## **Lower School Absence Policy**

Recognizing the importance of school attendance to learning, we ask that you make every effort to schedule family vacations when school is not in session. If your family has a special event that cannot be rescheduled, please alert the teachers and Head of Lower School. While it is not possible to replicate the learning experiences for your child, teachers will provide appropriate make-up work for students upon their return. In the event of an absence due to illness, teachers will make every effort to assist the student in making up written assignments, etc. when they return to school.

- Excused absences include: illness or injury, quarantine, death in the immediate family, medical/dental appointments or religious observances.
- If a student has been required to quarantine, base classroom teachers will provide asynchronous work to continue learning at home.
- Arrivals after 11:00 am count as absences.
- <u>An accumulated amount of unexcused absences over 10 in a school year will be considered excessive</u> and result in a meeting with the Head of Lower School to address the issue.
- Excessive absences and/or tardies may result in a contract hold or grade retention.