



Dear Creative Families,

We are preparing to open on Monday, June 1st. We are nervous and worried, as we are sure you are, too. We wanted you to know some of the precautions we will be taking and ask for your help in the coming months in keeping us all healthy and free of this terrible illness.

As you know, over half of our staff are over 50 years of age - four of us are over 60. We are worried, but this is our life's work and the care of our families is part of why many people think we look younger than we really are. The children keep us young and, we hope, healthy. While we have been closed the following things have been done to improve our situation:

- All rugs and floors have been cleaned and sanitized
- All toys have been sprayed or individually disinfected
- All blankets and stuffed animals have been washed and disinfected. There are plastic zip lock bags to keep each child's special items separated from other children.
- Our lawns have been mowed and flower beds rare being replanted.
- Our roofs have been cleaned and the gutters cleared
- Our chairs, decks, outside walls, and playground equipment have been sprayed with Clorox to clean them from the winter mold.
- We have purchased two t-shirts for each toddler and preschooler to help them - and us - stay in small, color-coded groups.
- We have purchased gloves, handwipes, Clorox wipes and other disinfectants to help us keep our buildings and play materials clean throughout each day.
- We have purchased thermometers so that the children's temperatures can be taken as they come to school and throughout each day.
- Families, especially Grandparents, have been sewing masks. Each preschool child will have several and we will keep them clean and at school. The staff will also be wearing them.

The staff will meet for four days before we open to plan for separation and disinfecting procedures, as well as training.

We are asking you to please help us stay safe. Where you go, and who you come in contact with, will affect us all if one of our Creative family is taken ill with this virus. ***If anyone tests positive, we will immediately quarantine the entire school for a minimum of 14 days or until everyone is again safe.*** We are going to move our sign-in and sign-out procedures into the yard and, barring rain or other inclement weather, we will not allow any adults that are not staff into the buildings. In the event we must move inside, adults will not move past the breezeway at the Baby House or the hall at the Big School.

When you have signed your child in and we have taken their temperature, we will provide them with their t-shirt. We have purchased two for each child and we will give them to you on the first day to take home and keep clean. The color of your child's shirt will be their play group color, so if you can't get their t-shirt clean please dress them in that color to help us maintain our organization. We are going to ask you not to let your child play in this shirt once they are home and if you are not going directly home, please take the shirt off and replace it with one you have in your car. **We don't want this clothing going into grocery stores or restaurants.**

During this time, we cannot decide whether a child has fever because of teething or other non-contagious issues. We are not medical doctors, and while we understand that this has been a stressful time for everyone and that we all want to get back to a normal life, we can't take the risk of infecting anyone. Any child with a temperature over 99 degrees will be asked to return home. We would also like to ask you not to bring your child to school if they have taken Tylenol or a similar medicine within the past 24 hours. These medications mask symptoms and can make it impossible to properly diagnose an illness. Vomiting, diarrhea and rashes will also be cause for exclusion.

We love and miss each and everyone of you. If you don't plan to let your child return at this time please let Dr. Pam know. She can be reached by e-mail at ccrt@comcat.net or text at 850-933-6283.

We have moved all tuition paid for May into the June ledger. The PPP loan has allowed us to pay all staff and to keep the bills under control. We cannot tell you how much we have appreciated the caring that has been expressed to us during this stressful time. **OUR FAMILIES ARE THE VERY BEST.**

Hugs to all,
Your Creative Staff