

# THE MORIAH SCHOOL

## EARLY CHILDHOOD HANDBOOK

### 2015-2016

#### **Arrival:**

- Early Arrival begins at 8:00 am. Please sign your child up with Erik Kessler to be eligible for this option (at no added cost.)
- Classroom doors open at 8:15 am.
- Classroom activities begin at 8:30 am.
- Classroom teachers will be outside to help walk the children into the building from 8:15-8:35 am.
- Carpools should be dropped off in front of the school building. Please do not drop any early childhood children off on the side of the building.
- Please try to drop your children off between 8:15 and 8:30 am. 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, it is important that you escort your child to their classroom. Please do not send an older sibling into the building with your child.

#### **Dismissal:**

- Dismissal begins at 3:20 pm.
- Children who are in a carpool with a Pre-k or K child will be dismissed from the Blue Zone. Please follow the sign to the new blue zone location.
- Please note that no child will be allowed to change their normal dismissal without a note or email sent to Divsha Tollinsky or Andrea Reichman in the front office.

#### **Absence and Illness:**

- Please email your child's teacher if your child is sick or away on a trip

#### **Outside Play:**

- The early childhood classes go outside 2 times 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 (Wednesdays and Thursdays). Please stay away from sending candy as a lunch snack.
- *School lunch*- Please review the menu with your child. If there is nothing that they like on a particular day, please supplement with a food item that they will be looking forward to eat.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Clothing:**

- Boys must wear kippot or a hat and tzitzit. Please send your child with extra kippa clips.
- Please make sure your child has an extra pair of labeled clothing.
- Please note that children should not wear flip flops or backless shoes.

#### **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.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays are meat days. Please do not send in dairy snacks on those days.