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ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY

The school policy is not to allow any products with peanut or tree nuts to be served by our school. We understand there may be cross contamination through-out the building since we share the facilities with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Although we cannot provide an allergen-free environment due to the risk of accidental exposure (allergens may be present whether in food other students bring from home or food packaged in factories) we will remain as diligent as possible when keeping our student with allergies safe. Protecting a student from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent life-threatening anaphylaxis.

“Acceptable Snack List”

The office has compiled an Acceptable Snack List that **must** be used if purchasing snacks for **holidays** and **birthday celebrations** for your child’s **classroom**. We do not allow homemade products from your household or bakeries to be brought into school for birthday and/or holiday celebrations. We understand there may be products not on our list that are “safe”. Although we cannot allow them to be brought into our school, please make us aware of such products and we can research the ingredients and factories for future potential purchases. We update our Acceptable Snack List every three months and/or if we get information that requires immediate amendment. A current copy of the Acceptable Snack List is kept in the office, please stop by for the list when needed for birthday or holiday celebrations.

“Daily Snack”

Social learning happens during snack time; manners, concerns for others, independence as well as working fine motor skills. Our Snack policy is *different* for our 2, 3 and 4 year old students.

- **2 & 3 year olds:** snack and a beverage are provided to them by Creative Play. All Creative Play snacks have been determined to be peanut and tree nut free.
- **4 year olds:** a healthy snack and a beverage provided by a parent/guardian. Families are to make certain the snack they provide for their child is peanut and tree nut free. Individual snacks are monitored by the teachers and aides and are not allowed to be shared.

Being allergy aware builds community sensitivity and empowers everyone! Children with allergies become aware of what they can and cannot eat; adults and students become more conscientious about allergies of others.

Thank you for joining us in helping to keep our students with allergies safe.