

March 14, 2020

Dear Sunrise Parents and Staff:

Yesterday, our faculty met to discuss how Sunrise will move forward in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the current information available about the spread of the virus, we believe it is important to do what is in the best interests of our children, our families, our faculty and our community. Therefore, we will be closing school for the next two weeks beginning on Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 27. During this time, we will be thoroughly disinfecting the school premises and limiting social contact in an effort to support our larger community in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Also, we will be following the guidance of the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and will keep you informed of any new developments that may impact our school. We will be monitoring the situation and faculty will meet again on March 25th to discuss how best to move forward.

Our intention is to uphold our commitment to our school families. In an effort to support continued learning, our class teachers will soon be sending out some suggestions on how best to extend learning initiated at school in your children's respective classes. Please feel free to contact them if you would like any additional information or if you have questions. If there are ways that we can further support your family during this time, please let us know.

While we still need to pay for school bills and maintain staff, we will be continuing to collect tuition in April and will be using our built in four snow days to help offset part of the time. In addition, we are considering cancelling spring break for the other week. Once the faculty meet on March 25th, we will be able to make a more informed decision about the upcoming weeks. We appreciate your patience during this difficult time and your continued support.

Here is a resource that provides some practical advice on how to share information with children about the Corona virus. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>

We appreciate all of your support for Sunrise, and we will miss the children. Take care of each other during this difficult time.

All the Best,

Deborah and Hood