



ELIZABETH MASCIA CHILD CARE CENTER

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE

FALL 2018

Dear Families:

We had a wonderful summer and are embarking on a new school year at EMCCC.

Welcome to our new arrivals and returnees. Best wishes to those who have moved on.

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive school year. We will provide you and your child with a positive and rewarding experience.

We need to review some important old and new business:

The following italicized items denoted with asterisks are mandatory:

**Review the blue emergency card and update it – stop by the office to initial and date.*

**We need a new, signed tuition agreement for each child reflecting the tuition rates introduced on 7/1/2018.*

**Please complete the USDA food program form upon receipt and return the form to the office. This form is required for each child regardless of the income level of the family. The form must be re-done yearly.*

**Medical forms and immunization records must be completed by a physician and returned to the office upon request. These forms are mandatory per New York State licensing. (Toddlers and Preschools only)*

**The Napping Agreement form must be in your child's file (Toddlers and Preschoolers), signed by the parent.*

**You must provide an up-to-date email address and emergency contact telephone/cell phone numbers.*

This Center may apply over the counter topical creams, ointments, and sunblock with signed parent approval. We may also administer oral medications, EpiPens and nebulizer treatments. We provide specific forms for any prescribed medication and for all oral medications. A health care professional must complete these forms. You must sign a form in order for the Center to apply over the counter topical creams, ointments, and sunblock – this form does not to be signed by a health care professional.

Continue to sign your child in and out daily. Refrain from using initials.

You must let us know if your child is out sick or will be on vacation.

All programs end each day at 6pm. You must pick up your child by that time. There will be a fee charged for any late pick up.

Tuition is due upon receipt of the monthly invoice. We continue to accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover in addition to cash or check. You can arrange for automatic monthly payments. Late payments are subject to late fees. Late payments and past due amounts put a financial strain on the Center and will jeopardize a child's continued enrollment.





The Center provides all of the food your child will need during the course of the day. We need to know of any special dietary issues. Please refrain from bringing in any food. The Center is peanut and nut free. Any birthday/party celebration items brought in must also be peanut/nut free.

Please dress your child in play clothes consistent with the weather. The children spend much time outdoors and will get their clothes dirty. For safety reasons, it is strongly advised that children wear sneakers for outside play.

Toys brought from home can get lost in the classrooms so that practice is discouraged.

We offer full day care when the Tarrytown and Irvington public schools are closed, except on those days that we are also closed according to our calendar or due to weather emergencies. After School participants may also attend the Center when their schools are dismissed early. Please notify us in advance in each instance when you require full day care so we can make sure we are staffed properly and are able to accommodate your child.

After School: You must call the Center when your child is absent.

Communication is very important. You are encouraged to talk often to your child's teacher regarding any classroom issues. My office door is always open. Please feel free to stop in and see me, or to make an appointment to discuss any issues of importance regarding your child, or the Center, or any other topic that is on your mind. Do visit our website, www.masciachildcare.org

Thank you for choosing the Elizabeth Mascia Child Care Center. We value that trust.

With warm wishes,
Debbie
Deborah Fine
Executive Director

NOTEWORTHY DATES:

THROUGH OCTOBER 15: WRAPPING PAPER SALE

OCTOBER 31: HALLOWEEN BREAKFAST AND PARADE, 9:00 AM – Toddlers and Preschoolers
Details to follow

OCTOBER 31: TODDLER PLAYGROUND FIRE TRUCK DEDICATION: 10:00 am

NOVEMBER 15: EMCCC GALA AT TAPPAN HILL MANSION CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



COMMUNICATION & SECURITY UPDATE

We are subscribed to One Call Now, a text/phone and email messaging system. Its purpose is to text or call you without a time delay.

If you have not filled out an information sheet with the telephone numbers necessary for this system, please do so now.

The system will be tested shortly. We will continue to use Constant Contact for distributing non-emergency communication via email.



We are about to revamp our security system. Security World is our partner for this endeavor, and we will be installing a hallway camera, panic buttons and a new key fob system. The current code will be disabled and entry through the will be through key fob only.

This change is to insure the safety and security of the children, staff, families and the building.

We will update you with new procedures in the very near future.



SUMMER FUN Toddlers and Preschool

We endured a hot, rainy and humid summer. In spite of its effects, the children found respite in tons of water play when conditions were right. We all enjoyed Music and Nature – the preschoolers enjoyed Creative Movement. We played with our friends, dressed up, used manipulatives and puzzles, created artwork, listened to stories and had a great summer in spite of the big warm up.

SUMMER FUN Camp

The theme this past summer was Fiesta! Our mixed-aged group of children 6 through 10 enjoyed a multitude of activities: Monday sports with Juan, Tuesday tennis with Mitch and Hip Hop with Steffi Nossen, Wednesday swimming at the Tarrytown Y, Thursday reading with Ray and Friday trip day.

We visited the Bronx Botanical Gardens, the Bronx Zoo, Oakland Beach in Rye and Mariandale for swimming. We walked to Lyndhurst Castle and went on other walks throughout the neighborhood. We watched movies on rainy days, created yummy treats on cooking days and produced lovely art projects. We played with our friends and enjoyed the outdoors when the weather cooperated.

The youngsters had a lovely summer!