion? If your child completes 1 page of homework and it is checked by a staff member, they receive a sticker. Stickers can also be received for each 30 minutes read. Children will be able to cash in their stickers (they will need a minimum of 10) for rewards within program. Stay tuned for official rewards in January! Homework can be completed at any time, but electronic devices needed for homework will only be allowed from 4:00-6:00pm daily.

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Attention Kindergarten Parents:

Starting January 10th, we will no longer be picking up kindergarten students from their classrooms. **The last day that we will pick up kindergarten students will be on Monday, January 9th** to give them one last refresher on how to walk to Red Rocks. Kindergarten teachers will be notified of this change, and they will be able to assist in the transition. We do this so that kindergarteners will be prepared for 1st grade, when they do walk to Red Rocks alone.

If you have questions regarding this, please let me know!



Customer Service Goals:

Thank you to those of you who completed a parent survey. While we had an overwhelmingly positive response from so many of you and your children, we did find some areas that we can improve. We will first be tackling the fact that we don't provide you as parents a functional way to have a say on how your child spends their time in program. Many of you said that you feel that your child has a say and that is important as well, which is great! While we value that feedback, however we want your say to have an equal value in your child's day.

We will have a poster near the parent table that will ask you for what you want your child to learn in the upcoming semester. Please feel free to leave your ideas there! This would be a great way for you and your child to give input together.



Snacks and Healthy Eating!

As we continue to provide your child a healthy snack daily, we realize that some children have a long day when they stay later during Red Rocks. Starting this month, we will provide children with a snack per their request after clean up time (5:00 pm). Your child can always get snack between 2:55-4:00pm, take their snack to club, or eat from their lunch at any time. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy item in their lunch to eat at Red Rocks.

Updated Electronic Device Policy:

Many of your children require technology to complete their homework. To accommodate this, we are changing our technology policy so that these activities can be completed during program time. We will continue to enforce the policy that children cannot watch their friend's devices. When we have personal electronic time on Fridays, school appropriate content is required; any explicit content viewing will result in loss of their device.

We will be allowing devices such as Chromebooks, laptops, iPads/kindles/tablets in order to complete homework each day from 4:00-6:00pm.

