

# NEW THOUGHT MONTESSORI

Dear Parents,

After some discussions we have decided to take additional steps to keep our students safe if an emergency situation were to occur. We are asking that each child turn in an emergency kit. An emergency kit is a one-gallon, plastic Ziploc bag that will be stored in a classroom bin and used in the event of a natural disaster or prolonged lockdown. If there were an emergency at school and your child needed to stay, this emergency kit would provide them with their own supply of food. The kits will be returned at the end of the school year so that food and drink can be replaced, do not ask to exchange items mid year.

During an emergency, items cannot be heated up. So, please select foods that can be eaten cold. If food items are canned, they need to have "pop tops." Everything must fit in a large Ziploc bag. Please use permanent marker to clearly write your child's first and last name on the bag.

**Emergency kits should include these items:**

- ✓ Non-perishable food
- ✓ A family picture and a note reassuring your child that everything will be alright and the family will be reunited soon.

**The following are examples of food that you might include:**

Granola bar, mini boxes of cereal, peanut butter & crackers, tuna & crackers, fruit cup, applesauce cup, raisins, fruit roll-up, protein Bar, beef jerky, etc. be creative

- Since we have a large supply of water, additional bottles are not necessary

Thank you for support and cooperation in helping to keep your child safe. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are not expecting anything to happen; however it is always better to be prepared.

Thanks!

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