



Parent Handbook 2011-2012

SHAARE ZEDEK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PARENT'S HANDBOOK

PHILOSOPHY:

Our goal for each child is to provide a nurturing environment in order to encourage physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth. The staff at Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center is aware of the developmental stages of children at different ages, and they strive to meet the individual needs of all of the children enrolled in our school. When a child's developmental and self-esteem needs are met in a loving, caring and relaxed atmosphere, learning can take place and a child can then reach his/her full potential.

To achieve potential growth, our program is built around the concept of LEARNING THROUGH PLAY. Children acquire knowledge about the physical and social worlds in which they live through discovery, experiences and interactions with objects and people.

CURRICULUM:

Children learn best through experience that involves all the senses. They need a routine to function securely. During each school day, there will be periods devoted to routine tasks including free choice and directed play, as well as quiet and active time. Our curriculum is flexible and based on these ideas.

Indoor and outdoor play areas have been specifically planned to encourage development of large (gross) and small (fine) muscles. The children will play outdoors as often as weather permits. Please send outdoor attire with your child daily so all children will be able to play outside, weather permitting. This is especially necessary on cold, crisp fall and winter days.

As a Jewish early childhood center, our program will offer a special awareness for the children. Each day they will say the appropriate blessings, in Hebrew and English, before eating and drinking at snack time and at school lunch. Each holiday in the cycle of the year is special and will be experienced and celebrated. We emphasize Havdalah and Shabbat each week, with special preparations and foods, parent involvement, songs and Tzedakah.

Children's mental and social development evolves through interaction with their environment and with their peers. They discover, understand and interpret the world by being exposed to a variety of experiences. During the school day we will provide activities that deal with such areas as music, art, science, cooking, creative dramatics, movement, language and math, all of which will be experience oriented and age appropriate.

The goals for this program are not just to prepare our children for kindergarten, but for life. We will call on parents often during the school year to help our staff.

SCHOOL POLICIES:
PLEASE READ AND BE FAMILIAR

FINANCIAL:

Fees: Tuition fees are paid monthly during the first week of each month, biweekly, or weekly on the first day of each week.

There are three payment plans to choose from:

____ Monthly (1 payment during 1st week of the month)

____ Biweekly (2 payments during 1st and 3rd weeks of the month)

____ Weekly (4 payments, on the first day your child is in attendance each week)

A plan must be chosen prior to the beginning of each school year. Any change in your plan must be made in writing and approved by the director.

The first of each month you will be billed. You are only billed for the days we are in session.

There will be no refund for days missed:

- When the child is on vacation*
- When the child is ill
- When the school is canceled due to bad weather or acts of G-D

Need for special financial arrangements due to long-term illness or other extenuating circumstances will need to be presented to the ECC Board through the Director for consideration.

No swapping of days will be permitted. Please do not ask for any favors.

No days will be made up for vacation or sick days missed.

*Families that use the center year round for child care in set full day schedules are entitled to vacation time. The number of vacation days is dependent upon the number of full time days in a week for which the child is enrolled throughout the entire year. Families must start with us at the beginning of the school year in September to be eligible for any vacation credits.

Families returning in the fall who remove their children for the summer for more than a one week vacation are financially responsible for their child's space. Faculty and like professions who remove their children for the summer will need to pay 25% of the child's normal fee to retain their spot for the fall. Our staff works year round and depends on their jobs at the center for their living. Revenue generated by tuition must be maintained in order to keep our good teaching staff.

LATE FEES:

All accounts that do not reach a zero balance by the end of each month will also be charged an additional \$10.00 fee. Families who are repeatedly tardy in their payments may be asked to leave. A family who falls behind more 6 weeks with any fees may have their child discharged from the facility unless special arrangements are made with the director.

INTERIM CARE:

Interim care is available for certain break periods when school is not in session. NOTE THE FOLLOWING POLICY: Families will be automatically billed for interim care days that fall on their child's normal schedule. If a family does not intend to use those days, the office must be informed in writing using the interim form provided and meet the required deadline. Should a family fail to notify the office in writing in adequate time, they will still be held financially responsible for their regular schedule. Account must be to zero balance the pervious month in order to use interim care.

