

Early Years Preschool Inclement Weather Policy

Early Years follows the Arlington County Public Schools inclement weather policies. If Arlington County Public Schools are closed, open late, or close early, we too will follow these guidelines. News about these decisions is communicated in these ways:

- School-wide email notification
- Posted on the Brightwheel App

School Closings – Early Years Preschool will be closed for staff and children.

Delayed Openings – If there is a delayed opening, Early Years Preschool will open two hours later than usual. For example, If Arlington County Public Schools are open two hours late, Early Years Preschool will open two hours late at 11:30am.

Early Dismissal – Schools will dismiss early if conditions require. If this occurs, the office will email and notify parents via the Brightwheel App and call parents of children attending that day to notify them of the early closing.

Inclement Weather Recess Policy

Please consider sending your child to school with an extra sweater or sweatshirt for the winter months to ensure they are comfortable in the classroom as well as outdoors on blustery winter days. They must also have appropriate outerwear (coat/jacket, hat, mittens, etc.) to play outside.

There are several factors we consider when deciding to have indoor or outdoor recess. If the temperature is 32 or below or if the wind chill makes the temperature feel like 32 or below, children will have recess inside. Students also stay inside if the grounds are extremely wet or are covered in snow or ice. When possible, students are sent outside for recess. When children are unable to go outside for recess, they will have recess in our large multipurpose room – Montgomery Hall.