

Peanut/Nut Free Classroom Allergy Alert!

Dear Families,

The health of all children is important to us. This letter is to inform you a student in your child's classroom has a potentially life-threatening food allergy to peanuts/tree nuts. Eating even trace amounts of peanuts/tree nuts may result in a severe reaction that requires emergency medical treatment.

Your child's classroom will be a Peanut/Nut Free Classroom this school year. Please assist us in the following ways:

- Please do not send any foods containing peanuts/tree nuts to your child's classroom for snacks or treats. Food that comes into the classroom must be commercially produced, pre-packaged, and contain an ingredient label. Many foods one might think would not contain peanuts/tree nuts actually do. The best way to determine whether or not a product contains peanuts/tree nuts is to carefully read the ingredient label. An allergy alert may read "may contain traces of peanuts", or "produced in a facility that processes peanuts".
- Should consider sending non-food items to celebrate birthdays and other occasions. Talk with your child about not offering, sharing or trading food items, unless the teacher gives approval to do so.
- Encourage your child to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after eating. Frequent hand washing reduces the spread of germs and also helps protect food allergic children. Ask your child to wash hands after breakfast, before coming to school. Following lunch at school children will be encouraged to wash their hands to eliminate any nut residue that may be on their hands.

All science, art, and craft activities will be peanut/nut-free. The school breakfast and lunch menu is peanut/nut free. The lunch room has a designated Peanut/Nut Free Table for children who have severe allergies. Encourage your child to occasionally join his/her classmates at this table.

Please sign the form below and return to school so we know every family has received this information. If

Principal Teacher School Nurse

I have read and understand this Peanut/Nut Free Allergy Alert. I agree to do my part in keeping the classroom safe for all students.

Child's Name Parent Signature Date