Dear Parents,

We would like to remind all parents of the rules governing the way illness and communicable viruses colds/sicknesses must be handled according to Childcare Licensing No child is to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours. This also includes vomiting and diarrhea.

In plain terms this means if your child is sent home at anytime they may not return until at least two (2) days later. **Until a child has gone home, gotten well (fever free, diarrhea free, no vomiting without medication) for over 24 hours, we do not want to see them!!** As much as we miss them and love them, we also want them to be happy and comfortable when they are with us! So, if your child is sent home, we do not want them to return the next day. **Not only is this a safety measure for your own child, but also it keeps the other children and the staff from being exposed to a child whose fever may go up and down for a day or two until they are past the contagious time frame.** Many children start with a low or high-grade fever, they then get dosed with medicine, seem fine after getting some rest and the parents bring them back the next day. The medication covers up the fever, offers symptomatic relief but soon after the child returns, they are again sent home because the stress on their system is not over. In the meantime, the germs spread to everyone and we end up with children who have now been sick 3 or more times in the last month. It just keeps circling back around through too much exposure to children who are still contagious. A rash or skin change is also cause for concern as many antibiotics can cause symptoms that look similar to fifth’s disease.

A good rule of thumb is: if you have to give your child any type of medicine to reduce fever/vomiting/diarrhea before bringing them to care, you should not be bringing then to school. (Unless your child is an infant (needs Tylenol) and is known to be teething.) PLEASE!! If your child has been sick on a Sunday, they need to stay home that Monday.

We realize we all have jobs and must work. We all also have chosen to have children and unfortunately this is the price we pay to keep our families healthy. Look at it as a bonus day off and enjoy the moment’s you get to have with your child. Before you know it, they will be grown and those sick child snuggles won’t happen anymore. (Even if they do come with mucus and vomit.)

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Please sign below that you have read this notice and return it to the office so we know that you are aware of the TCK’s and the CC Licensing policies concerning illnesses. This **will** be put in our child’s file with the other required papers.

Child’s Name:______________________________________

Parent’s Signature:__________________________________ Date:______________