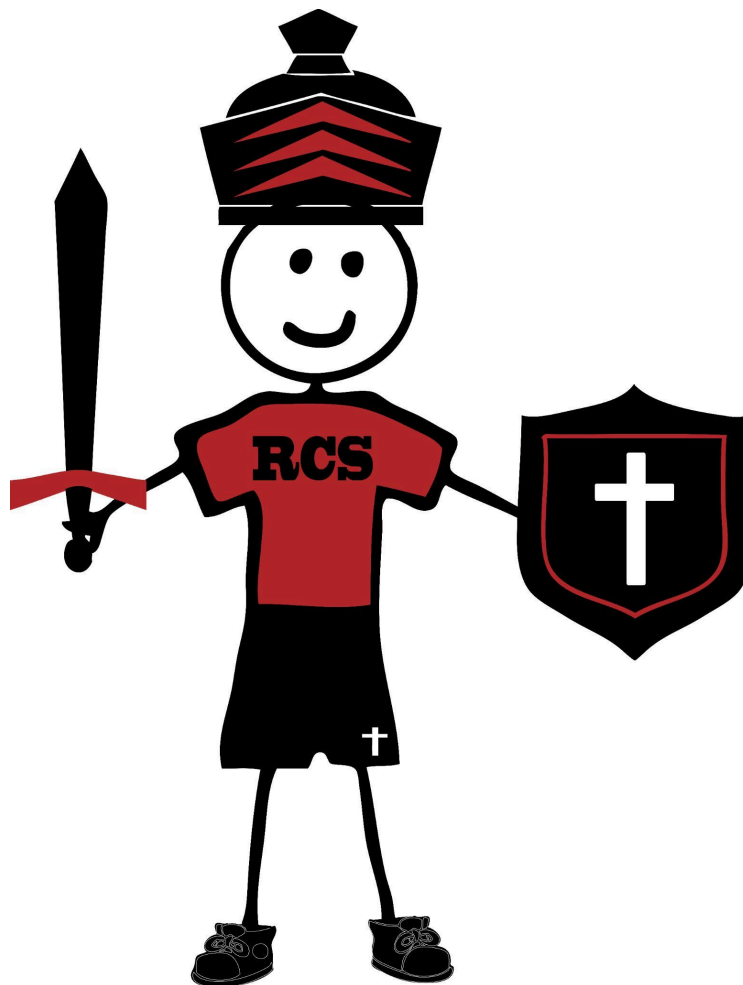


Redeemer Christian Preschool Parent Handbook 25-26 School Year



Redeemer Lutheran Church and Christian School is a Christ-centered community of believers who are called to serve with love so that all may know Jesus.

Dear Parents,

Your child is a very important individual. The first experiences in school will have a great deal to do with the shaping of his/her educational growth. At Redeemer Christian School, we welcome the Preschool child as an individual. We try to understand your child and help him/her grow and develop in healthful, happy ways. This booklet is designed to help you, as a parent, understand how the school proposes to share with you the early educational experiences of your child. We invite you, everyone, to help us in making these experiences more effective. We trust, also, that they may be as delightful to you as we hope to make them for your children.

OUR HOPE

We are confident that, with mutual understanding and cooperation in matters presented in this booklet, we shall experience a very helpful and inspiring year together in pursuing a common cause; namely that of bringing a child, whom you and we love, one year closer to maturity in a God-pleasing manner.

May the Lord bless your efforts at home and ours here at school in our striving toward this noble goal.

In His Service,
The Redeemer Christian School Staff

REGISTRATION

Applications will be accepted after January 1st for the coming fall classes until the two classes are each filled with the maximum of children. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. The Health Record Form, which is given to parents, must be completed and returned to the school office no later than the first day of school unless extension of time is granted for a specific reason.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Redeemer Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school- administered programs.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Redeemer Christian School believes that educational opportunities and programs should be open to boys and girls on an equal basis, and that employment opportunities be available to men and women equally. This is also prescribed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. We, therefore, do not discriminate on the basis of sex in employment practices. However, since most teacher education graduates are women, it may be that teacher selection practices result in a slight majority of female teachers. (Inquiries about the non- discrimination policies of Redeemer Christian School may be referred to Alicia Lenczewski, 2141—5th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221.)

