



## Silverwood's 2018-2019 Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Program is vital to our children's safety, security and emotional well-being at Silverwood School in the event of an emergency and/or natural disaster affecting our local community, especially during regular school hours of operation.

While we all hope no emergencies will occur, it is responsible and appropriate that we plan for all eventualities. We want each child attending Silverwood to be equipped with basic necessities in the event of an emergency until such time as they and their families can be reunited.

These bags, known as "comfort kits," will be handed out to your child in the event of an emergency to keep them comforted while teachers and staff are setting up emergency supplies. If not used, the bags will be sent home with your child in June. Please allow your child to assist you with the preparation of this kit to help familiarize them with its contents. This will enhance their comfort should it be necessary to use them.

**Please bring a clear, one-gallon Ziploc bag with your child's name and grade printed on it. Please fill the bag according to the instructions below, and deliver it to your child's classroom on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 6th, along with your child's other school supplies.**

### Each Ziploc bag should include the following:

1 large, black garbage bag; 1 emergency/survival blanket (small silver type); 1 luminescent light stick; 1-2 hand warmers; a comfort letter in an envelope addressed to your child; 3 food items that have a 12-month shelf life; 2 drink items; 1 comfort food (i.e. favorite candy bar); and 1 activity. Please remember our NO NUTS policy.

#### Food items may include:

Jerky  
"Tuna lunch kit"  
Dried fruit  
Fruit snacks  
Protein bars  
Granola bars

#### Beverages:

Small juice boxes  
Small juice cans  
Small water bottles

#### Activity/Comfort items may include:

Small deck of cards or activity book  
Small story book  
Small toy  
Favorite fun/comfort treat

#### Extras

A family picture to go along with the letter will be comforting to your child until you are reunited. Please remember that the letter should be positive and upbeat.

Thank you for your support with this project. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school office.