



We pray that this letter finds all of you safe and healthy and enjoying the last days of summer. The planning for the 2020-2021 school year at Sprouts Preschool is well underway, and we are looking forward to another great year.

Sprouts Preschool plans to open October 5th (Norwood Campus) and October 6th (River Trails Campus). We have spent much time researching how COVID affects young children and COVID's spread. We have made the following adjustments to the previous years' procedures and policies of Sprouts Preschool. Please note that this is all subject to change throughout the year and as guided by the CDC and public officials to keep our program as safe as possible.

We recognize the need for stability and learning for young children and how it affects children and families when these programs are not available. We have developed (and will continue to adapt) new policies to mitigate the risks while allowing children to learn, feel loved, and have meaningful experiences and relationships.

Each family must make the decision for themselves of what risks they can, or are willing, to take. You are the only one who knows your situation. We can say that we would not open up if we did not feel we had the capacity and desire to be very purposeful in keeping our children, families, and staff as safe as possible and feel strongly about the benefits of a positive early learning environment. Our FBCH church leadership has approved the opening of the preschool with these safety policies in place. We acknowledge that COVID is an ever-evolving situation, and we will prioritize safety.

Being able to open a preschool in the fall does depend on having the enrollment to make it financially feasible, and we are at the point of making sure we have the staffing positions filled. Please notify us if your child will be attending Sprouts Preschool this fall. We need to have a response to the sprouts@firsthurst.com email by August 9th, even if you have already registered.

Sprouts Preschool will have new procedures and operate differently this year; all will be done with the safety of our students and staff at the forefront. Thank you for being flexible and patient with us as we always strive to do what is best for everyone. As guidelines and recommendations change, our policies and procedures will change as well. Despite all the changes, some things at Sprouts will never change; children will be loved well in your absence, learn and have fun, and most importantly, families and children will be shown the love of Christ.

Please reference the attached policies and contact us with any questions at sprouts@firsthurst.com or 817.409.1106. Please know that we have prayed over you and your family during our extended time away from preschool - you have been in the forefront of our minds. Thank you for entrusting your children to us, and we are all looking forward to a wonderful school year. We appreciate your prayers as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Stacy Roach and Laura Okruch

Directors of Sprouts Preschool