

## • Severe Allergies to Peanuts/Nuts

- Food allergies are a growing concern in schools. Millions of children – children who are perfectly healthy in every other way – must watch every single bite they eat, or risk suffering a severe or even life-threatening reaction. A major health issue such as this one needs to be taken very seriously and it has always been the policy of this school to make the safety and well-being of students our top priority.
- A child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a peanut-containing food or being exposed to peanut residue on surfaces. This reaction may be life-threatening and may require anaphylaxis medication. In view of the consequences, we are seeking the cooperation of parents in ensuring that they do not send any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts, peanut products or nuts, particularly if your children are in the same classes. (If a child with such an allergy is part of your child's class, a letter will be sent home to help inform you.) If your child has allergies to other foods, such as seafood or eggs, and you have included this information in the registration form, we will let the homeroom teacher know as soon as possible.
- In addition to avoiding peanut and nut products in the school we also discourage all students from trading lunches. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.