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GENERAL INFORMATION

2024/5 SCHOOL YEAR



COBB JEWISH

PRESCHOOL

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LETTER FROM DIRECTOR

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Cobb Jewish Preschool Family! We are delighted that you have selected our program for your child.

CJP is an intimate Jewish preschool. Our goal is to provide your child with a warm and nurturing environment where they will discover the joys of learning. Your child will become acquainted with formal education, preparing them for the transition into Kindergarten.

We see each child as a unique and precious gift entrusted into our care. This idea is what governs our school's educational approach. We place a special emphasis on each individual child and on encouraging and supporting their innate inquisitiveness and thirst for knowledge. We are devoted to helping your child learn socialization skills, build self confidence, and teach the preliminary skills to independently explore and experience the world around them.

At CJP, your child will be offered a comprehensive secular curriculum including reading readiness, number concepts, science, and social studies. In addition, your child will be exposed to a rich and meaningful Judaic program consisting of Jewish holidays, traditions, and the Hebrew alphabet and language. All of the above is taught through interactive learning. Through experiences, music, art, and creative play.

We employ highly qualified and experienced teachers who are trained in early childhood education. Our teachers participate in a continuous program of staff development education for professional growth. in order to remain aware of the ever-changing needs of today's children and to the findings of current research. Our school is a place where parents and the entire family play an integral role in the education process. Through holiday celebrations, social events, and educational discoveries, your family will become a significant part of our school community.



CJP PHILOSOPHY

Cobb Jewish Preschool is a new and premier Jewish preschool in East Cobb, Georgia. CJP unites children, teachers, family, and community in a positive and constructive early childhood experience.

Our Jewish values drive the curriculum, environment, and school culture for an unparalleled preschool experience. We model and encourage kindness, respect, compassion, confidence, and responsibility. Judaism teaches that the formative years of a child are vitally important. A child is viewed as a seed that we nurture with the utmost care, since the seed's every experience will shape and color the quality of its matured self.

Judaism also underscores the uniqueness of every child with the axiom "chanoch l'naar al pi darko," teaching us to work with children according to their individual paths. We recognize that each child has his or her unique needs, interests, and passions. We don't only acknowledge that, we celebrate it.

Our children are viewed as collaborators: they are competent, curious, inquisitive, unique, and creative.

Cobb Jewish Preschool believes in an experiential and intentional approach to teaching and learning. This approach fosters children's intellectual development as they are encouraged to explore their environment and express themselves through words, movement, art, and play. We promote an environment where children can develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills for a successful and meaningful life.

COMMUNICATION

Open communication between the school director, teachers, and parents is an integral component of CJP.

Parents are asked to notify the director of any therapies which their child is receiving. This directly benefits the teachers and your child, so that teachers can be aware of your child's needs.

It is important that we know of any changes taking place in your child's environment. The birth of a baby, change of babysitter, or family crisis can greatly affect your child's behavior in school. The more informed we are, the more we can do to offer extra support and understanding to your child during unusually stressful times.

Parents can call the school or email the director (mushkie@cobbjp.org) with any concerns you may have. Either a phone conference or meeting will be arranged. In the event that you cannot reach the school office during school hours (770-565-4412), you may call Mushkie on her cell phone (646-462-1839) for very urgent matters.

SCHOOL APP

In order for communication to be more seamless, we will be using the app *Brightwheel* to update parents. You will be updated daily whether your child napped and for how long. Teachers will also post pictures of your child at the end of the day. You will be able to message your child's teacher directly through the app. Teachers will respond as soon as they are able to. Please give teachers a grace period of 24 hours.

PTC

Parent Orientation Night is scheduled for September 17th. Teachers will give a general overview of the curriculum planned for the year. After the presentation, you may take a moment to talk to the teachers about your child. In addition, we have one Parent-Teacher Conference during the year. It is scheduled on November 11th. Both parents are encouraged to attend the conference. It is an opportunity to discuss the uniqueness of your child as well as to receive an in-depth view of your child's progress.

