



Dear Kindergarten and Learning Center Parents,

We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year and to have your child be a part of it! As you are checking out our updated calendar and grade school handbook, we wanted to address your COVID-19 related questions and concerns through this letter. Our smaller class size and our Learning Center set up allow us to proceed with a normal school year. Our program is highly individualized already, which will help create an environment that is safe without being stressful for your child. Please note the following important information, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Since COVID numbers are rising, please be aware that if a student or someone in their household is tested for or diagnosed with COVID-19, the school must be alerted immediately. If this happens, we will follow Health Department instructions and CDC requirements, and communicate with you via ClassTag to let you know if an exposure occurs. Since our curriculum is so portable, the teachers will be able to send home assignments to be completed at home if their class schedule is interrupted.

Please see these updated protocols for the fall:

- Staff and students will be required to wear masks at all times when within 6 feet of anyone else. According to the VDH regulations, this will allow us to avoid quarantining if there is a positive exposure.
- Staff will temperature check all students as they arrive.
- Handwashing will still be required upon arrival at school each day and practiced throughout the day.
- Parents are expected to keep their children home if they are not feeling well, and to communicate quickly with the school if there is an exposure. Parents must also keep their children home if anyone in the household is awaiting the results of a COVID test (with symptoms).
- COVID cleaning measures are still in place.
- Further protocols may become required if COVID exposures occur and cause disruption to the classroom.

Overall, we are pleased to be able to offer a consistent program for our customers, with limited changes considering all that is going on around us in our communities. We thank you for entrusting your children to us, and we look forward to the first day of school!!

Sincerely,

Joel Spencer, Principal Waynesboro

Heather Cheshire, Principal Harrisonburg