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided by the parents.

PRESCHOOL HOURS

The hours for half day students are from 8:45 am to 11:00am and full day students are from 8:45am to 3:00 pm. We urge that students do not arrive at school prior to 8:30 am. All preschool students arriving before 8:30 am will be sent to Child Watch and fees will be billed monthly.

PICK-UP SAFETY

Before the school year begins each parent will be given two name strips with your child's name printed on them. These strips will be used when you pick your child up from school each day. When you pull up in the turn-around drive to pick up your child you will show this name strip so the teacher knows which student you are picking up. These name strips will be used until the teachers get familiar with who is picking up your child. If someone arrives to pick up your child and DOES NOT have this name strip, they will be asked to go to the parking lot and come into the office. The early childhood teacher will check the emergency medical form to see if this person is listed and will ask to see their driver's license. If they are not listed on the emergency medical form, they WILL NOT be permitted to take your child. Also, please be sure to keep the name strips in your car through the entire school year for days when the class may have a substitute teacher. All parents need to be sure the seats your children use in your vehicle are on

the side where the teacher will put your child into the vehicle (curbside). We do not want to be walking around other vehicles to load children. Please be patient and wait your turn to exit the school drive. DO NOT drive around the others who are still waiting in the school drive. This is for the safety of all the children.

PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED 10 MPH WHEN DRIVING IN THE TURN AROUND TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

SCHOOL CLOSING

When school is closed because of inclement weather, it will be announced via email, text message, or social media. It may also be announced on television channels 3, 5, and 8.

COMMUNICATION

Each month a classroom newsletter with a calendar attached will be sent home. Please be sure to put this in a safe spot so you are aware of what we are doing in the classroom. Weekly reminders will be sent home when applicable using Class Dojo. Make sure you have signed up for your child's class. If you do not know how to sign up for Class Dojo please contact your child's teacher. Your child will have a take home folder that comes home every day. This will be our way of communicating. Please be sure to check this folder on a daily basis and we will do the same.

REPORTING PROGRESS

Reporting of the child's progress will be done through two parent/teacher conferences during the year. Parents will receive written progress reports at these times.

PROMOTION

Children must be 5 years old by August 1st and successfully complete Kindergarten screening.

RETENTION

On occasion it may be necessary for a child to repeat the Preschool experience for a 3rd year. This will be determined only after very careful study and conferences with the parents. The school psychologist may need to be consulted before a final decision is made.

VISITORS

We welcome adult visitors at any time with prior approval from the classroom teacher. Children accompanied by an adult are also welcome. All visitors must check in with the main office upon arrival.

SNACKS

Redeemer will provide healthy snacks each day. They will consist of items from 2 different food groups.

ROOM PARENTS

We will have one room parent chairperson for each class. They will be calling you about sending refreshments for the special occasions indicated under parties.

PARTIES

The class will celebrate each birthday and will also celebrate summer birthdays during April and May. Parents of birthday children may send a special treat, but they need not feel obligated to do so since the class will celebrate regardless. Please check with your child's teacher for any class allergies.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

We will have special refreshments on other occasions such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. There will be no costume party for Halloween. We will exchange valentines for Valentine's Day. We will also celebrate other fun events as well. Please watch the monthly newsletter.

RECESS

The children will go outside for recess on a daily basis as weather permits. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately, especially during the winter months (hat, gloves, boots). Please DO NOT send umbrellas with your children on rainy days. These are a safety hazard.

NAPS

Nap time is required by the state of Ohio. Children are required to lay down and have quiet time for at least 45 minutes. We ask that you provide a blanket, pillow and stuffed animal. (A blanket with the pillow attached is encouraged.) We will provide a bag for your child to use to keep their nap items in. We will send the nap bag home at the end of the week for you to wash and return at the start of each week.

