

Dear Preschool Families,

I would like to update you on some of the decisions that have been made in order to comply with CDC recommendations in order to make our classrooms as safe as possible. We have been looking at the program and making decisions about how we will go forward in the current environment we are in.

Classroom sizes will be limited to allow for only 15 people per room. Most students will be able to remain in the class they registered for, however some will have to be reassigned. You will be contacted directly if your child's class time has changed. Please know that we made these decisions carefully and that we empathize with everyone who may be disappointed about their classroom assignment, however we are doing our very best to make the program safe and allow for as much social distance between the students as possible.

In order to limit the amount of people in the Franklin Loebe Center, we are going to implement a drop-off/pick-up procedure instead of having caregivers walk the children to and from their classes. A staggered schedule will be given to each classroom so we can make this process as smooth as possible.

Our amazing preschool teachers are busy planning activities and lessons that allow for social distancing and limit cross contamination of materials as much as possible. We are looking at barrier options such as Plexiglas dividers for the tables to keep the children protected while sitting together. Soft surfaces such as rugs and stuffed animals will be removed from our classrooms and we will rely on easy to clean surfaces. To limit face-to-face interaction, yet allow for parents to be able to communicate with their child's teacher, we are looking into a digital program, such as a classroom app, and our teachers will have email addresses to be contacted through.

Our program has always been social-based, focusing on relationship building, cooperation, and respect for others, and it is our goal to continue in that tradition. Unfortunately, we are not looking to book field trips at this time however we will still be celebrating holidays and special events.

Preschool will have an Open House before school begins to discuss these and all other modifications that will be in affect this school year. Each classroom will have a time to come in, meet the teacher, see the classroom, get further information and have the opportunity to ask questions. Days and times will be forwarded shortly.

The safety of our students and employees is our ultimate priority. The entire Recreation and Parks Department is working together to deliver high quality, low risk programs and events to our participants. More changes will be made and there will be a comprehensive outline of all guidelines in place for the Fall school year as soon as possible. As more definitive changes are made we will reach out to you in order to keep you updated. We appreciate your patience and are looking forward to a safe and successful 2020/2021 school year. Please feel free to reach out to me with any specific questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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