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Our Philosophy

The purpose of Riverbend Christian School (RBCS) is to provide a loving, Christian environment in which each child can develop fully in all domains of life: emotional, physical, social, cognitive and spiritual. The child's first school experience is a foundation for future attitudes and success, so Riverbend Christian School strives to make each child feel positive and excited about school, self, and learning. We believe that each child is understood best in the context of the family, so Riverbend Christian School endeavors to provide support and encouragement for parents and other family members.

Our Goals

- To create a happy and secure environment
- To increase self-esteem
- To understand that God created and loves each individual
- To gain knowledge of Bible stories
- To develop curiosity about the world and encourage creativity and imagination
- To understand and respect social and cultural diversity
- To provide experiences to increase physical activity
- To teach a child socialization skills
- To provide experiences for creativity in art and music
- To encourage mental growth by establishing a sequence of learning to prepare for grade school

About Riverbend Christian School

School Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Riverbend Christian School is licensed by the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services and holds a 4-star certification with Texas Rising Stars, the highest rating possible. Riverbend Christian School is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Each child is provided opportunities for personal growth through group involvement, creative activities, problem solving, self-control & acceptance of responsibility.

Mother's Day Out

- 6-11 months** Sept. 1, 2011—Feb. 28, 2012
- 12-17 months** Mar. 1, 2011—Aug. 31, 2011
- 18-23 months** Sept. 1, 2010—Feb. 28, 2011
- 2 years** Mar. 1, 2010—Aug. 31, 2010

Class Options for all MDO classes: MWF or TTh

Our 6-11 month and 12-17 month classes will nap during the school day.

Children in our Mother's Day Out program will be introduced to the following skills: verbal and language, gross and fine motor, and socialization. These skills will be developed through interaction with teachers and other children. The teacher will provide a warm, loving environment in which the child may play, explore, and develop a good self-esteem. The teachers will also help in the transition from home to school. A daily note will be sent home with a record of the child's mood, diapering, and classroom activities.

Preschool, Pre-Kinder & Kinder Bridge

2 1/2 years - Sept. 1, 2009—Feb. 28, 2010

Class Options: MWF or TTh

3 years - Sept. 1, 2008—Aug. 31, 2009

Class Options: MWF, TThF, TTh or M-F

Pre-K - Sept. 1, 2007—Aug. 31, 2008

Class Options: MWF, M-Th or M-F

Kinder Bridge - Child must be 5 years by December 31, 2012

Class Option: M-F

Children must be fully potty trained to attend the 3 year M-F or TThF classes or any Pre-K or Kinder Bridge classes.

Our Kinder Bridge class was designed for children who are eligible for kindergarten or have an early fall birthday; a class of children who will be oldest in their grade.

Individual and group learning opportunities are provided daily through developmentally appropriate active learning experiences which foster higher thinking and build confidence and self esteem. Our 3 to 5 year classes have implemented the Handwriting Without Tears pre-writing and letter recognition curriculum which has been adopted by EISD. Our degreed teachers incorporate the Creative Curriculum and Developmentally Appropriate Practices when planning their units of study. Each school day the children participate in either Creative Movement, Spanish instruction or Music classes. Outdoor play is also scheduled daily. The curriculum is rich in literacy and phonetic awareness, process art, science, math and discovery, fine and gross motor activities and social interactions. Chapel, consisting of a Bible story and singing is offered weekly as well as Story Time with our school librarian. Weekly notes keep parents informed of classroom activities. Our Kinder Bridge class has been designed specifically for children who are five and have already completed a traditional Pre-K program. This class will include more activities that build confidence, encourage independence, enhance socialization, and strengthen academic success.

Additional School Information

School hours for all age groups are 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Our School Policy Handbook is available on-line at www.rbcsschool.com/schoolyear.

Parents are to send a nutritious snack and lunch each day. Bottles and jarred baby food will only be given in our 6-11 month class. Toddlers should bring spill-proof cups and finger foods. Parents should also send diapers for non-potty trained children. No pull-ups will be permitted. Riverbend Christian School reserves the right to limit or ban any food on a class by class basis.