ARRIVAL TIME

School begins at 9 am for all classes. There is an early care option starting at 8 am. Early care must be arranged in advance through enrollment or with the director. Please do not drop off your child before class begins. Teachers arrive early to prepare their class's materials and projects. If you do arrive early, please remain outside the classroom with your child until carpool begins.

DROP OFF

We will be using the roundabout at the back of Chabad Of Cobb's building for carpooling. Morning carpool runs from 8:50 am - 9:10 am. If you arrive after 9:10 am, please park your car and accompany your child into the building.

PICK UP

At no time and under no circumstance will a child be released to a person not authorized by a parent to pick up that child. If you plan on having your child picked up by someone other than the parents or caregiver listed, you must contact the office to notify the director and teachers about the change.

As you pull up to the parking line, your child will be called and will be brought out to your car by a staff member.

If your child is signed up until 1 o'clock. Pickup carpool begins at 12:55 and goes until 1:05.

If your child is signed up until 3 o'clock. Pickup carpool will start at 2:55 and go until 3:05.

EARLY AND AFTER CARE

When dropping off at early care, please park your car and walk your child all the way to the early care classroom. If you are opting into after care, please park your car and come into the building to pick up your child. After care ends at 5 pm. Please pickup no later than 5.

LATE PICKUP

It is very important to your child that you arrive on time for pickup. Sometimes emergencies happen and you are detained. Please notify the school immediately so we can reassure your child. Please be aware that the school's staff is not available to watch children after regular school hours.

Children who are not picked up within 10 minutes after the time of their dismissal will be taken to the office. We will attempt to reach the emergency contact numbers indicated on the Emergency Form. A late pick-up fee will be added to your invoice.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCIES

In case of inclement weather, CJP will generally follow the Cobb County Public School guidelines for school closing. You will receive an electronic notification, via email or the school app if there are any changes to your child's schedule. This decision will be made only as a last resort with the health and safety of students and staff as the primary consideration.

NAP TIME

The younger children have naptime in the "sleeping room." Please send in anything that will help your child nap better (ex: favorite blanket, soft animal or pacifier.) Children in school for more than 5 hours must be given the opportunity to lay down and rest, even if they do not sleep. This is a good time for quiet reflection and relaxation. It gives children their own "space" and is purposely non-stimulating.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Please dress your child for active play and learning. This means casual, comfortable, washable clothes and sturdy, rubber-soled shoes. For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school in flip-flops, or shoes that are too loose.

Please send your child in clothing that encourages toilet independence. Elastic waist pants are encouraged for children learning how to use the toilet, as well as for children who have difficulty with belts, buttons, overalls, etc.

Provide sweaters or jackets even on sunny spring and fall days. It is much easier to remove an unneeded item rather than to put on something you don't have.

Please apply sunscreen before coming to school on hot sunny days.

EXTRA CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES

Please provide the school with a complete change of clothes in a Ziploc bag. Label the clothing and the bag with your child's name. We will send reminders to update the change of clothes based on the seasons, and as your child grows. Soiled clothing will be sent home in a plastic bag. Please wash and return to school the following day.

You may send a smock or an old large shirt to protect your child's clothing. A waterproof smock with sleeves is best. We use washable art materials, but expect your child's clothes to get dirty.

If your child is in the 18 months and twos class or if your child is not yet potty trained, please bring a supply of diapers and wipes at the beginning of the year. We will store it in the class and let you know when it needs to be replenished.

TOILET TRAINING

We do not initiate toilet training in school, but will support your efforts as much as possible. After your child has achieved 3 dry days at home and can verbally express their need to visit the restroom, the teachers will work with you to keep it up in school.

TOYS AND BOOKS

Please refrain from sending toys from home to school. If your child has a book they'd like to share with the class, please send it in with your child. We will read it to the class and send it back home.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

MEDICAL FORMS

Your child's health and safety is of great importance to us. No child will be permitted to begin school without their medical forms being submitted. In addition, no child will be permitted to start school without a signed Student Record and Consent Form, allowing the director to make any decisions pertaining to the emergency care of your child, in your absence.

