



## EARLY LEARNING COMMUNICATION 2024-2025

### Change for the 2024-2025 Preschool Year at RCS

We are excited to announce that RCS will be providing full day learning for preschool age students (age 4/5) at RCS. Starting in September 2024 we will be closing the RCS Preschool and begin a new program known as RCS Early Learning. In line with our new license for this program, we will have one class of 24 students. The classroom that will be used for the Early Learning Program will be the Elementary Campus' largest classroom (current K1 class) to maximize the space and teacher student ratios. Three Early Childhood Educators will be in the classroom with our 24 Early Learning students. The RCS Early Learning program will be full day, five days a week that mirrors the regular Elementary school day with doors opening at 8:15am and dismissal to be at 2:45pm. The cost is estimated to be \$1250 per student less the CCFRI, resulting in tuition paid by parents of approximately \$705 per month.

### RCS Early Learning Reason for Change

Partnering well with parents and meeting the needs of our families is important to us. Accordingly with this foundation we have been looking at ways our Preschool can help support families. Currently with the 2.5 hours for an am and pm preschool class, we recognize the difficulty for families to find drop off and pick up solutions for this short program. As such we hope this change will effectively remove barriers for families to utilize our Early Learning Program as we holistically prepare our 4-year-olds for the joy of kindergarten. There is a benefit to the school in making our admissions process into Kindergarten more manageable.

### RCS Early Learning Program

Our deep hope is that RCS Early Learning will inspire curiosity, wonder and engaging investigation as children begin to understand God's world and their place in it. Throughout the day, students will have opportunities to practice and expand their communication and language skills as they problem solve, make choices, and learn through discovery. The program will incorporate play, art, music, stories, physical movement, rest time, and outdoor activities as part of the daily routine. Building upon relationships with teachers and students, children will be able to work on positive interactions that develop empathy and compassion and build towards children's growing independence. RCS Early Learning takes a holistic approach that nurtures the social, emotional, physical and critical thinking skills of every student.

### RCS Early Learning Goals

- Discover God's truth about His Story and His world.
- Provide a safe and loving Christian learning environment, that is engaging and fosters curiosity.
- Welcome each child at his/her developmental stage and provide opportunities for growth in problem solving, critical thinking, independence, and emotional development.
- Acknowledge and encourage parental partnership by recognizing that parents are the essential element for their children's education.

### Summary of Change

- Full day Early Learning experience from 8:15-2:45
- 24 Students in class
- 3 Early Childhood Education Teachers in class
- Preschool classroom is moving to room 114 and being redesigned for Early Learning needs.
- Estimated fee of \$705 per month (includes CCFRI) for 10 months
- No sibling discount as the funding is different than our K-12 students.

