

March 15, 2020

Dear Preschool Families-

As you are probably aware, the NC Governor yesterday ordered that all schools be closed for a minimum of two weeks, beginning on March 16th. The preschool will, therefore, remain closed at least thru March 29th. From there, a re-assessment will be made in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and those of state and local officials.

As I previously mentioned, we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 or known exposures at preschool, at this time. In the interest of protecting the safety and welfare of our community, we ask that you follow the recommendations of the CDC if you or a family member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Your child's preschool teacher continues to prepare online resources to share with you that include developmentally appropriate 'learning through play' activities. In addition, there are several other online resources which offer ideas for play. For example, Marbles Museum is offering "daily doses of play in a new digital way".

<https://www.marbleskidsmuseum.org/>

As things further unfold with the spread of the virus, we will continue to send updates via email and on our website as they relate to our preschool community. The parish website will also have updates as they relate to the greater community. As always, please do what you feel is in the best interest of your family.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your teacher if you have any questions or need further assistance. Additionally, there are outreach services being organized through the parish to help those in our community who are the most vulnerable at this time. If you or someone you know is in need of extra support or if you would be interested in helping with the effort, please reach out to me or to our Director of Care & Wellness, Kathleen Owen- Kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support! Let us all continue to pray and remember that God is always with us through all of our struggles!

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