

**St. Matthias
Preschool
TO REOPEN ON
September 8, 2020**



San Mateo County was recently placed on the monitoring list in July, 2020.



What does this mean for St. Matthias Preschool?

The Governor has prohibited middle schools and high schools in counties on the monitoring list from opening for in-person instruction until the county is off the monitoring list for 14 consecutive days.

Elementary schools may open; however, they would require a waiver to do so.

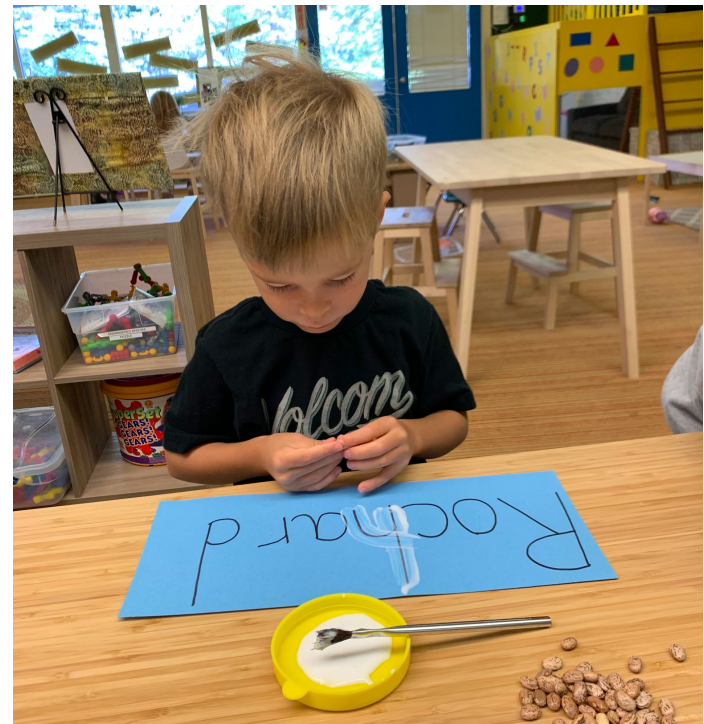
This order does not apply to preschools or child care operations.

A young child with dark hair, wearing a bright yellow shirt, is sitting on a gravel path in a wooded area. The child is looking down at a clipboard with a blue cover and a pen. The background is filled with lush greenery, including a large palm tree on the left and a dense hedge on the right. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating dappled shadows on the path. A large white circle with a thin black border is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

St. Matthias Preschool...

is the *largest* preschool
campus in the area in a
beautiful woodsy setting!

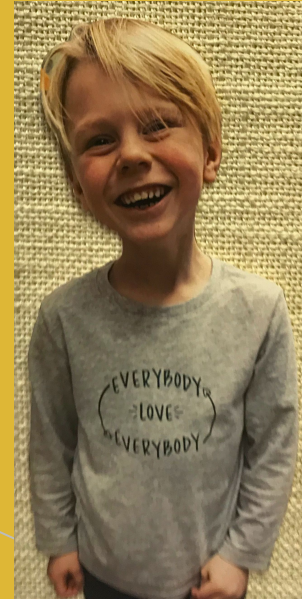
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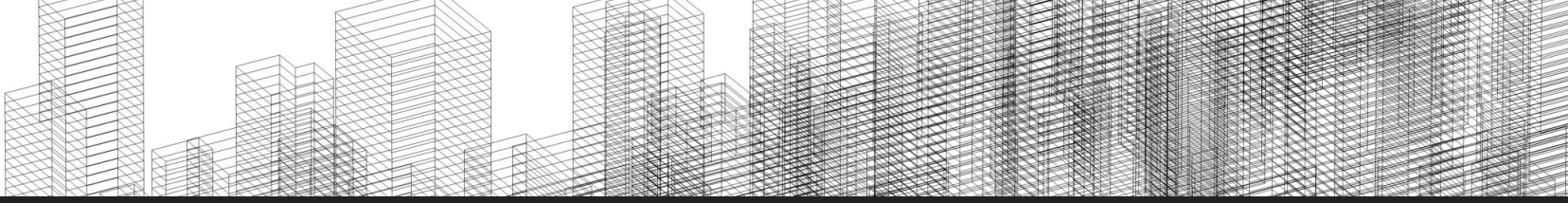


provides spacious and light filled classrooms.

St. Matthias Preschool's mission during COVID-19 is...

to deliver safe, high quality and in-person early education to children ages 3-5 years old while adhering to COVID-19 mandates.





