

# School Closures

A calendar of closures is available online on our website, beginning of each school year, covering the period of September through August. Signs will be posted reminding families of closures.

## Holidays

Hilltop is closed New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the Friday following, Christmas Day, and all days between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Hilltop will close on the nearest working day prior to or following the holiday. These closures, and any others, will be noted in the school year calendar.

## Advocacy

Hilltop typically closes for one day each spring to participate in meetings, workshops, or community service related to advocacy for the field of Early Childhood Education. This closure day will be listed in advance on the annual calendar.

## In-Service Professional Development

Hilltop closes some days each year for faculty in-service, please check the family calendar on our website for closure dates. During in-service days we spend time going classroom preparation and professional/organizational development to allow for a smoothly running program, to share best practices and to keep faculty updated in advancements in the field.

## Snow/Inclement Weather

We want to ensure the safety of our faculty and children at Hilltop. When snow or hazardous road conditions exist, Hilltop will close or open late using the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) as a guide, consulting with Seattle Department of Transportation and the National Weather Service, at the discretion of the Executive Director. A message on will be left on Hilltop's voicemail by 7 a.m. and an email and BrightWheel message will be sent to all families. If the weather worsens after Hilltop has already opened, families and faculty will be contacted, via email and BrightWheel message as well as a message on Hilltop's voicemail as soon as possible.