

Dear Parents,

Closing the Preschool last week, was one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make. As a parent, I know the position that most of you are in trying to find childcare. As we plan to reopen on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the health and safety of our teachers and your children is our utmost concern. The facilities have been fogged and sanitized. Due to State guidelines, we cannot restrict parents from the building as we did last year, but we will be asking for some extra precautions.

We will have someone using the computer to check each child in and out so that parents are not having to touch the keyboard. Teachers who are not vaccinated will be wearing masks. There are a few times during the day, such as circle time, when it may be necessary to take the mask off. These times will be brief and only, when necessary, to properly engage with the children. Children are NOT required to wear a mask. Masks are not required by parents to enter the building. We will leave that choice up to you. We do ask that you use hand sanitizer before entering any classroom. If you do enter a classroom, please be brief. We will be cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day.

We did have 6 teachers who tested positive for Covid. To my knowledge, we had three students who tested positive. Most young children testing positive generally have one or two symptoms. The most common symptom being a running nose. Please monitor your child closely. While I do not like the idea of testing children for covid, we also do not want to have to quarantine more classes due to exposure. Please use your best judgement on whether your child should be at school. We will send home students who have two or more covid symptoms. Please know that we will never send your child home unless we feel it is necessary for the health of everyone in that class. We will continue to have teachers tested whenever necessary. The Health Department has been extremely helpful in this regard.

We are blessed right now to have some financial reserves. Next week we will send home an undated statement with a discount for the days we were closed and quarantined. The \$190 monthly tuition breaks down to \$9.00 a day. You will be given a discount for the 7 days we were closed or a total of 9 days for those quarantined. You do not incur extended day charges unless your child is present. We hope this helps some during this time. Please understand that if we have further issues with closing or quarantine, that we may not financially be able to give this discount in the future.

We are praying that everyone stays healthy during this resurgence of COVID. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Pam Grimes  
Director