- A cot shall stand at least three inches and not more than eighteen inches off the floor. The cot shall be firm enough to support the child, but shall be resilient under pressure. Each cot shall be at least thirty-six inches in length and at least as long as the child assigned to the cot is tall.
- Children are only permitted to rest, nap, or sleep on a cot or mat.
- The licensed child care center shall provide a quiet space for children who want to rest, nap, or sleep.
- Nap and rest time shall be in accordance with the developmental needs of the child.
- Rest or nap areas shall be lighted to allow for visual supervision of all children at all times.
- Any child who does not fall asleep during a designated nap time shall have the opportunity to engage in quiet activities.
- Evacuation routes shall not be blocked by resting or napping children. Each child shall have a free and direct means of escape, and the provider shall have a clear path to each resting child.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Class composite and individual pictures are taken each year in the fall. You will be notified in advance the day on which pictures will be taken.

MEDICAL DATA

A child must have had all immunizations required by the state before entering Pre-Kindergarten. These immunizations include:

- 4-DTP Immunizations (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- 3-Polio Immunizations
- 1-MMR
- 3-HIB (Haemophilus Influenza B) - must have at least one after 15- months
- 3-Hepatitis B
- 1-Var
- 4-PCV=Pneumo
- 2-HepA

Your child must also have had the tuberculin test. This information must be recorded on the Health Record Form. The Ohio Department of Education requires that all Early Childhood families are given information about the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program. Please go to: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/FOROHIOANS/Programs/Healthchek.aspx>

POLICY ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A person trained to recognize the common signs of communicable disease or other illness shall observe each child daily as he/she enters a group. A "person trained to recognize the common signs of communicable disease: means any person trained in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases as required by paragraph (D) of rule 3301-37-07 of the Administrative Code.

The following precautions shall be taken for children suspected of having a communicable disease:

- The program shall immediately notify the parent or guardian of the child's condition when a child has been observed with signs or symptoms of illness.
- A child with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness shall be immediately isolated and discharged to his/her parent or guardian: Diarrhea (three or more abnormally loose stools within a twenty-four hour period); Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound; Difficult or rapid breathing Yellowish skin or eyes; Redness of the eye or eyelid, thick and purulent (pus) eye discharge, matted eyelashes, burning, itching or eye pain; Temperature of one hundred degrees Fahrenheit taken by the auxiliary method when in combination with other signs of illness; Untreated infected skin patch(es); Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool; Stiff neck with an elevated temperature; Evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation; Sore throat/Difficulty swallowing; Vomiting more than one time or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness.
- A child with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness shall be immediately isolated from other children. Decisions regarding whether the child should be discharged immediately or at some other time during the day while isolated at the program, shall be

carefully watched for symptoms listed in paragraph (B)(2) or this rule as well as the following: a) Unusual spots or rashes; or b) Elevated temperature. Programs shall follow the Ohio Department of Health's posted "Communicable Disease Chart" for appropriate management of suspected illnesses.

- A child isolated due to suspected communicable disease shall be: Cared for in a room not being used in the preschool program; Within sight and hearing of an adult at all times. No child shall ever be left alone or unsupervised; Made comfortable and provided with a cot/mat or crib for infants. All linens and blankets used by the ill child shall be laundered before being used by another child. After use, the cot shall be disinfected with an appropriate germicidal agent, or, if soiled with blood, feces, vomit or other body fluids, the cot shall be cleaned with soap and water and then disinfected with an appropriate germicidal agent. Observed carefully for worsening condition; and Discharged to parent, guardian, or person designated by the parent or guardian as soon as practical.
- Policy for management of communicable disease All staff members shall be trained to recognize symptoms by Doctor, Nurse, or Red Cross, usually a minimum of a 6-hour course. A child must be free of symptoms for 24-hours before returning to school. The director, nurse, teacher or secretary will immediately notify by phone the parent or guardian when a child is exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness. A person trained to recognize the common signs of communicable disease or other illness shall observe each child daily as he enters a group. A "person trained to recognize the common signs of communicable disease" means any person trained in prevention, recognition by paragraph (D) of rule 3301- 37-07 of the Administrative Code. A written note will go home with each child thought to be exposed to any communicable disease. A child isolated due to suspected communicable disease shall be cared for in a room or portion of a room not being used in the preschool program. A child isolated due to suspected communicable disease shall be within sight and hearing of an adult at all times. No child shall ever be left alone or unsupervised. Redeemer Christian School staff will not give any medication to any child at this center unless proper forms have been completed and the medication given to the principal or secretary.
- In extreme emergency: The director, teacher, secretary or volunteer will call the parent or guardian, or other provided emergency number, or take the child (using the emergency medical form provided) to the hospital for emergency treatment. The director or available teacher or secretary will transport the child to the nearest facility. If necessary, call 911. The director or available teacher or secretary will transport the child to the nearest facility.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Since your child will come in contact with many others at school, be alert to symptoms of illness. To avoid unnecessary risk, keep your child at home if some of the following symptoms are shown:

