

June, July and August 2015

R&S Out of School Care Inc.

Fully accredited



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Dear Parents,

Can you believe the school year is almost over? R&S is excited for another fun filled summer! We'd like to thank all of the performers and families who attended our annual Spring Ethnic Night Concert and potluck. We shared some delicious food and heartwarming performances. Congratulations to Lily Zhang and her family for winning our raffle gift basket! We hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the families who donated art supplies for the summer. We have collected a lot of recyclable materials to make fun crafts with!

Finally, we are extremely grateful for the small pool the Woodard family has donated for our summer use. Thank you so much!

R&S Annual Shoe Cleaning

Summer also means it's time to tidy the plethora of shoes that have accumulated over the winter! If your child has more than one pair of indoor shoes at R&S, **please take any extra pairs home**. We have also adopted a new shoe rack system. Different grades will now be using different levels of the shoe rack – we hope this will help keep our shoes organised!

Summer Monthly Fees and Holding Fees

Should you not require care over the summer, the **300\$ per child holding fee** to reserve your child's spot for the fall is **due by June 30th**. Otherwise, our regular summer fees of 600\$ for all of July and 500\$ for August are due the first week of the month.

July	- \$600/month
	- \$450/two weeks of care
	- \$300/week for one week of care
August	*R&S is closed August 1 to 16 th . August fees are from the 17 th to Sept.5 th .
	- \$500/full three weeks
	- \$450/two weeks of care
	- \$300/week for one week of care
September	- \$450/month per child for the new school year (Sept. 8 first day of school)

Care for June 29th and 30th

The last two days of June are the first two day of summer at R&S! Please indicate whether you will require care on these days on the sign-up sheet on the front foyer desk. Thank you!

2016 Summer Schedule Changes

After a long period of consideration and through critical staff discussions and parent meetings, we have come to the decision to extend the period which R&S is closed during the summer by two weeks. Beginning in **2016, R&S will officially be closed the entire month of July.** As a center that has been in operation for over two decades, the changes we observed in summer childcare in the recent years was our initial indication that our summer schedule may need to be adjusted. Many families have made use of other resources for their summers, such as summer camps or other forms of care. This change was made taking the best interests of our families into consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns about our new 2016 summer schedule, please do not hesitate to contact us! Your opinion is valued greatly.

Summer Holiday Schedules

Because Roxanne will be **away June 19-29th**, please use our R&S phone numbers, **780-905-9651 or 780-906-2258**, to reach us during that period of time. We wish you a safe and happy trip, Rox! Please also keep in mind the changes in our summer schedule this year. Since the first day of school is September 7, 2015, we have **an extra week of summer from August 31 to September 4** (yay!). R&S will be **closed this year (2015)** for the first two weeks of August (**Aug. 1 to Aug 15**).

If there are **any changes to your summer holiday schedule this year**, don't forget to let us know!

Build-a-Bear Summer Field Trip

Based on popular request, R&S will be visiting Build-a-Bear for an off-site excursion this summer! If your child would like to participate in making their own bear plush during this field trip, please send in **25\$ (cheque or cash) by June 30th attached to the fieldtrip participation form**. If you or your child prefers to not participate in this off-site excursion, there will be a planned on-site day at R&S with craft and gross-motor activities for your child to participate in. We are looking forward to a great time at Build-a-Bear!

Permission for Use of Photos

Our new website has launched, and we are considering the incorporation of photos from our center onto our site. Our parents will *always* have full autonomy of the use of their child's photos at R&S. For our site, any photo with a child will be used commercially (e.g. how photos are used for aesthetics and design in a brochure). *No* information, including a child's name, will *ever* be published with a photo. If you consent to the use of your child's photos on our site, please **sign and return a FOIP form from our front foyer**. Thank you!

R&S Summer 2015 Summer Guidelines

Welcome to another fun-packed summer at R&S! 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 30th.
- ☺ Please be aware of our **daily postings!** Information will be attached to exterior doors, the dry erase board, and 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:

- x Foods with nuts or nut products
- x Money

Field Trip Day

On field trip days, please:

- Bring a bagged lunch that does not require heating or refrigeration
- Bring MAXIMUM 10\$ spending money (to buy souvenirs, food etc.). Exceptions can be made with parent permission.