ADD-ON DAYS:

Sometimes a part time family may wish to add on a single day should there be space available in their child's normal class. A daily add-on form must be used no less than 24 hours in advance. Daily add-on forms are available next to the sign in/out computer. There will be a \$5.00 fee plus the additional daily rate to add- on a day, all non-refundable once submitted. **Fees for services must be paid for by the end of the month the services are provided or a late fee will be charged.** Account must be to zero balance the previous month in order to add-on days. The family will be informed via email or e-message if there is space available when the form is submitted and will be billed for the days requested. It is best to check with the office about availability prior to completing the form. Remember, once a day is requested in writing, that family is financially responsible for the day.

During the course of the year, a family may need to make changes in their child's schedule. We do our best to be flexible and accommodate changes whenever possible. We cannot make changes on a regular basis without it becoming a scheduling, billing, and communication burden. Should a family become **habitual schedule changers** they will be notified in writing and will be billed \$5.00 for each additional change thereafter. We are willing to accommodate add-on times when possible. Our concern lies with changes made in a child's basic weekly schedule.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 is required for a child enrolled in our center. A family with multiple children will pay a family registration fee of \$70.00.

Parents are financially responsible for their child's schedule for the year. It is policy that thirty days notice is given to the director in writing should a family decide to leave the center for any reason. They are financially responsible for the thirty-day period.

If you wish to decrease hours, or number of days your child attends, you will have to yield to full time families. Your choice of days will then be determined by availability. Full time families always have priority over part time, thus your options may be limited.

ADMISSION POLICIES:

We accept children from all religious and ethnic backgrounds.

Priority enrollment in the all classrooms will be given to five-day full time enrolled children.

Members of Shaare Zedek Synagogue and the Jewish community receive priority for wait lists in all classes.

Families who have one or more children currently enrolled when enrolling another child will also receive priority on wait lists for all classes.

It is the policy of the Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center that all forms properly completed and signed must be on file prior to a child attending the first day of school or camp.

These forms include:

Health/Medical Examination Report

Authorization for Emergency Medical Care and Field Trip Release

Enrollment Form (including child pick-up authorization)

Notice of Parental Responsibility Form

The State of Missouri Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Safety and Licensure, requires forms to be on file prior to a child attending school. If forms are not in place the ECC will be forced to deny that child entry into the facility.

DISMISSAL POLICIES:

After attempts have been made to meet a child's individual needs, any child who demonstrates an inability to benefit from the care offered by Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center or whose presence is detrimental to other children may be discharged from the facility.

Care of a child may also be discontinued if the center staff and the parent(s) cannot establish a mutually satisfactory working relationship.

EARLY ARRIVAL POLICY:

Scheduled arrival time for the MORNING PROGRAM is 8:50-9:00 a.m. Should a child be brought to school prior to this time it can cause a staffing problem. The child will then be counted as attending Breakfast Club and the family will be assessed an \$8.00 Breakfast Club fee. We will give families one reminder or arrangements can be made to add Breakfast Club to their schedule.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

7:30-8:50 a.m.	BREAKFAST CLUB
8:50-9:00 a.m.	MORNING PROGRAM DROP-OFF
12:50-1:00 p.m.	AFTER LUNCH PICK-UP
3:00-6:00 p.m.	INDIVIDUAL PARENT PICK-UP TIMES

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE SIGNED IN AND OUT BY A PARENT EACH DAY THROUGH THE COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM AT THE MAIN DOOR.

**Please remember the Center closes promptly at 6:00 p.m. We ask that parents be considerate of staff needing to go home to their families. Parents interested in dialogue with staff for the day need to arrive by 5:45p.m., so the staff can be clocking out at 6:00p.m.

A **late fee of \$5.00** will be assessed for every five minutes or portion thereof a person is late picking up their child from a morning, lunch, afternoon program or dropping off before the center opens at 7:30 a.m. Staff has not been scheduled to watch children while they wait past the scheduled departure times, or when they are dropped off before the center opens.

Morning departure pick-up is 12:50 p.m-1:00 p.m. If a child is picked up after 1:00 p.m. a late fee will be assessed. End of day pick-up is 6:00 p.m. **SHARP. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE WITH PARENT BY 6:00 AND CONTINUING CONVERSATION WITH STAFF AFTER 6:00 WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE.** Emergency situations sometimes occur, please contact the office (314-727-2565) immediately so that we are aware of the situation.

HEALTH POLICIES:

The State of Missouri requires a completed, updated Health Form signed by your physician to be on file in the ECC office prior to your child attending school.

Please notify the center office (727-2565) if your child contracts any communicable disease, such as chicken pox, strep throat, influenza, hand, foot, and mouth, etc., so that other parents can be notified. Remember to update your child's record each time he/she receives additional immunizations. The ECC is subject to unscheduled visits by the health department, and needs to be kept up to date to stay in compliance with state regulations. For a chart of what the vaccinations a child should receive at specific ages, please see the ECC office.

