

WINTER 2009/10

Christmas Holidays, New Years

For the past couple weeks we have been in contact with families to determine how many children would need care over the holidays. In conversation with you and with using a "sign-up" sheet, there was not enough response from parents of children needing care over the holidays. It has been determined that SunRidge will be closed for the holidays!

We apologize if this is an inconvenience to anyone, but unfortunately with not enough children signed up, running the program would not be feasible. Our doors will be closed from December 21st to January 4th.

Please contact Kelsey or Erin if you have any questions!

Changes



There have been a lot of changes going on here at Sunridge. Due to financial reasons we recently had to say good-bye to Dan, our Rec. leader. Although we will miss seeing his smiling face around Sunridge everyday, he is now able to pursue his dream of working in the schools. Erin, our church receptionist, has been welcomed on as an OOSC staff member and will be working in both the out of school care and as a receptionist during this financial hit. It has been fun trying to juggle all the changes but so far we have seen positive experiences for Dan, Erin and the children.

Super Star Awards: We are implementing a new award system, replacing our "Raffle Jar". Previously we would award children a "raffle" when they had completed their homework or did something nice for another person. Two names would be drawn at the end of the week, and both children would choose a prize.

The "Super Star Award Board" is a different way to award children for their efforts, allowing each child to be rewarded for what they have accomplished in the previous month. For the duration of each month children can earn different coloured stars that are worth different points.

Each star has a different value, for example if they completed their homework they would get a "Homework Star" which has a value of one-point, but if they did something nice for someone they could earn a "Good Friend Star" worth three-points. At the end of the month we would total up everyone's stars for the month and they would all have an opportunity to use their star points to buy a small treat from a selection of toys, school supplies and small candy. In doing this I hope to teach children to strive to help others, be good friends and listen attentively.

Weather

Snowballs: The snow is going to be here, if it isn't here already, there is so much joy and excitement that comes along with a fresh snowfall: sledding, snowman building and a good cup of hot chocolate to warm up the insides after. Alongside the schools, SunRidge also does not allow snowballs. Too many injuries from snowballs are recorded and we want to have fun and not have to be worrying if a rock is hidden in one of the balls. Save the snowballs for the weekend!

Sledding: During the winter we expect to have a lot of fun, and on occasion we will take the kids over to the Hudson Road Elementary school (across the highway from SunRidge) to go sledding down their hills. We will do our best to inform you prior to the day that we will be over at the other school, but in case you missed the announcement, there will be a message on our out of school care door informing you of where we are.

Shoes: We do ask that you keep a pair of inside shoes at SunRidge, we know our carpets are not "fit for a queen" but we want to do our best of not making it worse.

Inside Shoes

— Please keep a pair of inside shoes at SunRidge. Hard bottomed slippers are okay too!

Snow Balls

— We don't throw snow balls at SunRidge. Please help us to keep this enforced.

NO NUTS

Just a friendly reminder
that our facility is NUT
FREE



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