

Dear Families,

The health and safety of our children and staff is of the utmost importance to us. Therefore, we wanted to let you know that we have a confirmed case of Fifth Disease at our school.

We are asking that all families be aware of the symptoms, which include a slight fever with a blister type rash and a "slapped cheek" appearance. Pregnant women who become infected with Fifth Disease during pregnancy should be followed closely by their obstetrician. If symptoms become apparent in your child please notify the school and see your physician immediately. Please keep your child home until your child's physician has determined that he/she is no longer contagious and is released to return to school.

As always, we are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of any illness at our school, including additional sanitation procedures. For everyone's added safety, we encourage you to follow the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for preventing the spread of germs and disease, including:

- Washing hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, making sure to scrub the backs of hands, wrists, between fingers and under fingernails.
- Using disposable/paper towels to dry hands; cloth towels can harbor bacteria.
- Avoid close contact to people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick as well.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated and then touches his or her eyes, mouth and nose.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. We thank you for your cooperation and continued confidence in our school.

Sincerely,

Director

