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## 2026 Calendar

<b>Months</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Holidays / Professional Days</b>	<b>Open /Closed</b>
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> - Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed - Fri	New Year Celebration	Center Closed
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Martin Luther King Day	Center Closed
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	President's Day	Center Closed
March 30 <sup>th</sup> – April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon- Mon	Spring Break	Center Open
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Good Friday	Center Closed
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Professional Day/ Training	Center Closed
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Memorial Day	Center Closed
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Juneteenth Day	Center Closed
June 17 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs - Thurs	Summer Camp 2026	Center Open
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Independence Day	Center Closed
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Professional Day / Training	Center Closed
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Labor Day	Center Closed
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Professional Day/ Columbus Day	Center Closed
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Veteran's Day	Center Closed
November 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs -Fri	Thanksgiving & Day After	Center Closed
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed - Fri	Christmas Vacation	Center Closed
Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> - Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wed - Fri	New Year Celebration	Center Closed

### Reminders:

**Professional Days and Holidays are paid days for the staff when the center is closed. Parents are responsible for full tuition payments for the weekly tuition fee, regardless of absences from illnesses, vacation, home days or Center Closures.**

### We have two parts to our snow policy:

- Our Center is closed when the Federal Government is Closed
- In the event of inclement weather, please check your Lillio App and email for any updates, delays or closing.

You can also call:

- Location 1: (301) 990-3170
- Location 2: (240) 246-7835
- Location 3: (240) 912-4294

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### Hope Grows Sickness and Safety Policy:

#### **Sick Children, Daily Health Checks, Medication/Allergies**

The teacher will greet your child/children each day after their arrival at the Center and note whether he/she appears to be sick. Your child will be checked throughout the day, especially after nap time. If your child has been symptomatic or ill during the evening or in the morning before school, please do not

bring him/her to the Center. We will call you to pick up your son/daughter if they become ill during the day. **All attempts should be made to pick up your child within one hour from the initial call.**

**Please do not bring a child with fever to the center. We will ask you to take him/her back home.**

You will be notified through an announcement on the Parent Bulletin Board or through a memo in Family Application if any children have been exposed to any contagious disease. The incubation period of that condition will also be noted. If multiple children become exposed or ill, the center will follow best practices aligned with Health Department or Office of Childcare which may require that any child with visible symptoms goes to the doctor to get a note for clearance to participate in group childcare. We are obligated to report each confirmed case to the state nurse to determine further actions and steps needed for the safety of all children enrolled.

The common cold is considered contagious for three days. Impetigo, Flu, Covid, Hand, Foot and Mouth and conjunctivitis are extremely contagious and should be treated by a physician immediately. Please allow a 24-hour recovery period for your child after he/she has had a fever, diarrhea, vomiting or other symptoms. **Do not bring your child to the Center until your child's symptoms have ceased for at least 24 hours without the aid of any medicine.**

We recommend that whenever possible, you administer medications at home. **It is important that you administer the first dose of any new medication at home where under your supervision**, you can observe whether that medication is agreeable. Medication required by your child during the day for allergies or medical conditions must be accompanied by a medication form signed and submitted to the office along with the medication in its original container.

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