



April 22, 2020

Corner Cottage, WRNS, and After School Parents,

We hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Abbott has ordered all Texas schools to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic school year. As an accredited school and not a daycare, this, unfortunately, applies to us. However, while we are away, our staff will continue to offer virtual learning to keep your children stimulated and on track academically. While we understand that everyone is busy, we encourage you to assist your children in taking full advantage of this new learning arrangement. Our dedicated teachers are using the school curriculum, as well as a wealth of other online resources, to keep the days engaging and challenging for your kids. We love seeing their sweet faces online, and I cannot begin to tell you how much we miss getting to interact with them!

As you may know, the first round of government stimulus funds was absorbed very quickly. We understand and are empathetic to the financial difficulty that this pandemic has caused many of you, As we, like so many of you, are still waiting and hoping that our school will receive relief soon. As stated previously, *please let us know if you are a First Responder*. We are doing our best to adapt in these certain times and have created a **brand-new website with a designated COVID-19 tab** where all materials and resources can be found. To ensure our staff is paid, and that we are equipped to reopen when permitted, we are again reducing tuition – **May will be billed at 50%**.

As for Summer 2020, we remain hopeful that Governor Abbott permits schools and camps to open, and we are eagerly awaiting his orders. If allowed, camp will begin on June 1st, as planned; we are also willing to open sooner if permitted. If you are planning to keep your children home for Summer, but plan to return for the *2020-2021 schoolyear*, *please submit a completed application and supply fee* to hold your child's spot (including any babies coming in 9-ish months!).

After over 55 years in business, we feel blessed to be able to stay afloat with your help, because many schools are having to close permanently. It is a heartbreaking reality because many children will not be able to return to their schools and the teachers that love them. Thank you for supporting the WRNS staff and for your commitment to keeping your children plugged-in to their teachers and classmates! We are happy to help you keep up the good fight, and genuinely appreciate the sweet letters of encouragement and online comments that we have received during instructional time. It has been a joy to see the innovative strategies our teachers are using, and the involvement of you and your children is priceless!

We WILL see you soon, and we are counting down the days until we are reunited!

Thank you,

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