



July 20, 2020

Dear Families,

We want to let you know what our current plans are for opening The Center for the Fall of 2020. Our decisions have been based on many factors and were announced to our Preschool team last Friday and to the entire Center staff this morning. Please know that these plans are based on the information we had at the time of finalizing them. We also know that our plans may need to change, and we are prepared to do this if needed.

Currently, we plan to open The Center for all staff on August 17th and for children on August 31st. The plan is to have fewer children in each House for the 2020-2021 school year. Upon opening, we will have up to 9 children in each House with two to three adults assigned to that classroom. This group will become a “family unit” and travel together at all times. The Center will have the following classrooms for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Four (4) classrooms, with up to 9 children in each classroom, will attend every day. These classrooms will be House 1, House 2, House 3 and House 5 (a newly opened classroom). Each of these Houses will have two permanent staff assigned and a certified teacher to travel between no more than two of these classes to oversee the curriculum and the special education services.
2. There will be no AM/PM schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. This is based on the cleaning demands that would be needed between these two groups. Instead, we will have a M/T and a W/R group. This schedule will be followed in House 4, House 6, House 8 and House 10.
3. Each group will attend no less than five hours per day.
4. For this year, we will not hold our traditional toddler classroom.

The preschool staff will be meeting Tuesday, July 21st to review the roster for each House. Over the course of this week, a staff member will reach out to each of you to let you know which House your child is assigned to and what that House’s schedule will be.

It is very important that we take steps for our families and staff to feel safe when returning to The Center. While we are continuing to fine tune details, our plans include staggered start times for the Houses, temperature checks for children prior to entering the building, hand sanitizing stations at various places in the building, different entry points for each classroom from the outside, separated play areas for each classroom, and lunch served in the classroom. Parents will not be entering the building at this time, pending an emergency, and our Family Room will not be open for parents. We know this could cause some inconvenience, but we want to limit people being in shared spaces.

Communication is always important and even more so as we prepare for this year. Please let me know any questions you may have. While we are trying to think of everything and your question may spark something that did not yet enter into our planning. Watch our Facebook page and our website for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/thechildhoodleaguecenter> and <http://www.childhoodleague.org/covid-19-resources>).

Again, we know each day brings new information about COVID-19 and that our plans may need to change. Enjoy time with your family, wear mask and wash hands. Sending good wishes to each of you.

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