- Flushed skin and other signs of abnormal temperature
- Runny nose, excessive coughing and wheezing, sore throat
- Skin rashes or peeling, sores around mouth, hands or body

In cases of absence, please call the school office stating the reason for the absence. Also, please send in a written excuse from a medical office to the office/teacher the day your child returns to school.

If a child becomes ill at school, the parents will be notified to come and pick up the child.

The teacher should know whom to call in case no parent is available during the regular school session. This information is on the Emergency Medical Form, and also, keep the teacher up-to-date on any changes that occur in this matter.

PLEASE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OR PRINCIPAL IF A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (SUCH AS STREP THROAT, PINK EYE, COVID, ETC.) IS DIAGNOSED.

POLICY ON THE MILDLY ILL CHILD

This child does not have symptoms as listed above. They may attend class but parents may not want them to take part in recess or other physical activities. This child will stay with the Office during recess time.

25-26 STUDENT DRESS CODE

Preschool through 8th grade

Please read carefully, revisions have been made.

Philosophy:

- We believe that the student dress code is a valid concern of a Christian school and the Christian parent.
- We believe that the student dress is primarily the duty and responsibility of parents.
- We believe that the dress of our students directly reflects on our school and affects the self-image of the students and the learning environment in general.

The principal, teachers, and staff have the authority to make the decision regarding the appropriateness of a student's clothing based on the following objectives:

The objectives of the dress code at RCS:

- Provide a Christian witness.
- Preserve and protect the health and safety of the students, staff, and property of the school.
- Promote a productive learning environment.
- Reduce and eliminate unnecessary distractions.

This is the best rule: When in doubt... don't wear it!

All Students

Shirts

- Solid color polos or plain button down oxfords (long or short sleeve) - *white, red, or black only.*
- No logos beyond school approved, pocket-sized logos.
- All shirts MUST be tucked in at all times.

- Solid color (white, red, or black only) turtlenecks or long sleeve shirts (white, red, or black only) may be worn under a school approved polo.
- Navy or red crewneck sweatshirts with the approved school logo (available in the school office), navy or red sweater vests or navy or red cardigan sweaters may be worn over approved school collared shirt.

Pants/ Shorts

- Cotton dress pants and shorts (Bermuda style) - pleated or flat front— khaki, navy, or black only.
- Preschool through fifth grade may wear elastic waist cotton slacks.
- If pants are designed with belt loops then a belt **MUST** be worn for first through eighth grade.
- No denim, corduroy, cargo pants, wide legs, elastic at the ankle, yoga pants, skinny pants, leggings (without a skirt), jeggings, drawstrings, pajamas, or rivets. No logos are to appear on pants and shorts.
- No cargo shorts! Shorts may be worn year round. Length of all shorts must be appropriate. A rule to follow is an inch past the fingertips when student is standing up straight with arms relaxed to the side.

Outerwear

- All students must have appropriate outerwear for the weather conditions.
- Rain or snow boots are not allowed to be worn in the classroom.
- A heavier weight coat, hat, gloves or mittens, snow pants, and boots are required to go out for recess when the temperature is 32° F and below or if snow is still on the ground.

