



THE PARENT CHILD CENTER OF RUTLAND COUNTY @ BRANDON JANUARY 6, 2022

PANTRY SPOTLIGHT

Updated hours: 10:30 to 4:30 pm

Tell your friends! Our pantry is open to ALL community members, and everyone qualifies. We prefer appointments only, but if you can make it during our open times, we will gladly serve you.

If you need any support outside - these hours, contact us at (802) 247-8251.

Have some ideas? We would love to hear from you! Suggestions can be sent to info@rcpcc.org.



Brenda K (ECE Director) and Mike (Admin) help fill boxes for our holiday distribution.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday! Getting back into the swing of things can be tricky, especially as we enter the depths of winter. New years tip: get things ready at night so you don't burn out your morning picking out clothes and packing bags. Start your days off right!

Infants

As much as we want to play out in the snow, itty bitties can be tricky. Miss Jo and Miss Carlie get the kiddos outside as often as is safe for a nice walk in the fresh air! We may even bring some snow to them as we get more of it. ☺

Toddlers

COMING SOON! Miss Libbie is itching to meet some new friends! We have toddler spots available!! Please contact us!

Preschool

We are excited to announce we have a new teacher joining the crew! Stay tuned for a separate introduction and please feel comfortable enough to

introduce yourself to all our newer staff. Gramma Cathy has been with our program for about a month through the areas Grandparent Program. She has made a home in our preschool class and we could not be more thrilled to have a new friend to play and learn with.

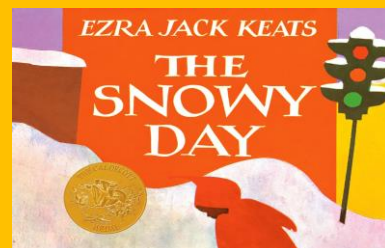
Lego Club

Plenty of space left in our Lego Club which happens every Friday from 3-5pm. Mr. Ray presents challenges every week, and children work together to solve problems and create very interesting structures. Lego Club is open to students ages Kindergarten through 6th grade with a one-time fee of \$10.

CHOOSING GREAT BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Ezra Jack Keats' "The Snowy Day" takes readers through a day of a child in the city exploring after a snow fall. Reading stories based around weather when the weather is actually happening allows young readers to relate to the story on a deeper level. The cold, *crunchy* snow. A *round and firm* snowball. Being able to describe the world around them is one skill children are developing at this age.

This story also leaves plenty of room for open ended questions, such as where does Peter live? Where is he going? What else makes tracks like he did in the snow? Peter pretends to be a mountain climber in the story...what do you like to pretend to do in the snow? Open ended questions allow young children to feel a sense of belonging, and it shows we are willing to listen to their ideas.



Moving day! Miss Kelaure and Miss Jo carefully move out some fish to their new home upstairs.





Brenda C (CIS) got her steps in on Rutland's distribution day!

Annual Holiday Support

Thank you for all those who helped this holiday season! It is just one way we like to give back to a community who stands together to make the world a better place. The pandemic has highlighted many challenges our communities have been facing for a while now. This year RCPCC provided gifts for nearly 200 families in Rutland County, and countless more

families with additional food and material supports.

This is not just exclusive to this time of year. RCPCC has a whole team dedicated to supporting families in Rutland County through all walks of life. Children's Integrated Services (CIS) works with young children who may need early intervention and their families who may need additional supports. Our administration team continuously is working with local businesses to promote employer assistance programs. We are also beginning an adventure with a local high school to engage middle schoolers in supplementary programming to expand their experiences with the outdoors.



Anita (CIS) helps the team move items into the pantry to be boxed up.

You may not see many of these faces in our neck of the woods, but they are just some of the unseen heroes our agency has the pleasure of working alongside. #thankyou

Holiday Closures: Please mark your calendars for the following days we will be closed:

We will be **CLOSED Monday, January 17th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Reminders

Masks: Please make sure you are wearing a mask during pick up and drop off! Everyone has been great!!

Winter Clothing: It's official: snow is here. Please bring snow pants, boots (as well as inside shoes!), gloves, hats and warm coats regularly. Itty bitties-we like to bring them outside too! Please pack accordingly!

Contact Info: When you enroll, you fill out lots of fun paperwork. If anything changes, like a phone number or authorized pick-up person, make sure you let us know!



Ted, our agency's Chief Financial Officer, takes a much-needed lunch break!

Thank you for all you do!

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL OUR MAIN LINE: (802) 247-8251

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