

Helping Hands Christian Preschool

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Earthquake! We hope it never happens. But if a disaster does occur, we need to be prepared to handle the situation before, during, and after the event.

Your child will be cared for by the preschool staff at the preschool -- or at a nearby emergency shelter, if necessary. The Information Board in the Entrance Hall tells where our backup shelter is. At this time, it is 1) the Korean church up Hiller Lane OR 2) the park on Center Avenue. Families will be notified to the best of our ability. A notice will be posted at the preschool entrance if we are required to leave the premises. As is always the case, children will only be released to authorized individuals. Please be sure to you're your child's information updated.

The Red Cross recommends that each unit (family or class) be prepared to exist for as long as 72 hours without outside help. When a disaster strikes, it is too late to make plans. It is a time for action. Please be sure to put both the preschool number 19252292975 and Celia's cell number 19256257254 in your contacts on your phone.

Helping Hands Christian Preschool has an ongoing Disaster Preparedness Project. Each child has a part in putting together Emergency Supply Kits. You can help by packing emergency rations and personal items for your own child in the supplied zipper bag and restocking their kit after each drill.

It is our prayer that we will not need to use any of these items. That being the case, the individual packets will be returned at the end of the school year.

Please include the following in your child's individual zipper bag:

- o The Disaster Kit Emergency Contact Information sheet (completed in ink)
- o Prepackaged, prepared foods (i.e., granola bars, fruit rolls, cheese w/ breadsticks, crackers) -- **NO** NUT PRODUCTS -- be sure to check the dates!
- o A personal note of comfort
- o A family photograph
- o A copy of a special or favorite book
- o Other items that your child might appreciate having during an emergency. (A toy, piece of a blanket, small flashlight with batteries stored separately, etc.)