

# **SICK/ABSENT POLICY**

The Cupertino Recreation & Community Services Department has established a sick/absent policy for the Preschool program. **Children should not attend preschool when they are not in good health, thus exposing both the other children and the teachers to contagious symptoms/illnesses.** Please be considerate of the other children when deciding whether or not your child is healthy enough to attend class. The following list includes, but is not limited to, the symptoms/illnesses of concern:

Fever	Upset stomach
Yellow or green nasal discharge	Diarrhea
<b>Chicken Pox</b>	<b>Strep Throat</b>
Bronchitis	<b>Poison Oak</b>
<b>Head Lice</b>	<b>Measles</b>
<b>Mumps</b>	<b>Pink Eye</b>
Excessive cough	

You do not need to call ahead to inform teachers of an absence, unless your child has a contagious illness. **It is imperative that parents notify the teachers of a contagious illness so that an exposure notice may be distributed to the other children in the class. Contagious items are in bold print listed above.**

Children must be without a fever for 24 hours before returning to school. Teachers have been directed to send sick children home. If your child is showing signs of being ill, the teachers will ask you to pick up your child from preschool.

The Cupertino Recreation & Community Services Department realizes that symptoms may occur during class time. In such a case, the teacher will notify you, the parent, and you will need to pick up your child promptly. We ask that you inform the teachers if you need to send a family member or friend to pick up your child. Please remember that **we will not release your child to anyone that is not listed on the Participant/Emergency Information card.**

**IN ADDITION, WE DO NOT OFFER MAKE-UP CLASSES OR REFUNDS FOR ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS.** Thank you for your consideration of others.