Other

- Hair must be kept neat and clean and not dyed an unnatural color. No distracting hairstyles or hair accessories. Boy's hair must not cover the ears, eyebrows, or collar, and boys cannot wear man buns or ponytails.
- Only stud earrings are permitted for girls. No other earrings are permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. It is highly encouraged that students not wear stud earrings of significant value to school. RCS will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged jewelry.
- Only one simple necklace with a single pendant no bigger than a quarter may be worn by both boys and girls. No other jewelry is permitted. It is highly encouraged that students not wear necklaces of significant value to school. RCS will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged jewelry.
- No temporary tattoos or body piercings.
- Socks are required. Socks must be matching and solid neutral colors only (black, navy, white, or gray with no visible logo.)
- Shoes must be a matching pair, neat and clean, with no holes and non-marking soles. No sandals, dress shoes, clogs, crocs, boots, or shoes with lights or wheels. Shoes must fully encircle the foot.

- Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained or have holes.
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls – modest makeup is permitted.
- All clothing must be appropriate size, nothing too tight or oversized.
- Hoodies are not allowed in the classroom but can be worn on dress-down days and as outerwear.

GIRLS

Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers/Polo Dresses

- Shorts, skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses in khaki, navy or black only. Jumpers must be worn over a school approved collared shirt.
- Modesty shorts are required when wearing dresses and skirts. Leggings, in navy or black only, may be worn under skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses.
- No logos are to appear on jumpers or polo dresses.
- Length of all uniforms must be appropriate. A rule to follow is an inch past the fingertips when student is standing up straight with arms relaxed to the side.

ASSIGNED DRESS-DOWN

- Occasionally, the student body will be allowed dress-down days. If there is a theme day, the student must dress to the theme or wear the school uniform.
- Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained, have holes, or inappropriate, political, or suggestive graphics. Shorts and skirts must be appropriate length. Yoga pants, skinny exercise pants, leggings worn as pants, jeggings worn as pants, pajamas, or skinny jeans are not allowed.
- Shirts must have sleeves. Tank tops or spaghetti strap tops must be worn with a shirt over the top or underneath the straps.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Preschool through Eighth - A request for the parent or guardian to bring appropriate clothing before the child can return to the classroom may be made depending on the violation.

Kindergarten through Eighth - Dress code violations will be tracked via Gradelink. When a violation occurs, an email will be automatically generated to the email address updated in Gradelink. The first violation will result in a verbal warning. The second violation can result in missed recess, lunch detention, or other age appropriate consequence. After three (3) dress code violations, a parent or legal guardian must meet with the principal, either in person or via phone call, to discuss the Dress Code policy. Excessive violations of the Dress Code policy may result in refusal of re-enrollment for the following school year.

VISITING SCHOOL

- Everyone enters and exits out of the office doors from 7 am to 6 pm when school is in session. Everyone who wishes to enter the building will be vetted via the intercom system. After stating your name and the nature of your visit, please follow the instructions to proceed to the main office window.

- Visitors will not be allowed beyond the office unless the visit has been approved by a faculty or staff member. Visitors are allowed to attend chapel services and special events. See Volunteer Policy regarding special events.
- Once you are at the office window:
 - If you are dropping off something (lunch, instrument, folder, etc.) for a student, you will be asked to leave the item(s) with the office personnel, and the student(s) will be called down to retrieve the items.
 - If you are dropping off your child(ren) to school late, you will need to walk them into the school to sign in your student. You may then exit campus while your child(ren) will be sent to their classrooms. Your child(ren)'s teachers will be notified that your child(ren) is on campus.
 - If you are picking up your child(ren) early from school, you will be asked to wait by the main office while your child(ren) comes to the office. Once your child(ren) arrives, please sign them out via the early dismissal log.
 - Anyone desiring to meet with a teacher must have a scheduled appointment.

Entrance and exit procedures for concerts, graduations, sporting events, and other school events will be posted or announced as needed.

Volunteer Policy

In effort to keep all stakeholders safe during every school-related event, we require that all persons wishing to volunteer, regardless of what the activity is (such as field trips, classroom parties, classroom help, organizing/volunteering at events, etc.):

- Partake in a Protect My Ministry background check. Background checks must be renewed every three years. Background checks can be done through the Business Office of Redeemer Lutheran Church. If you have a valid background check from another organization, we will accept a copy from that organization. The background checks will be kept on file at the school. Copies of background check certificates can be made on request.
- Complete the MinistrySafe online training course of Sexual Abuse Awareness Training. Please contact the Principal for a link to complete the training.