If your child is not well, or seems overtired, if at all possible, please keep him/her at home for the day. **If he/she is being given a medication, parents must inform the child's teacher and the director.** **In order for medication to be given to a child by a staff member during the school day, parents must send a completed medication authorization that includes the date, a signed permission to administer medication, and specific instructions. Medication must be kept in the office in original container labeled with child's name, with a measuring cup/spoon included.** Always check with your pediatrician before sending a child back to school after a long illness. The center will require a physician's note prior to returning to school following a communicable disease. It may be sent by fax to 314-727-0080.

WELLNESS POLICY:

Please review the guideline called, "When a Child Is Too Sick to Attend", provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Public Health Association, which can be found in the back of this handbook. These are the illness policies adopted by our early childhood center and will be enforced for the welfare of all our children and adults. **Along with these policies, we require a child who has two diarrhea episodes or one vomiting episode to be picked up from the center immediately. The center also requires a child to be fever and symptom free (including fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) for 24 hours before returning to school.**

A child, who is deemed too sick to be at school, must be picked up within one hour of contact with the parent NO EXCEPTIONS. Chronic offenders will be subject to the late pick up fee.

When you send your child to school ill, it compromises the health and safety of all other children and staff. Please be considerate of others and keep your child home when they are ill. Frequent absenteeism due to illness is difficult for everyone.

POTTY TRAINING POLICY:

Potty training is an important step in your child's life. We would like to help your child succeed through this process in a way that is beneficiary to your child's development as well as safe and sanitary for the rest of the children at the Center. Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center's potty training policy was developed around the recommendations from a pediatrician at Children's Hospital.

If your child gives indications that he/she is ready to be potty trained the staff of Shaare Zedek ECC will need to be included in the planning. When you decide to make a commitment and team with the staff you need to write a note to them explaining the process of how you are training at home. Remember we need to be working together because training will not be successful if the staff is not supported by the family and likewise the family needs the staff to work with them.

After communicating with your child's teachers, the child must be sent in Pull-ups, and he/she will be reminded regularly to use the restroom by his or her teachers. After a full week of no accidents in Pull-ups, your child may be sent in underwear, however Pull-ups should still be sent in the child's bag in case of accidents. Remember that in a school setting there are many other activities and distractions that may take your child's focus away from potty training, but don't be discouraged. Our goal is to assist you and your child through this process.

As at home, we will continue the pattern of encouragement and reminders to use the restroom so that potty training can be a positive experience for all those involved.

All children must be potty trained by the time they enter our three/four-year-old room.

DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Discipline is an essential part of raising children and when used positively, it contributes to the growth and development of a child and establishes positive patterns of behavior in preparation for adulthood. The object of discipline is to promote behaviors that are beneficial to the child's development and welfare, and to change or eliminate behaviors that are injurious to his/her well being. Therefore, we encourage positive discipline as an important aspect of practices for raising children. Discipline is a positive growth experience when it is approached as a developmental concept and administered in the form of teaching, guidance and role modeling; conversely, it is a negative experience when it inflicts fear and humiliation. Therefore, there will be no punishment physical, verbal or mental.

Guidance plays an important role in positive discipline. Children should be familiar with what is expected from them. Rules should be simple, consistent and developmentally appropriate. When there is disruptive behavior, the child should be reminded of the rules covering the incident. If the behavior continues, the child should be re-directed to another activity. In order for a child to regain self-control, a supervised "time-out" may be used. The child would be guided away from the situation and allowed to sit quietly in the classroom for a few minutes. The child would then be allowed to return to an activity.

Implementing a positive, consistent and age appropriate discipline policy will provide the child an opportunity to become part of a safe, welcoming classroom/school atmosphere. Through this sense of security the child can grow and develop in a healthy manner.

SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT POLICY:

When you bring your child to school, you must escort them into the facility, to their teacher, and sign them in on the computer provided outside the ECC office. Should your child need to be taken out of his/her normally scheduled program, they must be signed out using the same computer.

No child will be released to anyone not found on the child release portion of the enrollment form filed in the E.C.C. office. When a child is leaving school with someone other than his/her normal adult, a signed and dated written note must be given to his/her teacher by the parent in advance. Last minute calls to the director for emergency purposes are acceptable. The child will then only be released to the individual named. Picture identification must be presented in order for a child to be released, especially when the individual is unfamiliar to the center staff. A child cannot be released to anyone less than 18 years of age.

