



*John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, abide in my life."*

### **A Note from Our Director**

At Redeemer Christian School we tell the children that no matter what wrong we may do to others we have a love from God that is unconditional and that He is always there for us even when we do wrong. We are blessed with loving families who take care of us and love us each day. We tell the children that we always have to show love to each other and forgive those who may do wrong to us with a hug and thank those who show us love. Our Valentine parties this month are a time for us to celebrate "love" with class friends. We thank our room parents for coordinating these parties and for giving their time to their child's class, true gifts of love!

We were so happy to see so many families come to our Christmas pageants in December! It's wonderful to celebrate in person together and we are excited when it gets so full in the Life Center that it becomes "standing room only"! It truly was a good feeling to see the smiles and laughter come from both our children and the audience while each class performed songs and skits to celebrate the "True" meaning of Christmas, Jesus' birth!

We will enjoy "Read Across America" days the end of this month with visits from Clifford the Big Red Dog. This is a book exchange for our children, and they can wear their pajamas that day if they wish to feel comfy as they read their books.

We will also have our class pictures taken in February by our wonderful photographer, Mr. Jim from First Class Photography, who has taken our children's photos for years now. He really is so patient, and he knows just how to get a smile from each of our children!

We thank our "Miss Kim" (Kim Taylor) who not only works as a teacher assistant with our T/Th morning Threes but is again our fundraising chairperson. She volunteers many hours to RCS to help us fundraise funds so that we can purchase many needed items such as craft supplies, presents for the Redeemer Giving Tree, steel cabinets for our classrooms, backyard mulch, and Circle Time rugs. In the past we have bought a new copy machine, our laminator, our outside door camera and so much more! We thank all who have made purchases from our fundraisers. We truly appreciate it!

Our registration is still ongoing for the fall of 2024 as we still have openings, especially in all 2.5 year old classes and afternoon Threes. Thank you if you have referred our school to others! Word of mouth and Facebook posts are our two most important sources of advertisement for our school. We are proud that we have our very first sign-up for an RCS student from a parent who is an RCS graduate! This parent was a student who started in our very first 2 1/2 year old class when RCS opened in 2001 and she was in this class that my sister Lisa and I taught together! Time is marching on!

Have a loving, healthy, caring and warm month. As our outside sign states on Eyland Avenue, "God's love warms our hearts"!

God bless all of you,  
Cindy Stevens & the RCS Staff

### **February At A Glance**

Letters of the Month - "S", "D", "U" and "P"

February 8th & 9th

- **Valentine's Day Parties**

February 19th

- **President's Day - NO SCHOOL**

February 22nd & 23rd

- **Picture Days**

February 29th & March 1st

- **Read Across America**

### **Looking Forward: Turtle Back Zoo Trip**

All RCS families will be able to go to Turtle Back Zoo at a discounted rate on Friday, May 17th (rain date May 24th). There will be NO class that day. More information will follow.

The price will be \$12 each person (unless you already have a TB Zoo membership).

## Our February activities are:

### \* Valentine's Day Celebrations - February 8th & 9th

This is a fun time for our children! Thank you, parents, if you have sent in treats!

#### Thursday, February 8th

Miss Heather - 2.5's T/Th  
Miss Wendy - 3's T/Th  
Miss Alison - 4's  
Miss Lori - Full Day 4's

#### Friday, February 9th

Miss Heather - 2.5's W/F  
Miss Terry - 2.5's F  
Miss Cindy - 3's MWF AM  
Miss Wendy - 3's MWF PM  
Miss Charleen - 4's & STARS

### \*RCS School Pictures - February 22nd & 23rd

#### Thursday, February 22nd

Miss Heather - 2.5's T/Th  
Miss Wendy - 3's T/Th  
Miss Alison - 4's AM & PM  
Miss Lori - Full Day 4's

#### Friday, February 23rd

Miss Heather - 2.5's W/F  
Miss Terry - 2.5's F  
Miss Cindy - 3's MWF AM  
Miss Wendy - 3's MWF PM  
Miss Charleen - 4's MTWThF & STARS

**\*\*Please know that the Fours have the option to have photos taken with cap and gown at the same time as their regular photo.**

**The "STARS" option is with the yellow "STARS" sash added to the gown.**

### \*Read Across America February 29th & March 1st

We are asking parents to send in two age-appropriate "gently used" books to the school to be shared in a book exchange during Read Across America week. Books can be sent in from February 15th- 23rd. A special "Big Red" friend will be visiting for the book exchange!

**\*\*All children can wear their PAJAMAS on their scheduled day to be comfortable!**

#### Thursday, February 29th

Miss Heather - 2.5's T/Th  
Miss Wendy - 3's T/Th  
Miss Alison - 4's  
Miss Lori - Full Day 4's

#### Friday, March 1st

Miss Heather - 2.5's W/F  
Miss Terry - 2.5's F  
Miss Cindy - 3's MWF AM  
Miss Wendy - 3's MWF PM  
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## RCS Reaches Out!

We are proud of our Full Day Fours for contributing to Redeemer Lutheran Church's Christmas Giving Tree by shopping online for items requested by families in need in the Morris County area. This was made possible by our proceeds from RCS fundraisers. It is a good feeling to give to others and for the children to take part in bringing smiles to others less fortunate. We teach our children by example!

RCS Classes also make Valentine cards for Senior shut in members of Redeemer to bring them some love. These cards are always so appreciated!

In case you were not aware, nine years ago one of our alumni students, Nolan Montalbano, wanted to start a "Little Free Library" at RCS to share books back and forth. Nolan and his parents have created this library right inside the RCS front doors. We are proud of Nolan for his efforts. Please use this wonderful gift with your child.

We will be happy to take any donation of books that you would like to share.

## RCS Website

[www.redeemerchristianschool.com](http://www.redeemerchristianschool.com)

Please check our website to view our calendar and current school news. Registration and other important school forms are also available on the site. See our photos on Facebook for some photos of recent school events as well.

## \*Snow/Inclement Weather Policy\*

Please be aware of our school inclement weather policy and that RCS will follow the Roxbury School system. As per our inclement weather policy, the number of times a class meets per week minus one is the allotted number of inclement weather days per class. If needed, we will schedule make-up days. In the event of a delayed opening, we will open at 10am. Our One Call Now phone system will inform you of any closings/delays we have.