

## 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:

- Posted on our website
- Recorded on our school voicemail at 703.465.8687

**School Closings** – Early Years Preschool will be closed for staff and children. When the school is closed, Early Drop Off will also be closed.

**Delayed Openings** – If there is a delayed opening, Early Years Preschool will open one or 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. In the event that this occurs, the office will email parents as well as call parents of children attending that day to notify them of the early closing.

Below is the link to the Arlington County Public Schools emergency information page for your convenience.

<http://www.apsva.us/Page/1152>

## 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. We have a number of toys for children to enjoy while playing

indoors. Decisions are always based on the safety and well-being of the children.

Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation! As always, please do not hesitate to let me know if you should have any questions.

Kind Regards, Ana