If you ever forget to sign your child in or out, please inform the office immediately so that proper adjustments may be made.

POLICY ABOUT KOSHER FOOD/SNACKS:

Our school observes the dietary rules of Kashrut; therefore only menus that are kosher dairy and/or pareve are allowed for snacks or lunches. The children cook and bake foods using our kosher facilities during the year. Lunches brought from home must be **meatless**. Entenmann's baked goods are acceptable. Products bearing the symbols are acceptable. Some lunch suggestions are cheese, tuna, jelly and peanut butter, egg salad, fruits and vegetables. Please check labels on prepared food for the symbols: (O-U) U (O-K) K (O-V) V. A list of additional symbols is included on the page labeled "What's Kosher". No home baked items will be served to the class, even if your kitchen is Kosher. Lunch Bunch lunches are **NEVER SHARED**. Children are allowed to eat only what they bring from home or served at school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask the director.

Should a parent forget a child's lunch more than once, an additional \$5.00 fee will be charged for the meal provided by the school. We want to be helpful when a parent has forgotten a lunch but our facility is not equipped to "serve lunch" on a regular basis. The assessment is meant to discourage repeat offenders.

FIELD TRIP POLICIES:

During the preschool year there will be days when the Teacher will plan a field trip for the group. Advance notice will always be given for these trips and we will ask for parent volunteers as drivers. Parent volunteers will need to show proof of a current driver's license and insurance. Occasionally the children will take an impromptu walking trip in and around the area. A signed permission form must be in the school office for each child enrolled in the program. Please be sure to sign this portion of the emergency form found in your packet.

RULES FOR TRIPS:

1. Each child must have a seat belt and children must be belted in the back seat. Children need a car seat according to state law.
2. Children must keep all parts of their bodies in the car while in motion.
3. There will be at least one adult for every three children.
4. Drivers are responsible for the children in their car and should be sure they stay with the group.
5. No younger siblings should be brought along, please. Adult supervision is needed for the children attending the field trip.

SCHOOL CLOSING POLICY:

When snowy or icy weather occurs and it is necessary to close the Center, closing or snow schedule information will be available via KSDK, Channel 5, or on www.ksdk.com. We make every effort to remain open and often the decision to close may be made in the very early morning. If we decide to have a delay in opening ("Snow Schedule"), we will open at 8:30 a.m. or as soon as sufficient staff has arrived to care for the number of children in attendance. Please make sure that there is adequate staffing before leaving your child. It can often be difficult for staff to get into work during bad weather, because many live 10+ miles away.

NO VISITORS POLICY:

Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center has adopted a no-visitors policy. Children who are friends or relatives may not visit your child's class unless scheduled as a special program by the school. Parents are allowed at any time, but please check in at the office.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS:

In every child's classroom is a communication "center" for families of that room. Each child will have a file clearly labeled and kept in a wall receptacle in that center. It is to be used for class, school, PPO and other communications. Parents are responsible for removing information from their child's file at the end of each day their child attends. The file is to remain in the receptacle. If you need to leave a message for the office, it may be left inside the mailbox on the table outside the ECC office.

TOTES:

A clearly marked tote bag brought to school daily is absolutely necessary. The tote will be kept in each child's cubby and can be found there at the end of the day. Please check it for items coming home from school.

NEWSLETTER:

A newsletter will be sent by email each month reminding families of important correspondence, as well as school and community activities. Please read it carefully to keep informed of school and PPO activities. **Be sure the office has your current email address.** Newsletter hard copies can be made available upon request.

CONFERENCES:

We will schedule telephone and personal conferences in November and March. This will be a time to ask specific questions about a child's progress after our staff has had an opportunity to get to know him/her. All parents of children entering Kindergarten must have an in-person conference both in the fall and spring.

Parents may feel free to chat with the teacher about their child's progress, either in person, or by telephone. Make sure that it is a good time for the teacher, when she is not involved in preparation, clean-up, or teaching duties. Parents are welcome to speak with the administrative staff at any time.

SECURITY:

A very important topic to all is security. There is a Synagogue wide security system. Each family will be issued two key fob and code. All lost or stolen key fobs must be reported immediately. A replacement fob may be purchased for the cost of \$20.00. If fob is found, fob can be reactivated. People may be buzzed in if they have forgotten their key during office hours.

