

Rainbow Kids Club

Rainbow Kids Club (RKC) is open to children ages 18 months to 10 years old from within Esperanza School as well as children outside our school.

RKC is open Saturday from 6:00pm to 1:00am. Staff arrives at the time of the earliest reservation.

Children will participate in outdoor activities (if appropriate), an art or craft activity as well as center play. Dinner is served at 7:00pm. At bedtime, a movie will be shown (G rated) and children will be tucked in to sleep on nap pads.

Enrollment

Parents may enroll their children by completing the enrollment application (one form per child), attaching a shot record and paying a \$25. annual family membership fee. (Fee if enrolled July – Dec. is \$12.50) **All memberships and enrollment forms are updated and renewed each January.**

Reservations

Reservations are made on a first come first served basis. Late reservations will be accepted subject to availability. The RKC Reservation Roster is located in the Main Office of Esperanza School. Reservations may be written on the roster by the parent or called in to Esperanza staff during the week. A time of arrival and whether your child will have pizza or bring their own meal is required for reservation.

Holiday Schedule

There are a few weekends through the year when RKC will be closed including but not limited to:

- Easter weekend
- Memorial Day weekend
- Labor Day weekend
- Halloween weekend
- Thanksgiving weekend
- Christmas weekend

Payment for Service

- Parents are responsible for payment beginning from the time indicated on the reservation or the arrival time, whichever is earlier.

- **Payments must be made in cash** at the time of service and exact change is preferred.
- There is a 3 hour minimum charge per evening. **Reservations not cancelled by 6:00pm on Friday will be charged the minimum fee of 3 hours and the cost of dinner if applicable.**
- Cost for care is \$6/hour for one child, \$8/hour for 2 siblings, \$9/hour for 3 siblings and so on.
- You will be charged \$1/minute for pickup after 1:00am or designated closing time.
- Tipping of staff is encouraged!

Drop Off Procedures

As you are aware, to achieve a successful drop off you may need a special ritual or a few extra minutes. Drop off differs with every parent and child but if you have particular difficulty, ask the RKC staff person for help.

- Help your child put their **labeled extra change of clothing, diapers** if required, **lunch kit** if brought and **sleeping items** (pillow, blanket, snuggle buddy, pacifier) in the designated area. All items should be carried in a tote bag or backpack clearly labeled with your child's name.
- Please **escort your child to a staff member**. Do not drop your child off or leave without a staff member acknowledging your arrival. If the group is outside during your drop off, please do not allow your child to follow you back through the building unless accompanied by a staff member.

After your child is situated, please do not forget to do the following:

- **Sign in** on the Roster. Be sure to let us know if a person other than yourself will be picking up your child. Also, please notify that person to bring a photo ID to verify their identity.
- **Be sure to leave a number where you or an emergency contact may be reached.** This number should be written on the Roster.

Food

Parents who bring their children's food and drink should label their lunch kit, sippy cups and/or thermos. Children who use a bottle should bring them pre-mixed and labeled.

Esperanza serves an optional pizza, and drink dinner for \$4.50 payable in cash. Please indicate upon placing

your reservation whether your child should receive this dinner. Please also note, if you do sign up and do not attend, you will be billed for this dinner.

Clothing

Parents should bring their children already dressed in their pajamas or other comfortable sleepwear. Each child should bring a complete change of clothing regardless of their age.

Behavioral Expectations

Children participating in RKC are expected to follow our 5 Jobs Concept while in our care:

- Have friendly touches
- Have listening ears
- Take care of myself as best I can
- To learn
- To have fun

Children that are consistently unable to perform their jobs will be asked not to return.

Pick Up Procedures

- The front door of our facility will be locked during RKC, so please knock.
- Be prepared to show a photo ID upon arrival.
- Upon checking out on the Roster, please pay the staff member in charge before leaving. **Payment must be made on the day of service in cash.** Small bills and/or exact change is appreciated!
- Be sure a staff member has seen you and that you sign your child out on the Roster.
- Please remember to take your child's belongings with you.
- Parents or authorized persons that arrive to pick up a child from Esperanza will not be permitted to do so under the following circumstances:
 - Person appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol
 - Person appears to be emotionally unstable
 - Person threatens a child in the presence of a staff person

The determination of whether the adult poses a threat to the child is made solely by the staff of

Esperanza and will be supported by law enforcement if necessary.

Staff

Our weekend staff have gone through a 2 part interview, two days of observation with our children and a four hour training course. The course includes the following:

- Check in and out procedures
- Emergency illness and accident procedures
- Safety
- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Classroom management
- Communication exercises
- Age appropriate activity planning
- Dinner and snack procedures

Facility Credentials

Our facilities for RKC are licensed by the State of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

TO ENROLL, complete the attached enrollment form, include an updated shot record and appropriate registration fee. Return this information to Esperanza School – 1100 Roy St. For more information, please call 713.868.3276. **RAINBOW KIDS CLUB IS HELD AT THE DISCOVERY CENTER- 429 HEIGHTS BLVD.**

For Questions on Saturday Evening, Please call: 713.868.2200