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Dear Junior Explorer Families,

As we reflect on 2021, we are so grateful for our JEC community and for the health and well-being of our staff and families. Despite the continued obstacles the pandemic poses, we continue to create many cherished memories with your children every single day and are so thankful you have chosen us as your home away from home. Together we have faced a truly unprecedented situation. The global pandemic affected all of our families, businesses, communities, and way of life. Because of the changes we have experienced, our approach to operating our business will look a little different moving forward.

In a continued commitment to providing quality childcare for our explorers, we are thrilled to announce that the **Junior Explorer Club** will be partnering with **Balanced Family Academy**, another childcare center in the area. Their campus is nearby (corner of Bethel and Reed Rd). Current JEC families will remain at the Clubhouse on Old Henderson Road. With this partnership we will have more resources available to our program including:

- additional staff/ongoing training opportunities
- curriculum support
- new food menu offerings
- administration mentorship + guidance



Additionally, we will be expanding our offerings to include infant and young toddler care!! We have heard the outcry from our community regarding the struggles of finding childcare and believe this too will be added benefit to creating a program to encompass all ages from infant to elementary aged children. We are beyond excited!!!

Part of these changes include an update to our tuition costs. While we recognize any increase in tuition will impact our families, such increases are necessary to ensure that we have adequate resources and staff to keep pace with the growing operational costs imposed upon childcares due to the health crisis. After careful review of all considerations, the tuition changes will include the following:

PROGRAM	FULL-TIME (M-F)	3 DAYS (M, W, F)	2 DAYS (T, R)
Infant	\$1,675	\$1,220	\$871
Toddler	\$1,555	\$1,133	\$836
Preschool/PreK	\$1,448	\$1,076	\$779
After School Care	\$650	X	X

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR CURRENT FAMILIES:

As is industry standard, we anticipated an increase in tuition for the 2022 year. Because we value your loyalty to the Junior Explorer Club, especially throughout the chaos of the pandemic, we want to ease the burden of this financial transition by offering a discount beginning Jan – May 2022. Therefore, your price increase will begin on the Jan. 15 billing cycle and will be as follows:

PROGRAM	FULL-TIME (M-F)	3 DAYS (M, W, F)	2 DAYS (T, R)
Infant	\$1,675	\$1,220	\$871
Toddler	\$1,405	\$968	\$968
Preschool/PreK	\$1,298	\$880	\$880
After School Care	\$577	\$514*	\$514*

**Toddler, Preschool/Prek and After School care part-time is 1-3 days of your choice until June 2022*

We look forward to this new adventure and excited to have you, our JEC family be a part of this thrilling growth. As we continue to navigate the changing tides posed by this pandemic, our priorities remain the same: To offer childcare and fun in a safe environment.

Yours in adventures,
 Michele Rapp