

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying these hot summer days! I, for one, prefer it a little cooler, but I think I may be the only one.

While we still do not know what will happen with school re-openings in the Fall, I want you to know that the teachers and I met on Monday and laid out a plan that we are excited to share with you. Our hope is that we will be in the building and with that in mind we will need to adjust our classrooms to provide for the safety and well-being of children and teachers alike. This is a preliminary plan. I will continue to be in touch with you throughout the summer as more decisions are made.

In-School Learning

We are blessed with very large classrooms which will make social distancing much more manageable. If we are able to open in the fall, we will use the following protocol:

- The children will be separated by age with one teacher in a room with a small group. For example, one teacher will have a group of 5 - 7 three-year olds, another teacher will have a group of 10 - 12 four-year olds, etc.
- We will initiate different drop-off and pick-up times and locations for each group.
- Rooms will be disinfected on a regular basis and children will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- The rugs that we have used in the past will be replaced with something that can be cleaned easily and well.
- Children will carry their own supplies with them (crayons, pencils, etc.).

Distance Learning

If we are unable to open in the fall or if we need to open and close again, we will use the following protocol:

- At the beginning of the school year the teachers will each do an introductory video for the children. This will allow the children to see his/her teacher without a mask and have a comfort level with that teacher. We will also have a drive-by so that the children can see their teachers in person.
- There will be a daily morning zoom greeting for each class. Teachers will present lessons and give the children guidance for their day. Each teacher will determine their own zoom schedule. The small class sizes will be an advantage in this case as teachers will be able to work more closely with each child.
- A work plan will be distributed to each child for the week.
- Google classroom will be used by the entire school so that parents can see what assignments are being given by the teachers.
- Prior to the beginning of school, a list of inexpensive supplies will be distributed to each family to be used during lessons.

I want to reiterate that this plan has been designed with the safety of the children and staff in mind. We believe that given our space and plan we will be able to provide a very safe environment for your children while still providing a strong academic program. This plan will look somewhat different for our elementary students. I will share that plan with you in the next few days.

Sincerely,
Sister Kelly