



Hillside Preschool & Academy

A Certified Program of Excellence for Young Children

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Dear Hillside Preschool & Academy Families,

We want thank each of you for all that you did to help things run smoothly at school this week. Being prompt for pick up and drop off, making sure that the children have everything they need prior to the start of the school day and following COVID policies and procedures all help us to allow our staff to focus on the children in their care and for the school days to run safely and effectively. As you may know Cherokee County Schools has had to make the difficult decision to extend the closure of face-to-face learning through next week. Making their possible reopening date, January 25th. We understand that they were faced with the need to weigh many factors in this decision. It is our hope that they will be able to reopen a portion of their programs on the 25th which will greatly reduce the burden on our own staffing situation that their closure produces. That being said, with careful consideration and after much effort to be able to reopen our entire program, we do have to share that unfortunately, the closure of our Little Lambs Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays must continue into next week. The ability to keep the rest of our preschool program open is a direct result of our staff stepping up and working it out to be able to work on days that they do not normally in order to fill in for staff who is unable to be here. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate their efforts and how highly we think of the amazing women who serve your children each day. As I shared earlier this week keeping this much of our school open under these circumstances maxes out our staffing resources. If we experience additional staff shortages, we will need to close additional areas of our program. If that becomes the case, we will communicate them as quickly as we can. As always, we are dedicated to the safety and security of our students and staff as well as to providing the highest quality of care and instruction while your children are with us. We simply cannot provide that without a complete staff present. An outline of this week's closures are as follows:

Monday, January 18th

- All areas of our program are closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. This was a previously scheduled school holiday.

Tuesday, January 19th

- All Little Lambs classes are closed

Thursday, January 20th

- All Little Lambs classes are closed

Little Lambs families can expect a letter from the administrative team that will be forwarded by their classroom teacher later this afternoon. This letter outlines more specifics related to the closure of their child's classroom. As always please continue to support us by closely following our COVID 19 policies and procedures. We thank you for your efforts outside of school to limit possible exposures to the virus. We pray for the health and safety of each of your families. Please continue to pray with us for God's continued protection and mercy over our school.

Joyfully His,

Amanda Carver (Director) & Amy Mohrmann (Assistant Director)