



## *Countryside Philosophy*

*"To lead, serve and guide the children of our community"*

Dear Parent(s):

We welcome you to the 2021/2022 school year! The first day of school is Monday, August 23, 2021. We are excited about the learning that will take place in the classrooms this year. We strive to ensure that students transition smoothly into their learning environment among new classmates and teachers. Important reminders are listed below.

The Covid-19 Protocol in place mandates parents to drop off and pick up curbside. Parents are not allowed into the building unless visiting the office. Capacities are managed stringently for office visitors. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Masks are optional for students ages 2 and up. Students under two years of age cannot wear a mask due to suffocation concerns. A written notice is required by the parent requesting their child to wear a mask at school.

Countryside's hours of operation are from 6:30am-6:00pm. Office hours are from 9:00 am-12:30pm and 3:00-5:00pm. Items that require the attention of an office staff must be handled within office hours. Countryside is a learning center that prides itself in making the most of our learning time. Classes begin at 9:00 am. Late arrivals are not accepted, and students may be denied entry. Hours of operation are specific to students in programs that offer those available times.

Open House for students enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Time and format for Open House is to be announced. Several important topics are discussed at Open House. We encourage parents to attend. VPK hours are from 8:50 am-12:30 pm. Late fees are stringently assessed for early arrivals and late pickups.

Countryside is a uniform school. Uniforms are mandatory. Uniforms must be worn the first day of school and each day after. Extra clothing for students 2 years old and up must be uniform.

Medical records must be updated prior to the first day of school. Countryside is not responsible for expired medical records. Countryside does not allow students to attend school with expired records. Please contact the office with any questions regarding your child's medical records.

Several forms are required at the time of enrollment. **Annual** renewal of specific forms found in the enrollment packet is required prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Parents are responsible to comply with the renewal process mandated by some of our licensing agencies. Renewal documentation is sent home in September.

Food menus rotate weekly. Menu 1 is on rotation for the first day of school. Any child with special dietary conditions must provide a Special Dietary Conditions Form signed by their doctor/specialist. Please contact the office if you need a copy of this document. No foods from home are allowed. A water bottle or thermos (maximum 8 fl.oz) is required daily. Personal belongings must be labeled with the child's **FIRST AND LAST NAME.**

Countryside's email is [info@countrysidelearningcenter.com](mailto:info@countrysidelearningcenter.com) the website is [www.countrysidelearningcenter.com](http://www.countrysidelearningcenter.com). Important information and updates are managed through our website. Please check in frequently to stay up to date with events and news feed! Emails are responded to within a 24 hour period.

Emails, text messaging and Procure App messages are the main source of communication with our parents. If you are not receiving communication consistently, via one of these formats, you should contact the office. Teachers will provide information on how to connect to the Procure App.

We look forward to a successful school year full of learning and fun! If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact our office. Blessings for the new year!!

Thank you,

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