

Addendum to Parent Handbook

Page 8 - Orientation and First days of school

Orientation activities will occur this year. We will have a Meet the Teacher time for each family to come to the school to meet the teachers, drop off paperwork and see the classroom. We will have short days and parents can bring the children to the classroom in the morning but we will do dismissal through carpool under the portico. We are asking that all parents of 3, 4s and 5s use morning carpool to drop off your child starting the first day of school on Tuesday, September 7 or Wednesday, September 8.

Page 9 - Clothing

We are asking each child to wear a face covering/ face mask to school each day. This will be kept with the child and sent home daily to be washed and used the next day.

Also, please send in a change of clothing for your child that can remain in the classroom. Please include a face covering/ mask for your child as well. Label all pieces that you are sending in with your child's name and put in a clear Ziplock bag so that we can keep them in the classroom to use when necessary.

Page 9 - Parent Involvement

We may have to modify our opportunities for having parents join us at school by using the outdoor spaces for chapel, Mystery Reader and parents visiting the classroom. Please know that we value parent involvement and will provide opportunities for parents to join us in a safe and healthy way.

Page 10 - Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

Our staff has worked very hard to implement the best plan for drop off and pick up that allows for more separation of children and classrooms. Our final plan will be communicated with our parents.

The safety rules as written in the handbook still apply for carpool safety, and know that our carpool may run slower in the morning allowing us to take student's temperature, do a quick health assessment (ask questions) and make sure the child gets safely to his/her classroom.

Page 10-11 - Dismissal

Children will be dismissed from the playground or from the building depending on their individual classroom. More specific details will be communicated by the classroom teacher. We will have separate carpool lines for each class depending on where the class is dismissing. Classes will dismiss directly from the playground or the portico with supervision by CMK staff; this will be communicated to you by the classroom teacher. A rainy-day dismissal plan will be communicated as well.

Page 11 - Late Arrivals

We know getting out the door with preschoolers can be difficult. With this new policy of checking temperatures it will be very important for you to do your best to be on time for morning drop off. Unfortunately we cannot allow parents to walk children to their classrooms if you are running late. Therefore, we will lock all doors to the church building at 9:05. Due to our very limited staff if you cannot get here by **9:05**

we will be available to let you in the doors at **9:30**. If you do not make the **9:05** time, please call the school office (770) 457-2527 and let us know you plan to come at 9:30. This will allow our staff to help get all kids settled in classrooms and then be available for late comers. Please make every effort to be on time so that your child feels secure in getting to school on time and can begin his/her day with the other students on time.

** If for any reason your child doesn't seem himself/herself (maybe moving slower than normal) in the morning, please assess any health issues and consider keeping the child home for that day if your child is not feeling well.

Page 12 - Chapel

Our chapel routine will be a little bit different. We hope to have parents and guests join us and will work toward a way to have parents be with us for chapel. We will be implementing several changes to chapel so that we are sure to include this important time in our preschool routine. We may work to incorporate outside areas for chapel as well.

Page 15 - Student Health

ALL previous policies still apply during this time, however we are also adding a few more policies in regards to being in school during this time.

Students must be fever free (without fever reducing medication) for 48 hours before returning to school.

All staff and students may be required to wear a face mask throughout the day especially when social distancing cannot be implemented.

We will use more caution when assessing a child for signs of illness and will contact parents if a child exhibits any signs of illness whether these symptoms are related to COVID or not. When a child doesn't feel well the best place for that child is at home when he/she can rest.

We will strongly recommend that all staff and children get a flu shot this year in particular. We know that this year flu season may coincide with the COVID pandemic and we want to take extra precautions to prevent any illness in our school.

We strongly recommend that everyone get a COVID vaccine if eligible. This layer of protection will work to protect you, your family and our community.