

Early Education Center

HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

March 25, 2020

Dear EEC Family,

You are dear to our staff and we miss you all so much. We thank you for your emails, texts, messages and calls the past week. Please know we are praying for each of you as well. We are adjusting to a new normal but will never adjust to being away from our children. We are educators and caregivers so not being able to see you and care for the children entrusted to us is sad. We have been able to pray together for you and will find ways to connect more in the days to come.

I always want to get information to you concisely and quickly. Here is the newest update:

HGCS EEC Operating Status

Full- time childcare at our Harris Campus will be closed through 4/10/20 and assessed again 4/8/20 for a possible opening date. We will closely follow the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education recommendations at that time.

Half-day Preschool at our Harris and Mallard Creek Campuses will be closed through 4/17/20 and assessed again 4/15/20 for a possible opening date. We will closely follow Mecklenburg County's recommendations at that time.

Tuition and Enrollment

Tuition will not be charged beginning April 1, 2020, until we are able to open the center. Tuition then will be prorated for the month according to the day we open. Accounts will be credited for the days we missed in March. Several of you have

indicated that you would like to waive the credit. If you would like to waive the credited days, we will use that to offset the cost of continuing to pay our staff in March. Thank you so much for your love and support. Please email me to let me know if you would like to waive your March credit.

If you would like to discontinue your enrollment at this time, please email Allison Maginnis at allisonmaginnis@hgchristian.org with your decision. Otherwise, your child will remain enrolled and your space will be saved until we reopen.

EEC Spring Program Digital Resources

We are hopeful we will be able to have our Spring Program scheduled for May 20th. Although only our 3 and 4 year olds will lead the program, we wanted to share the songs with all of our families to enjoy. Please begin listening to and learning the following songs and movements:

You Are My God - Kidspring Worship <u>Trust In You - Kidspring Worship</u> <u>Jesus Loves Me Remix - Kidspring Worship</u> <u>Fruit Of The Spirit - Kidspring Worship</u> <u>Who Is The King of the Jungle - CJ & Friends</u> <u>John 3:16 - LifeWay VBS</u>

Help Connecting Families to Child Care Options

A new toll-free number, 1-888-600-1685, offered through the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Network will connect families to available care options. The toll-free line will indicate that we are prioritizing referrals for critical workers and priority groups, which includes emergency and first responders, hospital staff, front-line healthcare providers, nursing and adult group home staff, child care program staff, food service staff and others working to keep our communities safe and healthy as we respond to COVID-19. Care for children who are receiving child welfare services, homeless, or in unstable or unsafe living arrangements should also be a priority

Thank you for allowing us to serve your family, As always, we are committed to growing happy, healthy children for His Kingdom. I am praying for the day to come quickly when we are playing and learning together again.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

Lisa Smith