The door has an eight second reset timer, so it is imperative for you to be aware of who follows you into the building. Please do not hesitate to question someone entering the building. Perhaps ask who they are picking up, or what business they have with the synagogue. Notify the director immediately should any stranger follow you into the center.

BIRTHDAYS:

We invite parents to visit school on their child's birthday to help celebrate the special day. Treats are welcome, as long as they are Kosher . Any baked item made by Entenmann's, Pratzels, Schnucks Bakery at Ladue Crossing, or Dierbergs Bakery in Brentwood is fine. Please make sure a visible kosher symbol in on the packaging. The bakery can assist you with your kosher needs. You will need to plan with your child's teacher an appropriate time to have the special treats. We encourage parents not to plan to celebrate a child's birthday on a Friday unless it falls specifically on that day. We wish to keep our Friday Shabbat observance special.

PARTIES:

Valentines Day and Halloween are not Jewish holidays, and therefore not observed in any way. Please **do not** send cards or treats. We are not able to distribute them and wish to send them home. This policy can be difficult for a child to understand and for our caring teachers to implement. Please observe this rule.

SEPARATION:

Separating can be a challenging particularly if your child is crying or protesting your departure in some way. Here are some ways of getting your child's day off to a good start during drop off.

1. Limit drop off time to no more than 3-5 minutes.
2. Develop a drop off routine and stick to it consistently.
3. Together with your child, create a special good bye handshake, hug or verbal statement that you share each day to signal that it is time for you to leave.
4. Ask the teacher to have a special job that your child can do at the beginning of the day.
5. Send a picture of the whole family, including pets, with your child. It often soothes them.
6. Know that if your child is crying, it will stop within a minute or two after you leave. **Please be aware that lingering or coming back into the room after you have left will only intensify and prolong the behavior.**

CLOTHING:

Appropriate clothing for both indoor and outdoor activities is essential. Sturdy shoes, not sandals or crocks are necessary for safety reasons. We will play outside whenever possible, so warm outer clothing is required during the cold months (coat, mittens, and pants). **Please label all clothing with your child's name.**

At the beginning of the school year, bring a complete change of clothing (including underwear and socks) to school in a marked Ziploc plastic bag. Later in the year, check the bags to make sure that all items are seasonally appropriate, present and have not been outgrown. **Neither the Center nor our Staff is responsible for lost clothing or belongings, so please label everything well.**

Preschoolers are very busy and active. The children will be more comfortable and eager to participate if they do not have to worry about keeping their clothes clean. Old clothes are are great and we recommend they be worn daily to school. ***We will do our best to cover children during very messy play, but will not be held responsible for stains and dirt.*** These are signs of age appropriate play. Party clothes are not appropriate attire for school.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION:

We want to encourage as much family participation as possible in our center's activities such as; Shabbat, birthday celebrations, volunteering to be a parent assistant, and taking part in the Preschool Parent Organization (PPO). Assisting in other day time and evening special events, are also some of the ways you can enrich our program. You are welcome to come into the classroom to share your talents with the children. We always need field trip drivers! Please check with your child's Teacher or the Director to see how you can help. An extra pair of hands is always welcome.

PROGRAMS

ENRICHMENT:

We extend the learning through our Enrichment Programs offered between 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. daily for three, four, and five year olds. Each afternoon offers different programs such as: Creative Movement, Art, Architecture, Science, Computers, Music, Creative Dramatics, Gym Time, Foreign Language, and Cooking. All toddler age children in the center have either gym or playground time in the afternoon.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

The Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center offers Breakfast Club for full time and “Early Bird” children whose parents need a program that starts early. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. the BREAKFAST CLUB is available Monday through Friday. Breakfast Club is included in the full time student’s fee. Morning Program only (9:00-1:00) children will need to pay a fee of \$8.00 for any portion of Breakfast Club, **including early arrivals**. **Breakfast foods are last available at 8:45 a.m.** **Please do not arrive at 8:50 a.m. and expect your child to be able to eat breakfast.**

SHABBAT and HAVDALAH:

Each Friday morning we take time to celebrate and learn about the traditions of Shabbat. Children look forward to singing Shabbat songs with Hazzan Joanna, giving a few coins for tzedakah (charity), learning a lesson about a current holiday or from the Torah, and doing the blessings over candles, grape juice, and challah. Please remember to send coins with your child each week. After the Fall Holidays parents will be invited to participate in this celebration by joining their child. Parental involvement in this activity adds a special dimension to this excitedly anticipated weekly event. We bring Shabbat to a close on Monday mornings, 9:00 am, with a Havdalah Services led by the children and Hazzan Joanna. Parents welcome.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL PARENTS ORGANIZATION (P.P.O.):

The Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center's Preschool Parents Organization (P.P.O.) is comprised of Center Families who are committed to providing and enriching their children’s experience at the Center. Its goals include planning special events for the children, fundraising and providing social activities for the Center's parents and the purchase of teacher appreciation gifts in December. In the past, the P.P.O. has had a lot of great ideas for programs and activities and we need your help to make this year a good one. The dues are \$20.00 for the entire school year. When you receive a membership request, please say you will help with one activity or event this year. If you are interested in volunteerism, please contact the PPO board.

GIFTS TO THE PRESCHOOL LIBRARY:

The ECC library is growing - thanks to many of you and your generosity - but we always enjoy additional new books, CD's. A birthday is an occasion when your child may wish to **give the center a "present" to celebrate that special day.** Please check with your child's teacher for suggestions.

A Parents Resource Library is available in the ECC Library. Books may be checked-out by parents involved in the Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center Programs. We gratefully accept donations of Parent Resource Books.

STATE REQUIREMENTS:

According to the department of health, staff must have a criminal/child abuse and neglect screening done prior to employment. Also staff must have Hepatitis "A" shot as well as a current TB test on file. Specialists are exempt from Hepatitis "A". They are not involved in diapering or food service.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES:

The center is required to pass an annual inspection by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Bureau of Child Care Health and Safety. Many regulations must be observed for the center to be in compliance. You may refer to your NPR (notice of parental responsibility) to obtain the dates of our last health, safety, and fire inspections. A form demonstrating compliance may be seen in the center office. Occasionally, there may be updates on required forms. Information pertaining to those will appear in our monthly E-News.

2011-12 SCHOOL CLOSINGS

AUGUST		
Monday-Friday	8th - 12th	Center Closed for Staff Training
Monday	15	First day of school
SEPTEMBER		
Monday	5	Closed for Labor Day
Wednesday	28	Close early 5:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thursday	29	Closed for Rosh Hashanah
Friday	30	Closed for Rosh Hashanah
OCTOBER		
Friday	7	Close early 3:00 pm for Kol Nidre
Thursday	13	Closed for Sukkot
Friday	14	Closed for Sukkot
Thursday	20	Closed for Shemini Atzeret
Friday	21	Closed for Simchat Torah
NOVEMBER		
Thursday	24	Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday	25	Closed for Thanksgiving
DECEMBER		
Monday-Friday	26-30	Closed for Winter Vacation
Tuesday-Friday	27, 28, 29, 30	Open for Winter Interim Care For Families Enrolled
JANUARY		
Monday	16	Closed for Martin Luther King Day
FEBRUARY		
Monday	20	Closed for Presidents Day
MARCH		
APRIL		
Thursday	5	Close early 3:00 for First Seder
Friday	6 to 13	Closed for Passover and Spring Vacation
Friday	6	Closed for Passover and Spring Vacation
Monday - Wednesday	9, 10, 11	Open for Interim Care For Families Enrolled
Thursday & Friday	12 & 13	Closed for Passover and Spring Vacation
MAY		
Monday	28	Closed for Memorial Day

When the center is closed,
ECC Staff is available for childcare in your home.
Make arrangements with them directly

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EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST		
Friday	12	Parent Open House 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Monday	15	First Day of 2011-12 School Year
SEPTEMBER		
Monday	12	Music Together Parent Education Night 5:15 - 6:00 pm
Friday	23	All Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
OCTOBER		
Tuesday	18	All Family Sukkot Social 6:00 pm Open House
NOVEMBER		
Parent Teacher Conferences	determined by class	
Tuesday	15	Delta Gamma Vision Screening
Tuesday	22	All Family Thanksgiving Feast 11:30-12:30
DECEMBER		
	5th-11th	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday	23	All Family Hanukkah Celebration 11:30-12:30
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
Parent Teacher Conferences	determined by class	
Wednesday	8	All Family Tu B'Shevat Celebration
MARCH		
Wednesday	7	Megillah Reading
Thursday	8	All Family Purim Party 11:30-12:30
Friday	30	All Family Passover Celebration
APRIL		
		<i>Passover April 6-14</i>
MAY		
	14-18	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday	18	Graduation/Brunch Superstar and Bear Classes 8:00 am - 9:15 am
Friday	26	Last Day of School