



March 12th, 2020

The CDC has been advocating for "social distancing" to slow the spread of the virus and to avoid the healthcare systems being overwhelmed. If you want more information, please visit the [CDC Website](#). The reasoning for the K-12 schools remaining open do not apply to our small cooperative school, and as most of our children are in constant contact with grandparents, immune compromised, and other high-risk individuals, we feel it would be irresponsible to stay open at this time. This is a preventive measure we are taking, there have been no confirmed cases linked to our school at this time.

We have unanimously decided to **CLOSE THE SCHOOL (3/16-3/27)** after class tomorrow for an extended spring break. The school will be closed from 3/16/2020-3/27/2020, with a tentative reopen on Monday, March 30th. We will keep watching the virus and the CDC guidelines throughout the next few weeks, and will update you by Thursday, March 26th if we will be able to open as normal on Monday, March 30th. Again, at this time we have **NO** confirmed cases of contact linked to the school, if that changes, we will let you know.

Cleaning:

- Church will be doing some extra cleaning and sanitizing (they already have been, but we are working on some extra cleaning in our room).
- All costumes, puppets, hats, etc. will be washed,
- All dishes and brita will be taken and ran through a dishwasher.
- All counters, cabinet doors, fridge, sink, switches, doors, etc. will be sanitized.
- I also am suspending all Playdoh and Slime play for the foreseeable future (gasp).

We may also find a day to go into the classroom over the break (with no kids) and sanitize each and every toy, surface, etc. I will be a helper in the classroom tomorrow, and will see what else I want to do.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused any of you, but we feel this is the best course of action for Milwaukie Preschool.

We hope you all stay healthy, and hopefully we can be back in the classroom on the 30th. Please remember to wash your hands, cover your cough, and if you feel under the weather, please stay home. If you have allergies, I am so sorry, because I have seen how people are reacting to sniffles and sneezes.

Thank you,

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