

# THE MORIAH SCHOOL

## EARLY CHILDHOOD HANDBOOK

### 2019-2020

#### **ARRIVAL:**

- Early drop off for Early Childhood begins at 7:55. Please drop your child off by the nursery doors for early drop off. Parents who will be walking their children in, are asked to either park or pull around near the shul.
- Classroom doors open at 8:15.
- Classroom activities begin at 8:30.
- Classroom teachers will be outside to help walk the children into the building from 8:15-8:40.
- Carpools for Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten should be dropped off in front of the school building. Carpools for 2's should be dropped off in the BLUE ZONE.
- Please try to drop your children off between 8:15 and 8:30. Coming late can cause your child to miss out on certain important classroom activities.
- If your child comes late, it is possible that the class may no longer be in their room due to a specialty or special program. Our policy is that children who are late to school will be picked up at the front desk by their teacher or an administrator.

#### **DISMISSAL:**

*Monday-Thursday:* Dismissal for Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten begins at 3:20. Dismissal for 2's is at 1:00 in the BLUE ZONE.

- Children who are in a carpool with a Nursery or Pre-K child will be dismissed from GOLD ZONE. (Upon entering the school grounds bare left and follow the driveway.) For children with a child in Kindergarten, dismissal will either be from GOLD ZONE or BLUE ZONE. We will update you before the start of the school year.

*Friday:* Please check the calendar to follow early or late Friday schedules.

- Early Friday dismissal is 12:30 for the 2's (dismissed in BLUE ZONE) and 1:30 for Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten (dismissed in GOLD ZONE).
- Late Friday dismissal is 1:00 for the 2's and 2:00 for Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Please note that no child will be allowed to change their normal dismissal without a note brought to Rachel at the front desk or their teachers or email sent to [dismissal@moriahschool.org](mailto:dismissal@moriahschool.org).

#### **ABSENCE AND ILLNESS:**

- Please email your child's teacher if your child is sick or away on a trip.
- If a child has a temperature greater than 100 orally, the child is excluded from the classroom and parents are called to take the child home. It is advisable for children to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Appropriate eye drops or ointment must be applied to pink eye, or conjunctivitis. There must be no sign of discharge or significant redness before returning to school.
- If the child exhibits signs of illness in the morning (i.e., a temperature greater than 100 orally, vomiting or diarrhea), he/she may not attend school until the symptoms have resolved.

#### **OUTSIDE PLAY:**

- The Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes go outside 2 times a day. The 2's classes go out one time a day.
- Please dress your child in appropriate outerwear.

**LUNCH:**

- Please remember that we are a “NUT FREE” school.
- Home lunch: Please make sure to review what you send with your child for lunch. Children may bring a meat lunch only on meat days (Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

**BACKPACKS:**

- Children should come with a child-friendly backpack daily. It should be large enough for papers and projects and the children should be able to open and close it on their own.
- Please make sure to check your child’s backpack daily.
- Please do not send toys from home to school.

**MESSAGES AND PHONE CALLS:**

- Please email a teacher if you would like to be in touch with them. If you need to contact your child’s teacher during the day, please cc Morah Divsha as well. The classroom teachers do not always check their email during the day.

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES:**

- Your child’s teachers will be in touch with you to find a mutually convenient time to have a birthday in the classroom.
- Refreshments will be supplied by the school; no gifts or food necessary.
- Out-of-school birthday parties: You are permitted to invite select students from other classes as long as it is up to 2 children from each class. School policy is that if more than 2 children from a specific class are being included, you must either include:
  - the entire gender from your class or grade
  - the entire class, or
  - the entire grade

**CLOTHING:**

- Please make sure your child has an extra pair of labeled clothing.
- Please note that children should not wear flip flops or backless shoes.

**Boys:**

- Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten students must wear kippot or a hat. Please send your child with extra kippa clips.
- Please make sure your child is wearing tzitzit or has a pair in his backpack or cubby.

**SNACK:**

- Snack is provided by the school.
- Extra snack can be brought in as a supplement to lunch and dismissal and must be nut free. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are meat days. Please do not send in dairy snacks on those days.