



## ILLNESS POLICY

- Please keep sick children at home! Should your child fall ill during class the teachers will use your contact list beginning with parents to arrange for your child to be picked up from class. In the meantime, they will be kept as comfortable as possible by one of the teachers.
- If your child is **not** immunized, you will be asked to sign the “Conscientious observer” form at registration. Please be advised you will be asked to keep you child at home if there is an infectious disease outbreak and they will need to remain at home until the risk has passed. Regular fees will apply during this time and a 30-day notice of withdrawal will still be required if you choose to remove them from the program.
- **Children should be kept home from school if ....**
  - They have had a fever (38.0 higher) or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
  - They have been given medication like Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Gravol or Benadryl in the past 12 hours.
  - They have a **new** unexplained rash or skin condition.
  - They have green, yellow, or excessive mucus coming from nose, eyes or ears that is impeding their ability to play or follow the classroom routine.
  - They have started a **new** antibiotic in the past 24 hours.
  - They have a **new** or strong persistent cough that is impeding their ability to play and participate in the daily routine.
  - Unusual behaviours for that child e.g., extreme lethargy, persistent crying, extreme irritability, difficulty breathing or wheezing.
  - They have Lice, Scabies, or other infestation. They must remain at home until the proper treatment is fully completed.

We fully expect children to get colds or illness over the course of the year despite our best efforts following the Alberta health guidelines in disinfection, cleaning, and good hygiene practises. A slightly runny noes, a cough that just won't go away or a child that just a little “off” does not necessarily mean that child needs to remain home from school. If your child does not fall under the stipulations above and is able to fully participate in all the classrooms routines which include, snack, play and outdoor time they are probably fine to attend class. The teachers reserve the right to refuse entry to any child or parent who appears excessively ill or is exhibiting any of the symptoms listed above.