The above excludes attending Chapel services, Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, Donuts with Grownups and other such school events.

Building and Grounds Policy

RCS depends on the support and involvement of parents in areas such as field trips, room parties, school picnic, and special class events. Since children learn not only by books, but by example, we expect all adults, parents, and teachers alike to be good Christian examples in their words and actions. Redeemer Christian School is a SMOKE, VAPE, DRUG, MARIJUANA, and ALCOHOL FREE ENVIRONMENT. Therefore, these behaviors are not permitted while around children by any adult who participates in any class or school activity or is on the RCS campus. This also applies to St. Luke's parking lot adjacent to Redeemer. Please refrain from entering RCS while under the influence of or smelling like any of the above mentioned items.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP-OFF

- Before 8:30 am, students may be dropped off in the turnaround and walked into the school building through the office doors. You will need to press the buzzer to enter the building at that time.
- Students dropped off before 8:30 am are required to go to Child Watch.
- From 8:30 am to 8:45 am, students may be dropped off in the turnaround. An RCS adult will be outside to provide direction and help unload students from their cars.
- Please be courteous to your fellow RCS families by waiting in line in the parking lot for drop-off. If you cut ahead in the line by turning directly into the turn around, you will be asked to go to the end of the line before dropping of your child(ren). If cutting in line persists, it may result in dismissal from Redeemer Christian School.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

- Only primary guardians of a child or an adult listed on the EMA will be allowed to pick up a child from school.
- If we have not met the person picking up your child, they may be asked to show a photo ID even if they are listed on the EMA.
- If someone who is not listed on the EMA needs to pick up your child from school, please call the school ahead of time to give the office the name of this person. This person will need to show a photo ID before being allowed to leave with your child.
- Preschool families will turn directly into the turn around to pick up your child. You do not have to wait in the line across the street.
- Stay in your vehicle and form a line starting at the south entrance and wrapping around to the north entrance.
- At approximately 3:00 pm, an RCS Preschool adult will come out the office doors and will start loading students into cars.
- If you arrive after 3:10 you will need to park in the parking lot and walk into the office to pick up your child from child watch.

CHILD WATCH PROGRAM (before and after school)

- Before School Child Watch (7am to 8:30am) – Students dropped off prior to 8:30 am must enter Child Watch. Students need to enter through the office door. They must check in at the main office. Then you will need to wait for the Child Watch teacher to come and get them. They will then proceed to Child Watch with the teacher. They will be permitted to play and weather permitting, will go outside to the playground.
- After School Child Watch (3:10pm to 6pm) — Students must report and check in with the Child Watch Supervisor upon dismissal from the classroom. All students not picked up by 3:30 pm or students who miss a bus will be signed into the Child Watch program. Failure to pick up your child by 6:00 pm will result in a \$20 per half-hour fee per student. If you will be delayed past 6:00 pm, you MUST call the office (330.923.1280) to inform staff.
- When picking up your child(ren) from Child Watch please enter through the main office doors. The administrative assistant at the front desk will vete you. A phone call will be

made to the Child Watch Supervisor to get your child(ren) to come to the main office to meet you. Your child(ren) will be walked to you in the main office by the childwatch teacher.

- Child Watch payments must be current (30 days) or privileges could be suspended. A \$25 late fee will be assessed per family.
- All school rules are applicable during Child Watch. Failure to follow these rules could result in suspended privileges. Cell phones are NOT permitted to be used during these times.

Parent Teacher League (PTL)

All parents are encouraged to participate in PTL. This is a good opportunity for parents to meet students and their families and to learn more about our school.

