

IMPORTANT MEMO

To: All C.Y.W. Parents

What would happen if an earthquake hit the Silicon Valley? It has happened before and it *very possibly* could happen again. We want to be prepared in the event that such a disaster should occur.

We are asking that each family do their part to help out just in case the BIG ONE should occur during the school day. We require each child to have an emergency backpack kept here at school. The backpack should be labeled in permanent marker with your child's first and last name and will move with your child as he/she changes classrooms over time. If you leave California Young World you will take the backpack with you.

Here is what your child's backpack should include:

Bottled water

Non-perishable food (trail mix, meal replacement bars, granola bars, small ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables).

A change of clothing.

A Small blanket.

Comfort objects (a small stuffed animal, pacifier, family photo).

Special items for special children:

Babies-include diapers, formula and an extra bottle.

Children on medication-include a 3 day supply of necessary medications.

All backpacks will be stored in a new wheeled garbage can in the classroom -- that way it can be easily wheeled outside if necessary.

Places where backpack items can be purchased:

Try K-Mart or Target for an inexpensive backpack (nothing fancy required).

~~Please limit the size of your child's backpack.~~

Orchard Supply stocks non-perishable food that is good for up to 5 years. If you choose you can just pack granola bars and other items that have a relatively long shelf life and replace them annually.

You will need to prepare your child's emergency pack *prior* to his/her start date.
Thank you for your cooperation!