



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY PRESCHOOLERS PROGRAM FAQs

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MWF & TTH CLASSES?

The MWF classes are for four & five year olds and focus on kindergarten readiness. The TTH classes are for three & young four year olds and focuses on socialization and basic academic concepts while introducing children to the classroom setting.

WHAT IS THE TEACHER TO CHILD RATIO?

The teacher to student ratio is one to twelve. There is a maximum of 24 children with two teachers in each classroom with the exception of the small classroom at the San Elijo site that has 12 children and one teacher. In most cases there is a third teacher in each classroom but not always.

IS THERE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT?

Both San Marcos residents and non-residents may attend the program, but residents can register one hour prior to non-residents. Non-residents pay an additional fee of \$50 per session. San Marcos residents have a zip code of **92069** or **92078**; those residing in any other zip codes are non-residents.

WHAT IS THE DROP OFF / PICK UP POLICY?

Children must be signed in & signed out by an adult of at least 18 years or older. Only individuals listed on the child's emergency card will be permitted to pick up the child. Individuals will be asked for identification the first time they pick up. It is the parent's responsibility to keep emergency cards/numbers current.

WHAT IS THE POTTY POLICY?

Children must be fully potty-trained (including wiping) to attend the program. Diapers or pull-ups of any kind are not permitted in class.

WHAT IS THE DISCIPLINE POLICY?

Teachers use redirection when dealing with behavioral issues. Biting is grounds for immediate removal from the program.

WHAT IS THE SNACK POLICY?

A different parent brings snack for the entire class each day. Snacks must be store-bought or prepared in a commercial kitchen. Home-prepared items will not be served. Also items containing nuts will not be served. Please see the snack suggestions listed on the RAA homepage.



CAN PARENTS STAY DURING CLASS TIME OR VOLUNTEER?

No, the program is intended to give children the “school” experience. Parents are encouraged to keep goodbyes brief during drop off to alleviate separation anxiety. Parents are invited to a few class parties throughout the year.

WHAT DO THE CHILDREN DO FOR 3 HOURS?

The children participate in many activities including arts & crafts, music & movement, circle time and outdoor play. The daily schedule can be found on the RAA homepage.

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION DO THE TEACHERS HAVE?

All the RAA teachers are dedicated, caring individuals with varying degrees of education. Some are college graduates while many are still pursuing their degrees in a variety of subjects. Most teachers have taken classes in Early Childhood Education and all are CPR/First Aid certified.

CAN CHILDREN CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS WHILE IN CLASS?

Children may bring mini store-bought cupcakes to celebrate their birthdays. No cakes or candles are permitted.

ARE CREDITS GIVEN FOR SICK DAYS?

No, there are no credits or refunds given for sick or missed days.

ARE THERE EMERGENCY PLANS IN PLACE?

Yes we have emergency plans in place & practice emergency drills monthly.

WHY IS THE PROGRAM LICENSE-EXEMPT?

The program is license-exempt due to the limited hours of operation for each class. Safety is our top priority and teachers work diligently to keep the classrooms clean & free of hazards.

ARE THE CLASSROOM DOORS LOCKED DURING CLASS?

Yes, all doors are kept locked during class. Teachers will open the doors at the beginning & end of class.

WHY AREN'T TOURS GIVEN DURING CLASS?

For security purposes, tours are not given during class time. Tours can be scheduled Monday through Friday at 8:30 am or 4:05 pm. To schedule a tour, please contact the program supervisor.