GETTING ALONG

You can help your child to have an enjoyable school experience by keeping the following suggestions in mind:

- Make your child feel secure and wanted at all times.
- Teach your child to pray, and pray with your child.. Go with your child regularly to church and Sunday school.
- Sing and read with your child.
- Let your child make things with his/her hands.
- Do not threaten your child in connection with school or his/ her teacher.
- Show an interest in what your child does.
- Do not make fun of your child.
- Laugh with, not at, your child
- Do not compare your child with other children in the family, school or neighborhood.
- Remind your child to say “please” and “thank you” and to observe other courtesies.
- Teach your child to take care of his/her belongings.
- Be punctual and consistent in attendance.
- Provide a good breakfast or lunch before sending your child to school.
- Arrange regular sleeping hours for your child.
- See that boots are large enough to take off alone and teach your child to put on and take off wraps.
- Dress appropriately in washable, comfortable clothing.
- Teach child to give full name, address and phone number.
- Prevent toy guns, knives or other such things that may be dangerous from coming to school as they might injure your child or another.
- Teach your child to attend to own toilet needs.
- Give your child jobs to do at home and help him/her learn to do these jobs correctly.
- Help your child to play fair with others and to enjoy sharing.

POLICY ON SAFETY

- An early childhood staff member in charge of a child or a group of children shall be responsible for their safety.

- No child shall ever be left alone or unsupervised.
- The teacher shall be at her door to greet children at arrival times.
- There is immediate access at all times to a working phone.
- A monthly fire drill, at varying times, and a record of drills shall be kept on file in the office.
- A person trained in first-aid shall be available at all times.
- When an accident or injury occurs, the center shall complete a report and file a copy in the office; one copy will be sent home.
- Use of any aerosols shall be prohibited when children are in attendance at the center
- An early childhood staff member shall immediately notify the local public Children's Service Agency when any child abuse or neglect is suspected.
- A first-aid kit is kept in the office and the classroom.
- Equipment and toys are inspected regularly and kept in good repair.
- Parents are reminded to use seat belts at all times.
- A cot is available for a sick child until picked up by a parent or guardian.

THE CENTER'S ACTUAL METHODS OF DISCIPLINE SHALL APPLY TO ALL PERSONS ON THE PREMISES AND SHALL BE RESTRICTED AS FOLLOWS:

- There shall be no cruel, harsh, corporal punishment or any unusual punishments such as, but not limited to punching, pinching, shaking, spanking, or biting.
- No discipline shall be delegated to any other child
- No physical restraints shall be used to confine a child by any means other than holding a child for a short period of time, so the child may regain control.
- No child shall be placed in a locked room or confined in an enclosed area such as a closet, a box, or a similar cubicle.
- No child shall be subjected to profane language, threats, derogatory remarks about him/herself or his /her family, or other verbal abuse.
- Discipline shall not be imposed on a child for failure to eat, failure to sleep, or for toileting accidents.
- Techniques of discipline shall not humiliate, shame or frighten a child.
- Discipline shall not include withholding food, rest, or toilet use.
- Separation, when used as discipline, shall be brief in duration and appropriate to the child's age and developmental ability, and the child shall be within sight and hearing of an early childhood staff member in a safe, lighted, and well-ventilated space.
- The center shall not abuse or neglect children and shall protect children from abuse and neglect while in attendance in the early childhood program.

DIS-ENROLLMENT POLICY

The school reserves the right to withdraw a child from the Early Childhood Program if:

- The child's needs cannot be met by this program's curriculum and resources. In this situation, a meeting would be held with the parents, teacher and principal.
- The child is considered a detriment to other children or to the program.

If you have a complaint or concern regarding the preschool program at Redeemer Christian School, please follow the chain of command listed below.

- Mrs. Peak: Preschool Teacher
- Mrs. Shockley: Preschool Teacher
- Mrs. Weese: Little Raiders Director
- Mrs. Lenczewski: RCS Principal
- Mr. Meyer: School Advisory Team Chairman
- Ohio Department of Education (614-644-2603).

As a parent of Redeemer's Early Childhood Program, you have a right to request a copy of the inspection done by the State of Ohio. Please contact Mrs. Weese at preschooldirector@redeemerlutheran.us if you wish to have a copy of this report.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Half Day Students

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 8:45 am -11:00 am

Tuesday/ Thursday 8:45am - 11:00am

Full Day Students

Monday-Friday 8:45 am – 3:00 pm Morning drop off in the turn-around is 8:30 am to 8:45 am.

Afternoon pick up in the turn-around is 3:00 pm to 3:10 pm. If you arrive after 3:10 pm for pick up, please park in the lot and walk into the office.

