

A. School Closings - Inclement Weather

School Closing announcements will be made beginning at 6:20 a.m. The weather radio stations are WBAL (1090) and WFBR (1300). Our guideline is to follow Howard County Schools when they are closed and below is the classroom times for any late openings.

**If Howard County Schools are closed because of weather, WE WILL BE CLOSED.**

If Howard County Schools open one hour late, Mt. Zion Preschool will open as follows:

- 2 day 2 year old Class - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon (with snack)
- 3 day 3 year old Class - 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (with snack)
- 4 day Pre-K Class - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (with snack only)

If Howard County Schools open two hours late, Mt. Zion Preschool will open as follows:

- 2 day 2 year old Class - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (with snack)
- 3 day 3 year old Class - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (with snack)
- 4 day Pre-K Class - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (with snack only)

**If Howard County Schools close one (1) hour or (1-1/2) hours early:**

Mt. Zion Christian Preschool will close at our regular class times.

**If Howard County Schools close two (2) hours early:**

Mt. Zion Christian Preschool will close as follows:

- 2 day 2 year old Class and 3 day 3 year old Class will close at the regular dismissal times.
- 4 day Pre-K Classes will close at 1:00 pm

**If Howard County Schools close three (3) hours early:**

Mt. Zion Christian Preschool will close as follows:

- 2 day 2 year old Class will close at their regular dismissal time (11:30 am).
- 3 day 3 year old Class will close at 12:00 noon.
- 4 day Pre-K Class will close at 12:00 noon.

To accommodate the variability of winter weather in our area, the Board of Directors of Mt. Zion Christian Preschool has a two-stage snow/disaster/emergency policy. Under "normal" conditions days missed will not be made up. Under unusual circumstances when an excessive number of closed days occur then: "The Snow/Disaster/Emergency Policy is that days will be made up at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Parents and staff will be notified as soon as possible if the "excessive day" segment is to take effect.

If there is a power failure, loss of water or a flood occurs from the boiler room, we will wait 15 minutes to see if the problem can be corrected. After this 15 minute evaluation, if the power failure and/or flood cannot be corrected, preschool will be closed and an email will be sent to notify of the closure. If there is a power outage, staff will make calls to their classes to notify of the closure. If it is too late to make calls, staff will be in the parking lot to notify parents as you arrive. THIS DAY(S) WILL NOT BE MADE UP.

#### COVID DAYS OFF POLICY

Due to COVID being a world wide pandemic, days missed for a COVID closure will not be made up.

If Howard County Health Department closes a class, they will make the determination of who can attend class. If a class is closed for any illness, those days will not be made up.

In the event that the Howard County Health Department closes a class due to COVID illness, the days missed will not be made up.

More information in the Parent Handbook (for current students), pages 7-8.