

CRISIS/DISASTER COMMUNICATION PLAN

Dear Parents:

Washington State requires that all schools have a Crisis/Disaster Plan in place. A copy of our plan is located in each building. Any parent may review it upon request. Rest assured that we will do everything we can to protect your child in the event of a crisis or disaster.

Communication, in the event of a major disaster, is inherently difficult. We have two people, who reside out of state, who have agreed to act as our school contacts. Please call them for information, rather than our school, since local numbers may not be working. Also, by not calling locally, lines are freed up for other emergency calls.

Our contact people are:

Katie Shields	1-253-279-8113	(Idaho)
Terry Doyle	1-706-543-4281	(Georgia)

We have stored, in an outside location, enough water and food (Red Cross Rations) for 3 days for all staff and children. In addition, we have emergency space blankets for warmth. We also have the recommended first aid supplies and other equipment.

The staff will care for your child until you or your designee (noted on your application form) is able to reach them. If possible, we will call our out-of-state numbers (above) with information.

In case we need to *temporarily* vacate the premises, we will walk next door to the lawn area in front of the house to the south of us.

In case we need to *permanently* vacate the premises, we will walk to Arrowhead Elementary School 6725 NE Arrowhead Dr. Kenmore.

Please place this letter in a convenient, accessible place so that you can reference it quickly.

Please sign and return the yellow copy to the Creative Montessori School.

I have received information regarding your childcare facility's out-of-area emergency contact. I understand that your childcare facility has established policies to respond appropriately to a disaster.

Signature _____ Date _____

