

Rice Lake Elementary

Sibling Care Policies

Rice Lake Elementary School welcomes you and encourages parent involvement in its daily activities. Many Parent Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks such as office help, assisting teachers in the classroom, and working on projects. The Rice lake community is dedicated to making our school a great place for our children to grow and learn!

Purpose

The purpose of the sibling care room is to provide a free, safe, fun and convenient space for childcare service for parents who volunteer at Rice lake Elementary. The Sibling Care Program is an ongoing project of the RLPTO. The intended impact of sibling care is to allow a greater number of parents to participate in the Rice Lake volunteer system. **Sibling Care is not available if you are attending special classroom celebrations, programs, or volunteering on a field trip.**

Procedures

A paid caregiver staffs our Sibling Care room. A selection of toys and games are available for children age 6 weeks to 6 years. Parents who are interested in using Sibling Care can call Kellie Hermes at 651-484-1657 at least **24 hours in advance** for reservation. **Reservations are absolutely necessary.** Without a reservation, your child may be turned away. There is room for 5 children at any one time. If you must cancel for any reason, Please call Kellie Hermes at her home number so as to open a spot for another child. **Sibling Care can be used once a week. You may make a reservation up to 2 weeks in advance.** The parent must be in the school building and easily accessible to the caregiver.

Parents of infants are to provide a bottle if needed. Parents of diapered children will be called to change diapers. A small snack is served and infants can be fed according to their normal schedule. We do ask that you occasionally provide a snack or a drink. There is a list of snack items needed posted in the Sibling Care room or you can ask the provider. A portable crib is available.

Ill Children

For the protection of your child, as well as the other children, Please keep your child home if he/she displays any of the following symptoms during the 24-hour period before coming to sib care:

- Temperature of 99 degrees or above by the mouth
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Rash
- Sore or discharging eyes or ears
- **PROFUSE RUNNY NOSE**

Separation Problems

The caregiver will do everything possible to make your child feel happy and comfortable. However, if your child continues to be upset for an extended period of time, the caregiver will contact you. Please be sure to list your location when you sign your child in at Sibling Care.

Questions???? Comments???? Ready to get involved???? Call us at Rice Lake Elementary at 763-792-5700

Want to know more about the Sibling Care Room?? **Call Kellie Hermes 651-484-1657**

Sibling Care Hours for the 2011-2012 Year:

Monday 9:30-12

Tuesday 9:30-12 and 1:00-3:30

Wednesday 9:30-12

Thursday 9:30-12 and 1:00-3:30