Upon children's arrival to preschool, teachers will:

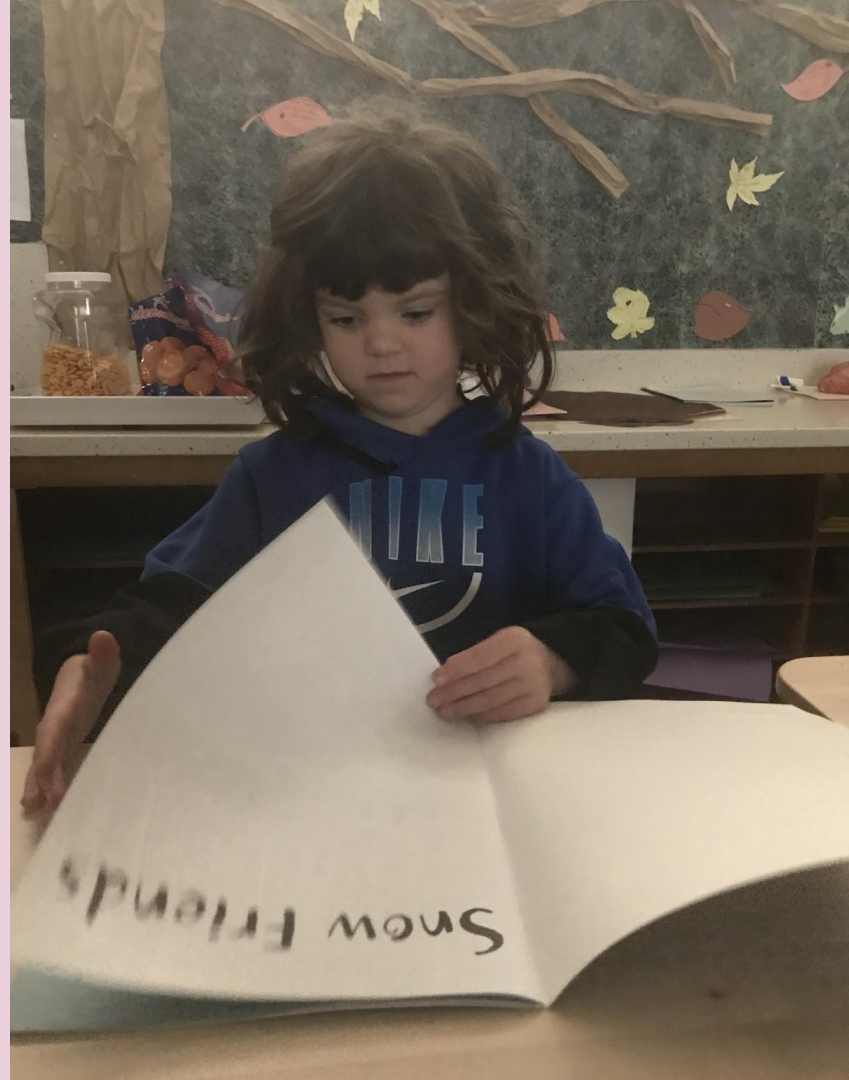
- Ask parents if their child has had fever within the past 24 hours.
- Conduct a visual check of the child to assure he/she does not appear to exhibit ill symptoms.
- Take the child's temperature with a no touch thermometer.
- If a temperature of 100.4°F/38°C or higher is detected from staff and/or children, they will immediately be excluded from the facility.

Who may enter classrooms?

Families will be discouraged from entering the classrooms in an attempt to limit its occupancy to solely children and their teachers.

During COVID-19, our professional staff will continue to...

design intentional, individualized and age appropriate curriculum which fosters optimal learning and is based on the developmental needs and interests of children to help maximize their academic and social-emotional potential necessary for kindergarten readiness.



Curriculum Enhancement Activities

Weekly **Spanish** instruction will continue to be delivered to children.

Music and **dance** will occur, via distance, by a certified music instructor.

Goal: St. Matthias Preschool is seeking to arrange to provide storytime via distance with a Redwood City Librarian.




Age Appropriate Faith Formation

Through age appropriate faith formation, we foster prayer and teach about the important values in life related to caring, kindness, patience, respect, gratitude and forgiveness while learning the love of God.

California Department Of Social Services

St. Matthias Preschool was recently tele-inspected and interviewed by the CA Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing (CCL).

Additional large outdoor play areas were approved by CCL to allow for extended outdoor curriculum learning and play, supporting children's social distancing while enjoying the fresh air.



Three Large Play Areas



In addition to a our large and beautiful preschool playground equipped with climbing structures, etc., children will also enjoy two large additional outdoor play areas, each **over 8,000 square feet!**

For children's learning enjoyment, our additional large outdoor play areas will be equipped with:

Drinking water and cups

Canopies for shade

Balls

Obstacle courses

Music and movement

Language and Literacy (books, writing, coloring, etc.)

