

Emergency Bags for Children

The preschool has taken measures to increase the safety and security of our students and staff in the event of an emergency in the vicinity of our school or the Washington area.

Following the advice of the Department of Homeland Security, we have established an evacuation plan, including an alternate safe site (the Chevy Chase Club, located down the street at 6100 Connecticut Ave with a phone number of 301-652-4100). In the case of an emergency which causes us to seek shelter at our alternate site, a message to that effect will be left on the answering machine of the preschool (301.652.7660 and press "1" for the Director's voice mail) as well as a note on the entryway, if possible. We have a supply of food, water and other essential supplies to meet the needs of our school community for three days.

If we are able to shelter on-site, the Preschool maintains emergency supplies in Phillips Hall, where we would gather in the event that it was necessary to take care of your child for an extended period of time. As this could include an overnight stay, families are requested to prepare an emergency bag for each child. The bag should contain:

- change of clothing, including warm pajamas
- warm blanket or sleeping bag
- toiletries (toothbrush, hair brush, etc)
- diapers – 3 day supply (if necessary)

These items should be packed in a small bag, the bulk of which should be no more than the size of an airline carry-on bag. Consider using an oversized Ziploc Big Bag. The bag and all contents should be clearly labeled with your child's name. Please ensure that the bag is closed securely.

The bags should be dropped off at the preschool at pick up during the first several days of school. They will be stored on the basement level of the education building, and returned to families at the end of the school year.

We hope the emergency plans we have put in place will not prove necessary. We will do the very best that we can to prepare for any possible threat to the safety of our school community.

The Preschool Office