



SEPTEMBER 2016 REED-CUSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Learning is BIG at RCPS!

Principal's Message...

The 2016-2017 School Year at RCPS is off to a BIG start! Our theme for this year revolves around Clifford, The Big Red Dog. So everything is BIG at RCPS this year!

Thank you to those first grade parents that were able to attend Curriculum Night! It was a fun and informational evening. For those of you not able to attend, feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions about expectations for this school year.

Because learning is so BIG at RCPS, as a building we will be focusing on a Word of the Week this year! Each morning we will be explaining the meaning of our new word, using it in a sentence, and encouraging students to use it throughout the week. Be sure to ask about our Word of the Week at home! This is a great conversation starter to get your child talking about what is happening at school. Another great tool is the classroom newsletter. Look over what the class is working on so that you can prompt your child to explain what they are learning. Sometimes our young students just need those prompts/clues to remember what they did at school.

It only takes a LITTLE to be BIG!

Drop-Off Time

Drop-off time is between 8:20-8:40 each day. At 8:45 our day officially begins. At this time, students should be in classrooms listening to announcements and getting ready to begin their day. If you arrive at 8:45 and find our doors locked, you will need to bring them to the front and sign them in at the office. At 8:45 they will be marked tardy for the day.

**Those students that attend our afternoon half-day programs should be dropped off at the back door between 12:30-12:40. The afternoon session begins at 12:45. If you arrive after 12:45, please bring your child to the front and sign them in. **

From The Office

We understand that plans occasionally change for families. If you need to change your child's end of the day transportation, please notify the office **NO LATER than 1:30.**

Mark Your Calendars

September 5th No School-Labor Day
September 14th Early Dismissal 11:45 for K-1
September 14th No EC or PreK Classes

EC/PreK/Kindergarten Open House

This year our Open House will be for our Early Childhood, PreK, and Kindergarten Students and Parents. Please plan to attend on September 19th from 6:00-6:45. This is a time for your child to "show off" their classroom, desk, cubby, teachers, and school. You may come and go during your designated time. You do not have to stay the entire 30 minutes.



RCPS Book Fair

September 26th Preview Day

All Classes will preview the book fair. Students will create "wish lists" to help with shopping.

September 27th-29th Classroom Shopping

Each class will have a time to shop at the book fair.
Watch for day and time from teacher

September 27th Family Shopping Night

4:00-7:00 RCPS Library

Bring your family and your child's wish list for some early Christmas shopping.

We will need volunteers for our book fair. If you are interested in helping please contact Mrs Faletti or Mrs.Blanchette

Grandparents' Day at RCPS

September 27th Kindergarten 1:00-3:00

September 28th First Grade 1:00-3:00

September 29th Early Childhood and PreK

Morning Class-10:00-11:00

Afternoon Class-2:00-3:00





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Perfect Attendance

We will be recognizing monthly perfect attendance. If your child is here every day on **time**, they will receive a perfect attendance certificate and a small prize. When possible please make sure your child is at school and on time each day! **If your child is going to be absent, please call the office by 9:30 A.M.**

Recess

We will be going out for recess when the “feels-like” temperature is between 25-90 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. They will be climbing on equipment and running. Please make sure they are wearing safe and comfortable shoes.

ACE

Appropriate Choices Every-day

Our ACE program is designed to teach appropriate behaviors then reinforce them throughout the school year. Students are taught ACE behaviors in the classrooms, the hallways, the playground, the bus, and the cafeteria. When a student demonstrates an ACE behavior, he/she is given a “golden ticket”. The ticket is placed in our school ACE jar. On Fridays, ACE students are chosen from the jar and given an ACE shirt to keep. We also take pictures of our weekly ACE winners. These pictures are displayed on our ACE board for the whole year.



Lunch Room

Lunch Schedule:

- Lunch 1 - 11:00-11:30
Jepsen, Barbeau, Jackson, Scheperle
- Lunch 2 - 11:35-12:05
Gonzalez/Tibbott, Zackavec, Meyr/Miner
- Lunch 3 – 12:10-12:40
Shields, DeHaan, Birkey

Parents are welcome to eat lunch at RCPS. Please check-in at the office and plan to provide identification. Parents are asked to leave the cafeteria and sign out before students line up to return to their classrooms. We ask that you do NOT walk them back to class. Transitional times are difficult for our young students. Please just say your goodbyes in the cafeteria and return to the office to sign out.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served every day in the cafeteria from 8:20-8:45. The cost is \$1.50. If you do NOT want your child to eat breakfast at school, please tell the classroom teacher.

FORCES

Reminder: FORCES is partnering with Schwan’s frozen food in place of Market Day. Orders can be placed and paid for online and food is delivered directly to your home. **Look up the campaign “Reed-Custer” or enter the code 28064 (effective 9/16/16).**