MINOR INJURIES

We make every effort to keep the children safe through proper supervision and child proofing, but minor bumps and scratches are inevitable. If this does occur, your child will receive appropriate first aid help. You will receive an "ouch" report completed by the teacher, detailing what occurred. When necessary, we will give you a call to give you an update before the end of the school day.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

If an emergency injury or illness happens at school, we will immediately attempt to contact you. If we cannot reach you, we will call the child's physician. If necessary, your child will be taken to the nearest hospital and we will meet you there. Until your arrival, the director or teacher will make the decisions about your child's care, under the advice of your child's physician or the paramedics. Parents are responsible for all costs involved in emergency medical treatment, including medical transportation, if necessary.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

If symptoms of illness appear during the day, your child will be brought to the office and isolated from their classmates. You will be contacted to please pick up your child.

ILLNESS AT HOME

We count on you to recognize the symptoms of ill health. Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, bad colds, fatigue, skin rashes or open sores, unusual discharge from the eyes or nose.

Your child must be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Children returning to school before 24 hours run the risk of infecting other children.

HEAD LICE

Control of head lice is a shared responsibility of both parents and the school. Parents can help limit the problem by checking their child's head regularly. If lice or nits are found, the school must be notified. A child who has had head lice will be permitted to return following proper treatment. The school will provide recommendations, support and guidance until the issue is resolved.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent due to vacation or illness, please call the office so we can inform your child's teacher.

If your child is enrolled for 3 days a week, you must stick to their pre-assigned days of the week. If your child is absent on one of those days, we cannot use other days of the week as "make-up days". If you require additional hours or days in school, this change requires advance approval from the director. Please do not ask the teachers for permission.

FOOD AT SCHOOL

Children may not share food at all, for Kosher as well as allergy and health related reasons.

Please do not send peanuts, sunflower seeds (sunbutter) or any tree nuts to school. Almonds and almond butter are permitted.

SNACK

If your child is enrolled until 1 o'clock, please send one snack (packed separately from their lunch) to school every day. Please send two snacks every day if your child is enrolled until 3 o'clock. Please be mindful to send in nutritious and healthy snacks. This helps your child feel better and have a more focused day.

Examples: Cut up fruits or vegetables (with hummus), yogurt, cheese and crackers, apple sauce, healthy bars etc.

LUNCH

Parents should provide their child with a kosher lunch, either dairy or parve. Please do not send in any meat or poultry products. Recommended guidelines include protein (fish, eggs, cheese etc.), a fruit & vegetable (or 2 fruit or 2 vegetables), and a

carbohydrate (bread, cereal, pasta, crackers). All packaged food and drinks must have Kosher certification.

BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

Children love to celebrate their birthdays at school and we recommend a party in the class. You may bring a special snack for the occasion. Birthday cake or cupcakes work best.

Any food brought into the school must be certified kosher, non-dairy, and approved by the director. Your child's teacher will add stories, songs, and games to make this a special day for your child. Please contact your child's teacher at least one week in advance so that a mutually convenient time and date can be arranged.

You may order birthday cakes or cupcakes from the following Kosher bakery -

Kroger Hammond
227 Sandy Springs Pl NE
Sandy Springs, GA
30328

Please call Kroger (404)-256-3434 and ask for the Kosher Bakery. Be sure to order a few days in advance and to specify that your order must be Kosher and Pareve. Please do not order the dairy option.

We ask that you not distribute party favors. Instead, we suggest that your child present the class with a gift for the classroom in honor of their birthday. Each classroom has a wish list. Talk to the teacher about ordering an item you'd like to present. Giving school a gift helps develop the value of giving, and not just the usual idea of getting things for your birthday.

SHABBAT PARTY

To celebrate the coming of Shabbat, we create a special atmosphere each Friday. We light candles, recite the Kiddush and sing Shabbat songs. The children look forward to this special celebration all week long.