ENTRANCE

A child must have attained the age of 3 years on or before August 1 of the year the child is being enrolled.

SUPPLIES

Please see our Preschool/PreK school supply list. If you would like another copy you can contact the office or find it on our school website.

MORNING SCHEDULE

8:45 Arrival/Free Play

9:00 Opening/Circle Time

9:30 Center Activities

10:00 Recess

10:15 Snack

10:30 God Time

10:45 Prepare for Departure

11:00 Dismissal

ALL DAY PRESCHOOL

8:45 AM—3:00 PM The morning schedule for the full day preschool program will be as previously described in this handbook.

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

11:00 Restroom/Wash Hands
11:30 Lunch
12:10 Recess
12:30 Restroom/Prepare for Rest Time
12:45 Rest Time
1:30 Storytime
1:40 Center Activities
2:30 Clean up and prepare for dismissal
2:40 Recess
3:00 Dismiss.

The activities in the afternoon will focus on science, social studies, and cooking. We will also do more activities to go along with our weekly morning Bible Stories.

Please pack a healthy lunch for your child. Listed below is an example of what food groups should be met for a healthy lunch:

- 1 Grain (Bread, Cereal, etc.)
- 1 Protein (Peanut Butter, Yogurt, Cheese)
- 2 or more Fruits/Vegetables
- 1 Dairy (Milk, Yogurt)

MILK

Milk is available for purchase at lunch on a daily basis. Milk can be purchased without purchasing hot lunch.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Those who qualify for free and reduced lunch receive one lunch free or at the reduced rate. Additional lunches or an extra milk will be charged to the student's account and must be paid in full. RCS is not permitted to deny a student a meal or milk, even if it is an additional one.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

CIRCLE TIME

The day will begin with our welcome, prayer, calendar, and weather. Activities during this time will include songs, finger plays, stories, music, and other fun activities which will coincide with our weekly/monthly themes. Centers The center activities will be developed in order for the children to improve their fine and gross motor skills. Recess Weather permitting the children will be outside on the playground running, climbing, and enjoying the play equipment. If the weather does not allow, they will be in the gym.

BIBLE TIME

Each day will conclude with Bible Time. The children will be introduced to a new Bible story each week. This story will be taught to the children through stories, songs, finger plays, flannel

board, and many other fun, creative ways. In everything they are always learning about the love of Jesus! Each week the students will attend a chapel service in the sanctuary with the RCS student body.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR PRESCHOOL

- To develop the child's vocabulary and speech patterns
- To teach the child to follow directions
- To improve physical coordination
- To aid in emotional and social growth
- To teach the child basic health and safety rules
- To help the child accept and respect authority
- To teach the child to be considerate and courteous to others
- To help the child to respect the rights and property of others
- To lead the child to appreciate the wonders of God's creation and His great love in sending Jesus Christ as the Savior from sin
- To lead the child to trust and believe in Jesus as his/her Helper and Savior.
- To make the adjustment to school happy and wholesome
- To help the child become aware of and have an interest in the world about him/her
- To give the child many opportunities to work and play cooperatively with others in a group
- To teach the child to act and think for him/herself
- To help the child feel at ease when talking to a group
- To teach the child good sportsmanship—to be willing to accept loss at times
- To provide opportunities to work with a variety of materials for the purpose of fostering creative expression
- To follow the child's progress in all phases of growth through observation and through conferences with parents
- To help the child feel a real sense of belonging and full acceptance for all people
- To help the child develop and manifest some degree of self-discipline and self-control
- To ready the child for formal instruction in all academic subjects

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOL

Lord God,

Heavenly Father, who has blessed us much more than we deserve with a fine school, faculty and student body, make us truly grateful for this blessing and grant your Holy Spirit to our teachers, students, and parents so that this coming year and years to come may prove a real blessing to us all. Give the teachers wisdom to teach the children that Jesus Christ is their Savior and loves them. Help us all to be strengthened in our faith and to love Him in return Who has said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Trusting that we will listen to this request in the best possible way by operating this, our school, we ask your blessing upon our efforts and your protection upon all. Amen.

