



# Hillside Preschool & Academy

*A Certified Program of Excellence for Young Children*

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Dear Hillside Preschool & Academy Families,

We are writing as a follow up to our communications since Friday evening. We have had a team of people working through the weekend to develop a plan to allow as much of our program as possible to continue meeting face to face next week. As you know CCSD schools had no choice but to temporarily close for face to face learning due to staff shortages caused by community spread of COVID-19 after the holidays. While we were not experiencing the same shortcomings, the closing of their schools directly impacts staffing at ours. We had previously made the difficult decision to close our two year old and three year old classes on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, in order give us time to work through these issues. We are standing by that decision and two year old and three year old classes will be closed on Monday. Due to the overwhelming support of our staff we do plan to reopen for all areas of our school on Tuesday with the exception of our Little Lambs classes. Our four Little Lambs classes will be closed on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> of this week. We will have an informational letter out this week to our Little Lambs parents with details about this closure. All other areas of our program, two year old through fifth grade are planned to be open as normal for the remainder of the week. That being said and in a spirit of complete transparency, we are maxing out our staffing resources with this plan. If we experience additional staffing shortages, we will need to close additional areas of our program. If that becomes the case we will communicate them as quickly as we possibly can. We are dedicated to the safety and security of our students and staff as well as providing the highest possible 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 is as follows:

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- All 2 year old classes are closed
- All 3 year old classes are closed

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

- All Little Lambs classes are closed

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

- All Little Lambs classes are closed

As always, we are asking for your complete cooperation with our COVID-19 Health Policies and Procedures. It is only with your complete cooperation and transparency that we can do our best to keep our students and staff safe and continue to meet inside the building for face to face instruction. While 4's and older are only required to wear masks in transitional spaces and during transitional times, it has been shown that wearing masks can reduce the spread of infectious disease. If you feel called to do so, we invite you to talk to your child about wearing his or her mask in the classroom. Your child would be welcome to do so. This could also help us remain in the building if it prevents the possible spread of COVID-19. Our entire staff will continue to adhere to a very strict mask policy and additional procedures remain in place. We continue to pray for protection over our school and for the health and safety of our staff, our students and their families. We continue to be dedicated to providing your children with a warm, loving and productive school environment. One in which they feel safe and loved and can grow in community with their peers. Thank you for your support, your open lines of communication and for choosing to share your children with us. It is our great honor to serve your children.

Joyfully His,

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