Jump ropes

Relay races

Hula hoops

Preschool garden maintenance

Bubbles

And much more!!!

Teachers will have first aid kits, latex gloves, accident reports and pens.

Additional Restrooms For Children's Use

Two additional large restrooms in the Fr. Lacey Hall, each with three toilet stalls and sinks, will be available for children to better support social distancing.



Preschool staff will each utilize walkie talkies to...

ensure more effective
communication between preschool
staff and to better enforce additional
safety measures to support social
distancing and the health and safety
of children, staff and families.



Group Sizes & Learning PODS

Small gatherings of 8 children are grouped closely by age to every one qualified and seasoned early educator.

Group Sizes & Learning PODs Cont.



Learning pods are created personal spaces (mini apartments) for children where they have all the curriculum supplies they need while encouraging conversations with peers as they social distance.



Classroom children and teachers will...

not share rooms, nor mix or commingle.

Outside play areas and bathrooms will be used separately.

St. Matthias Preschool Becomes A Shoeless Environment

Shoeless environments will prevent toxins from teachers and children's shoes from being carried into the classrooms.



Classroom Ventilation

Classroom windows will remain open during program operations to let out germs and toxins.

Classroom Purifiers

St. Matthias Preschool will provide air purifiers in each classroom to filter out bacteria and remove allergy and asthma triggers to reduce the spread of colds, flu and viruses.

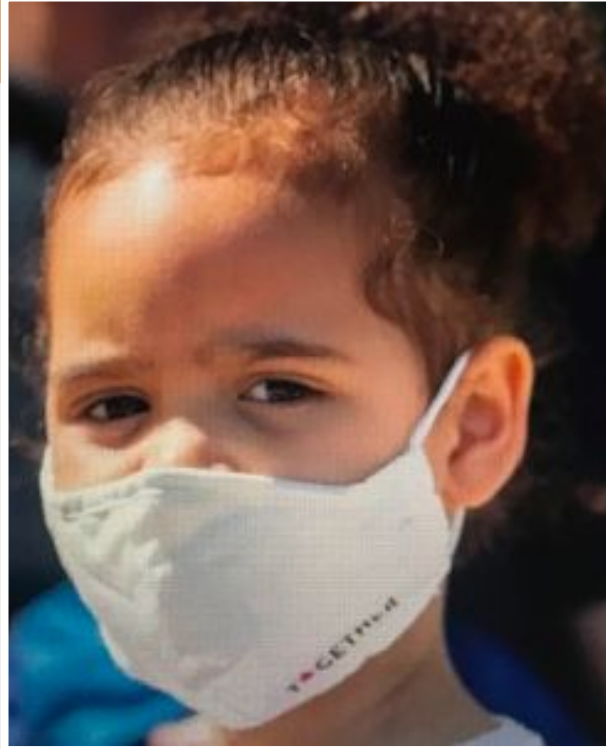


Healthy Hygiene Practices

Staff will each model and reinforce healthy habits and require children to consistently exercise key times to wash hands: upon arrival to school, before eating food, after using the bathroom, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, when returning to the classroom from preschool outdoor play areas, etc.

- If soap and water are not readily available, we will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Masks



Staff will wear masks during preschool program operating hours.

Although children will be encouraged to wear masks, this is not a program requirement and it is optional; especially when enjoying outdoor learning and play.

Through a curriculum approach, staff will demonstrate and role model to children how to properly wear masks. Children will also learn various healthy measures to help eliminate the spread of germs.

Parent Forum

We warmly invite you to join us at one of the following virtual parent forums:

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 2:00 PM

or

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM

What is the purpose of the parent forum?

The parent forum will give parents a relaxed and informal place to virtually meet with staff to discuss a wide range of issues, share views and concerns and ask questions about the preschool's reopening plan.



**St.
Matthias
Preschool
COVID-19
Readiness
Plan**

Please click on the following link to access the plan:

[St. Matthias Preschool Readiness Plan](#)

NOW ENROLLING

St. Matthias Preschool
Quality Early Education Program

5 Day/Week Program
8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

\$1800/month (first month's tuition fee is non-refundable)

Get 50% off your \$500 non-refundable registration fee if paid by Aug. 17, 2020

When St. Matthias Preschool returns to normal operating hours of 7:30 AM-6:00 PM for the 20/21 school year, we anticipate the tuition will remain at \$1800/month.

For enrollment questions, please contact Rosemary at:

rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org



Enrollment

St. Matthias Preschool is seeking an initial enrollment of 36 children.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming parent forums. Please feel free to email us any questions or for more information about our reopening plans and/or enrollment.

Sincerely,

St. Matthias Preschool Staff