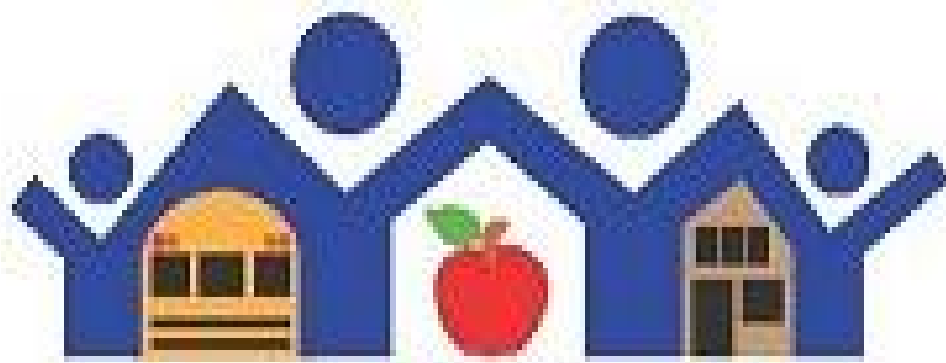


School District
of River Falls
2017-18




River Falls 4 Children
Caring. Community. Collaboration.



Welcome

On behalf of the River Falls 4 Children Teachers, Site Directors, Administration and Staff, we would like to welcome you to the School District of River Falls 4K Program.

We strive to provide a physically and emotionally safe environment where students know that we care about them while maintaining high expectations.





Our Vision

“River Falls 4 Children (RF4C) is a child-centered early learning program available to all four-year-olds and their families through a collaborative, community-based partnership.”

Benefits to Children!

- ◎ Fewer transitions during the day.
- ◎ Increases the continuity of care.
- ◎ Beneficial to children with special needs in different ways.
- ◎ More information is shared between the 4C teachers, the early childhood staff, and the public schools.



Benefits to Families

- ◎ **Families have options in locations and schedules**
- ◎ **Families are introduced to public school teachers and supports earlier**
- ◎ **Provide opportunities for parent education, family fun nights, and support services**

What is RF4C?

- ◎ **Community-based learning program for four-year-old children residing within the School District of River Falls.**
- ◎ Offered at NO cost to any district child who is four by September 1, 2017.
- ◎ **Taught by highly qualified Wisconsin Department of Instruction licensed teachers.**

What is RF4C?

Classes run Monday through Friday

8:50 - 11:30 AM - At all sites

12:30-3:10 PM - Abundant Life Learning Center

12:35-3:15 PM - Little Minds Learning Center

12:45-3:25 PM - Jacob's Ladder Preschool

****The calendar will be similar to district calendar.**



What is RF4C?

- Includes a strong focus on Parent-School Communication and regular family outreach activities.
- Children will be enrolled in the School District of River Fall's RF4C program but will be taught in a local community preschool/childcare location.
- Located at 7 community sites in River Falls.

What is RF4C?

- ◎ **Some of the RF4C locations offer extended childcare options.**
- ◎ Most child care programs have limited spots available and have first come - first serve policy so parents needing childcare should contact sites directly as soon as possible.

Who Can Participate?

- Any School District of River Falls resident or open enrollee who has turned 4 years old by September 1, 2017.

All eligible children are encouraged to attend.

What will my child learn?



- ◎ Many “hands-on” and experiential activities.
- ◎ Time for child-initiated play and exploration.
- ◎ Outside as well as inside play time.

What will my child learn?



- ◎ Focus on Social-Emotional Developmental
- ◎ Focus on Early Literacy and Language skills

What will my child learn?



- ◎ Play-based activities.
- ◎ Include Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, Art, and Physical Activity.

What will my child learn?

RF4C classrooms will be set up for early learning:





What is my child learning?

The physical space of *The Creative Curriculum* classroom is organized into many indoor interest areas:

- ◎ Blocks
- ◎ Manipulatives
- ◎ Library
- ◎ Music and Movement
- ◎ Discovery
- ◎ Dramatic Play
- ◎ Art
- ◎ Sand and Water (Sensory)
- ◎ Cooking

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.

~Fred Rogers~



Readiness for RF4C?

- ◎ **Must be four years old by September 1, 2017**
- ◎ As an early learning program, RF4C is geared toward the needs of young children and the vast majority of 4-year-olds will be successful in this program.
- ◎ **Parents are the best judges of their child's readiness to participate in RF4C.**
- ◎ RF4C is designed to be a 1 year program (the year before kindergarten).

Registration Information

- ◎ Registration Packets available this evening or at district office, all elementary schools, and all partner sites.
- ◎ On-line information www.rfsd.k12.wi.us
RF4C web page is located under “Schools”.
- ◎ Registration begins March 6 at 7:30 am. At Westside Elementary School

Registration Information

⦿ **Required forms needed for Registration:**

- Child Care Enrollment
- Health History & Emergency Care Plan
- Child Health Report
- Immunizations
- Home Language Survey (green)
- Transportation Form
- Birth Certificate for age verification



RF4C Partner Sites

- © Abundant Life Learning Center (AM & PM)
- © UWRF C.H.I.L.D. Center (AM)
- © Jacob's Ladder Preschool (AM & PM)
- © Little Minds Learning Center (AM & PM)
- © Little Adventures Child Care (AM)
- © River Falls Public Montessori (AM)
- © The University Preschool (AM)

How do I decide which site?

- ◎ All sites are available for you to visit. You need to contact sites for more information on Child Care options.
- ◎ **Placement will be based on family's responses to questions in enrollment form.**
- ◎ Sites will be assigned on first-come-first serve basis with completed forms.
- ◎ **Transportation will be provided to only select sites.**

Transportation

Families NOT needing transportation can choose AM or PM at any site on a first come first serve basis.

- ◎ Families needing transportation:
 - Outside city limits will have AM class
 - Within city limits will have PM class
- ◎ Students must be picked up and dropped off at a consistent location:
 - At Home ~ Home Daycare ~ Childcare Center

Transportation (AM-Rural)

⊙ No Transportation provided to :

- University Preschool
- Little Adventures

⊙ Transportation provided:

- Westside Elementary → Abundant Life
- Rocky Branch → UWRF C.H.I.L.D. Center
- Greenwood → Jacob's Ladder Preschool
- All Elementary Schools → Montessori

Transportation (PM – City)

- ◎ **Three PM partner sites available:**
 - Jacob's Ladder Preschool
 - Abundant Life Learning Center
 - Little Minds Learning Center

- ◎ **After March 6 registration, students will be assigned to the appropriate RF4C site depending upon their address or availability.**



How do I learn more?

- © Beginning February 20, 2017 enrollment materials will be available at all District Elementary Schools & District Office & all participating RF4C sites.
- © Information will also be available on the school district website:
www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/schools
RF4C Web Page is located under “Schools”



Contact Information

● **RF4C questions can be directed to:**

Rita Humbert (RF4C Administrator)

Westside Elementary Principal

715-425-1815 ext 3202

OR

Becky McAleavey (RF4C Coordinator)

715-307-2481

Thanks!



Any questions?