2012-2013 School Year Tuition & Fees

Age Groups	Schedule	Annual Tuition	To Pay in 9 Equal Monthly Installments
6-11 mos. & 12-17 mos.	TTh	\$2385	\$265
6-11 mos. & 12-17 mos.	MWF	\$2880	\$320
18-23 mos. - 3 years	TTh	\$2295	\$255
18-23 mos. - Pre-K	MWF	\$2790	\$310
3 years only	TThF	\$2790	\$310
Pre-K only	M-Th	\$3285	\$365
3 years, Pre-K & Kinder Bridge	M-F	\$3780	\$420

There are two fees associated with enrolling in our program:

1. There is a non-refundable registration/supply fee of \$175 per child per school year, due at the time of registration.
2. May Tuition is collected up front, called the May Deposit. We require a 30-day written notice of withdrawal and this deposit will be applied to tuition to satisfy the 30-day period. If your child completes the school year, the deposit will be applied to the May 2013 tuition.

Starting in September, tuition is due on the first of each month.

Pick up is by 1:30 each day. Late fees may apply for children picked up after 1:30. Late payment fees will be charged on tuition not received by the 6th of the month. There are no fees to be on the waiting list.

Tuition is due on the first of each month. The tuition rates above are for payments made by check, cash or money order. RBCS accepts Mastercard, Visa and Discover cards for one-time payments or set up on a recurring basis. There are convenience fees associated with using this service. Please contact Alicia Hudson for the fee schedule and/or to set up your recurring payment authorization.

Registration & Waiting Lists

Our 2012-2013 School Year will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Registration Process:

To find out which classes have availability, you can submit a registration request on-line at www.rbcsschool.com/schoolregistration or contact Alicia Hudson at 327-4067 or ahudson@riverbend.com and provide the following information: Child's Name, Date of Birth, Your Name, E-mail or phone number and schedule preference, if any. Alicia will contact you with availability information or place you on the waiting list at no charge for any classes that are full.

If your desired class is available, you need to submit a 2012-2013 new family registration form and a \$175 non-refundable registration/supply fee for each child to secure placement. The form is available on the school web site or by contacting Alicia. You can also feel free to come by the office to fill it out in person and receive a tour of the school.

Be advised that waiting lists do not carry over from one school year to the next. New waiting lists are started each February and those still waiting will need to re-apply for the following school year.

Faculty & Class Ratios

Judy Barker, Director	jbarker@riverbend.com
Jill Wilson, Assistant Director	jwilson@riverbend.com
Alicia Hudson, Office Manager	ahudson@riverbend.com

The staff of Riverbend Christian School have experience and training working with young children. We provide them with infant/child CPR and first aid training. Beginning Fall 2012, Teachers and aides must complete at least 30 hours of continuing education during the year covering various early childhood education and child development topics. There will be 2 adults in every classroom. There is a degreed teacher in our Pre-K and Kinder Bridge classes.

Class Sizes:

6-11 months—6 babies	2 1/2 years—10 children
12-17 months—8 toddlers	3 years—10-12 children
18-23 months—8-10 toddlers	Pre-K—12-16 children
2 years—10 children	Kinder Bridge—16 children max

Alicia Hudson would be happy to provide you a tour of our facility during school hours.

Parent Involvement

Riverbend Christian School holds several special events during the school year. There are lots of ways to get involved and parent participation is vital to the success of these events. **For the 2012-2013 school year, fundraising is expected to include a Raffle, Write-the-Check Campaign and a Family Concert.** Other special events include Book Fair, Preschool Musicals, Field Trips, St. Jude Trike-a-thon and a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Room Mothers are needed in each class to keep the parents informed about upcoming events. We also welcome parents to sub in our classrooms. Contact the school office for information.

Camp Riverbend

Camp Riverbend is offered for children ages 12 months through 7 years/1st grade. Classes for Camp Riverbend 2012 will be held June 12 through July 26—Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be no camp during the week of July 2nd. Tuition is \$420 per child. Registration for camp is held during the end of March. More information can be found at www.rbcsschool.com/summerfun.