



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.

We are excited that COVID-19 numbers continue to drop, but our policy remains 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 will be required to wear masks.
- The current recommendation of 3 ft physical distancing will be practiced inside as much as possible. Students will be taught to maintain this distance inside the classroom.
- Students are not required to wear masks when working in their offices, when physically distanced in the classroom, or when playing outside. However, students may wear masks if they desire to, and they will be required to wear them when physical distancing is not possible (examples would be restroom breaks, bus trips, and choir performances). A mask is still a required item on the supply list, so that it can be available if needed.
- Students will be permitted to eat with each other in regular “lunch groups” at parent’s discretion. If a child or parent is uncomfortable with this, they should inform the teacher, and their child will be enabled to eat lunch with the class in a physically distanced way.
- Since day care regulations still require temperature checks, parents will still need to have their child’s temperature checked upon arrival or sign a temperature check form before 8:30 AM. This will not be necessary if the student is arriving after that time.
- 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.
- COVID cleaning measures are still in place.
- Masks and temperature checks after 8:30 arrival will 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

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