

# Summer 2019 Newsletter

## R&S Out of School Care Inc.

*Fully accredited*



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### Parents you are Invited!

We are hosting a presentation by EPL's Camilla Fita, at 5:30 pm on June 24<sup>th</sup>, right here at our center!

"The Summer Slide – supporting your child's literacy with the Library!"

Summer Slide refers to the tendency for students to lose some of the learning gains from the school year, especially in reading, during the summer. However, studies show that there are some easy ways to counteract the Summer Slide – and it can all be done with a free library card!

**Please inform us if you are interested. If not enough parents are interested, we will cancel.**

### General News

If we have smoke from wildfires like we experienced last summer, we will be doing less outside activities, and we will reschedule field trips as well.

### Indoor Shoes

Since R&S will be closing for the month of July, we would like to remind all families to take home their children's indoor shoes. Any shoes still remaining in the church after June 29<sup>th</sup> will be donated to a charity.

### Dressing for the Warm Weather

As we are sure you've all noticed, the sun is out and about for the next few months! Unfortunately as much as we love our Sun, its rays are dangerous! Please ensure your children are sent to R&S with the appropriate protection from the sun, this includes hats and sunglasses! Additionally, please **send sunscreen and mosquito spray with your children!** Make sure their bottles/sprays are labelled with their names to avoid any potential mix-ups.

### Care for June 28<sup>th</sup>

The 28<sup>th</sup> of June is the first day of summer vacation! Please indicate whether you will require care on this day on the sign-up sheet on the front table. Thank you!

## Last Day of Operation

**THE LAST DAY OF OPERATION FOR R&S WILL BE JUNE 28TH AND WE WILL RE-OPEN JULY 29TH FOR THE SUMMER.**

## Summer 2019

Hurray for summer vacation! This year's summer at R&S will consist of the children's favourite fieldtrips and fun-packed weekly programming with different themes each week.

### R&S Summer Guidelines

Welcome to summer at R&S! Whether this is your first time with us in August, or your 5<sup>th</sup>, we hope your children have a blast in our care! Please review these guidelines with your child as these rules are important for everyone:

- ⚙ Please inform us of any **changes to your child's file**, especially your parent and emergency contact phone numbers. These are essential for your child's safety.
- ⚙ Please complete and **return the summer participation permission** and child behaviour agreement forms attached by June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ⚙ Please be aware of our **daily postings!** Information will be attached to the paper flip board at the front of our center.
- ⚙ Information on our exact location (on a field trip, at a park etc.) and leave/return times will *always* be posted at our door if we are away.
- ⚙ Information on future field trips and times will be on the paper flip board inside the foyer. Please be aware of these times as they are crucial for ensuring we are on time for our bus and field trip schedules.
- ⚙ Information on cancellations or rescheduling of field trips will be immediately posted. Please remember to review daily postings!
- ⚙ **Please drop off your child no later than 9AM each day.** For field trip days, we require adequate time to make sure we have time to double check numbers and prepare every child before the bus arrives. For regular days, we still have activities planned in which knowing our numbers accurately is critical. If you know you will not be able to arrive by 9AM on a given day, please let us know as soon as possible.
- ⚙ Please ensure a **staff is aware of your child's arrival/departure** each day. **Please DO NOT leave your child with church staff.**

## Summer Checklist: General Day

Please bring the following items, **labelled** with your child's name, to R&S daily:

- Hat
- Sunscreen & bug spray (can be labelled and kept at R&S)
- Water Bottle
- Comfy shoes
- Extra snacks/drinks
- Swim suit/towel/swim shirt (we often visit parks with water features)

On regular summer days, please do NOT bring:

- ✗ Foods with nuts or nut products
- ✗ Money

## Summer Checklist: Field Trip Day

On field trip days, please:

- Bring a bagged lunch that does not require heating or refrigeration
- Money is only allowed on our fieldtrips to the Valley Zoo, Royal Alberta Museum, and Hawrelak Park. A **MAXIMUM** 10\$ spending money (to buy souvenirs, food etc.) is allowed.

## Summer Fees

Fees in the summer will be as follows:

\$700	5 weeks (entire month of August)
\$500	2 weeks in August
\$300	1 week in August

## Refundable Fall Holding Fee

There will be a **refundable fall holding fee of \$300** for those who will not require care for the summer but would like to reserve a childcare position in the fall. This fee may also be used to acquire 1 week of care in August. This fee will **be due by June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

## 2019/2020 School Year Fees

The first day of the 2018/2019 school year is **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. **Fees starting in September will be \$500/month, due on the first day of each month**. R&S will be **closed** on the Labor Day (September 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**NOTE:** We are now accepting e-transfer! Please contact Roxanne for more information if you would like to pay for your child's fees via e-transfer.

## Superstar of the Month



**Jay Tessier**

Meet this month's superstar of the month, Jay Tessier! Jay is kind to everyone here at R&S. His favourite movies are the Avengers movies, and his favourite memory of R&S was his first day, because everyone was so friendly and welcoming to him.

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**Kayla Pahl**

Meet our other superstar of the month, Kayla Paul! Kayla is a talented artist here at R&S. Kayla's favourite movie is Back to the Future 2, and she does not have a specific favourite memory at R&S but she loves all her memories with Rox.

## Special Celebrations

### Birthdays in June/August

- Liam A. (June 4)
- Eliana W. (June 14)
- Amulya P. (June 23)
- Jay T. (June 26)
- Fatiha (June 28)
- Aizza L. (June 29)
- Colton C. (July 27)
- Aicha K. (July 31)
- June M. (Aug 2)
- Madeline C. (Aug 25)

### Cultural Celebrations

- Eid Ul- Fitr (June 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Father's Day (June 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Canada Day (July 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Would you like to suggest an activity for R&S for the following month?

At R&S, parental involvement in our program is of utmost priority. This is an area in which you and your children can suggest any activities, games, crafts, celebrations, or snacks for R&S! You may also express any questions or concerns. Using this detachable area of our monthly newsletter is completely voluntary. We value all feedback and suggestions we receive. Thank you!

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