



August 24, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope all of our families are staying healthy and making the best of the summer weather and time together! The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us time and time again that flexibility and innovation are needed as we continue on with our lives in the midst of it, and we have been working hard this summer to discern how our preschool community can thrive best in the immediate future. Fall 2020 will look fairly different at NPCCP, but we are hopeful that the changes we're working to implement will provide both a valuable educational and relational experience for our families and students and also put our preschool on a firm footing for 2021 and beyond.

One major change is that we have decided to begin the school year with a creative, worthwhile approach to remote preschool instruction. This will ideally include meaningful experiences in addition to age-appropriate virtual class sessions—stay tuned! We are excited for possibilities of strengthening teacher, family, and student connections in a socially distant way even though we may not be at school together. At least through December, Lyndsey Wellner will remotely facilitate all three classes with Jenny Glazier as her assistant.

Additionally, I need to inform you that our Director and Lead Teacher, Jennie Lazik, will not be returning for the coming school year. We have welcomed Becky Edwards as our Interim Director. Becky previously served as the Director of our preschool from 2015-2017 and has an existing working relationship with our Lead Teacher, Lyndsey Wellner. Becky served the program extremely well, and we are more than confident in her ability to guide the program through our transition to remote learning.

The preschool board is working directly with Becky, Lyndsey, and Jenny to put together a cohesive, finalized plan for our virtual reopening that we can present to you very soon. Currently, our plan will be in place for the first half of the year, and we are hopeful that we will be able to reevaluate in December with the intent of reopening our doors to in-person learning in January. Once we have a solid plan in place, I will send that to all families. Please disregard the initial reopening information that was sent out to some families over the summer, as it is no longer relevant. Our new plan would include a reduction in tuition cost for as long as we

continue virtually. If/when we are able to reopen our building, tuition will revert to the original cost referenced in your applications for this school year.

I understand that these pieces of information may bring up many questions, so please feel free to email me at [kristinederousse@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinederousse@yahoo.com) or Becky Edwards at [preschool@npcovenant.org](mailto:preschool@npcovenant.org). We hope to embark on a unique and worthwhile alternative preschool experience with as many of you as we can, and we also encourage you to start spreading the word to family members and friends who may be looking for a valuable at-home preschool experience to supplement their weeks at home this fall. As a member of North Park Covenant Church for over 30 years, as well as the parent of former NPCCP students over the last two years, please trust that I hold this program very close to my heart and am working diligently with our board to ensure that we have an excellent program in place by September.

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