

Dear IPC Day School Family,

At this time, I need to update you on the new measures the IPC Day School will be taking in managing the COVID-19 situation in Birmingham. Following Governor Ivey's state of emergency declaration and mandate to close schools, and Mountain Brook Schools' decision to have three E learning days we will be closed effective Monday, March 16 until Monday, April 6, 2020. All our Enrichment activities will be suspended as well. We will continue to monitor the situation and send updates as necessary.

We are happy to refund your tuition for days missed due to our closing and we will continue to pay our teachers. Please let us know if you would like to donate your refund back to the Day School.

As a reminder, we still need to hear from you via email if you are traveling during spring break.

This has been one of the most challenging and unprecedented situations I have been part of in 38 years in education. I know this is stressful and will put hardships on many families. On the flip side, this is a wonderful opportunity to think about and discuss in your homes what our actions should be for the greater good in society, in this case, keeping people free from disease.

With preschoolers, there are many activities your family can engage in to continue to ignite the spark and joy of learning: puzzles, building with a variety of objects, sorting (laundry, food), counting anything and everything, grouping items by a certain number, cooking and baking, board games, reading, talking about letters and sounds, writing your own "books," art projects, and scavenger hunts around your house and yard. A fun way to do a nature walk is to wrap a piece of masking tape sticky side out around our child's wrist so they can attach little items they find! I also hope you will be able to take this time to get some snuggles in and enjoy the quieter pace of life.

We will continue to update you and please feel free to contact us if you have questions. We hope you will join us as we continue to pray for all our families and our medical community for calm, peace and wisdom.

Blessings,
Kathy