Weather
If the local public school district is closed due to snow, ice or other inclement weather, The Garden/Wild Hearts will also be closed. If the local public school district does not close schools due to inclement weather, you may assume that we are also open. Likewise, if the local public school district calls for schools to close early due to inclement weather, we will also close early. Tuition will not be reduced for such closing. If the local public school district calls for a delayed start, we will make our own decision regarding whether to open or not. Parents will be notified of any unscheduled closings by email, Remind app and updates will be posted on our Facebook page.

NOTE: Monthly fees do not change due to missed days due to inclement weather.

Wild Hearts will use the above chart to determine weather safety and closings of Wild Hearts. The following actions will be taken based on the chart above:

1. Wild Hearts will announce closings, early dismissals or delayed starts no later than 8am daily if conditions are predicted to be in the RED zones.
2. Wild Hearts staff will bring children indoors if real-time conditions change or differ from predictions and enter the RED zones during school hours; depending on the amount of time left in the school day, parents may be contacted for early dismissal.
3. When conditions are or are predicted to be in the YELLOW zones, Wild Hearts staff will take the following safety actions for COLD weather:
   a) Ensure children are fully covered with appropriate clothing (gloves, winter coats, snowsuits - if applicable, warm hats, warm socks and rain or snow boots, warm layers
underneath). If parents fail to send the appropriate clothing with their child to school, the parent will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing and/or pick their child up from school while s/he remains in the office.

b) Plan and promote activities that involve movement; take indoor breaks for story-time or sedentary activities as needed.

4. When conditions are or are predicted to be in the YELLOW zones, Wild Hearts staff will take the following safety actions for HOT weather:
   a) Ensure children are appropriately dressed and prepared for the weather (sun hats, lightweight clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, swimsuits or moisture-wick clothing). If parents fail to send the appropriate clothing/products with their child to school, the parent will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing/products and/or pick their child up from school while s/he remains in the office.
   b) Plan and promote activities that involve water play and/or keep children shaded areas only; indoor breaks for story-time or sedentary activities as needed.
   c) Provide consistent reminders for mandatory water breaks every 20 minutes. If parents fail to send in a water bottle, cups of water will be provided, but please try to remember to send in a water bottle daily!

5. When thunderstorms, lightening, tornadoes, hurricanes, tropical storms or any other extreme weather (that is considered dangerous to be outdoors in OR creates hazardous road conditions) is predicted at a percentage higher than 50% during school hours, Wild Hearts staff will make a call for delayed start, early dismissal or closing by 8 am daily and parents will be notified by Remind, email & updates posted to the Facebook page.

6. Wild Hearts will remain open in rainy weather and children are expected to be sent to school with the appropriate gear needed to participate in outdoor programming. Gear includes rubber/plastic rain boots (or insulated snow boots for colder weather), hooded water resistant coat or jacket, umbrella (if desired), water-resistant clothing (especially pants), change of clothes (in case of mud), small towel, rain hat if desired. There is a lot to be learned in the rain and outdoor programming will continue in these conditions. If parents fail to send the appropriate clothing/products with their child to school, the parent will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing/products and/or pick their child up from school while s/he remains in the office.

Make-Up Days & Refund Policy
The Garden has a week of make-up days built into the calendar for cancellations due to thunderstorms or other weather that is unsafe for children (on days that The Garden Toddler Community/indoor programming remains open). Up to 3 days will be offered for make-up at the end of the school year, we are unable to offer additional make-up days or refunds for cancellations beyond 3 days. Wild Hearts will do their best to offer make-up days for thunderstorm closings, but parents should acknowledge upon enrollment that it may not always be possible.

Two Households
When parents are living separately, we make every effort to provide correspondence to both parents. We consider both parents important to the child’s school experience and avoid expressing any alliance with either parent over the other. It is necessary for us to refuse to become involved in disagreements the parents may have. Parents should come to terms of agreement for purposes of instructing the center as to their wishes regarding their child. Custody agreements should be presented to our administration upon enrollment. Wild Hearts, The Garden or any other related administration or staff member will not participate in custody hearings regarding enrolled or non-enrolled students. Should any legal matter arise regarding custody or disagreement between two parents or guardians that involves Wild Hearts, The Garden or Graham & Keane, LLC, parents are responsible for any legal fees incurred due to their child’s enrollment in the program.