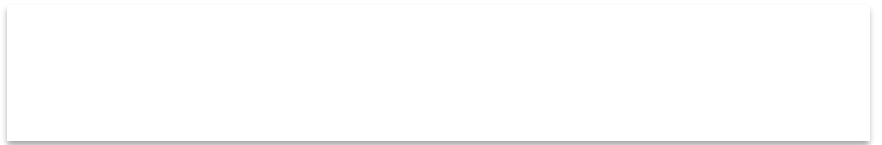


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to
Pre-K 3



2017-2018

Welcome to Pre-K 3 at MHA! It is our pleasure to welcome you and your child to our class! This will be a wonderful year full of learning and fun, not to mention, an incredible year of change. You will be amazed as you watch your child bloom as a friend, thinker, student, and so much more!

Morning Arrival

Drop-off is from 7:45-8:05 each morning. Please make sure your child has breakfast before school starts. Our tables will be set up for learning first thing in the morning and we will not have space for your child to eat breakfast. If you happen to arrive after carpool, please stop by the front office and sign your child in and walk them to the classroom.

Curriculum Content

- This year, we will be implementing a self-control program to encourage our students to make positive choices and good judgements. The curriculum we will be using is based off the book *Teaching Self-Control* by Jamie Goldring. We will be learning and referring to “the ingredients that make up the recipe for self-control” all year long! We will share new concepts with you as we learn them in a section of our weekly newsletter.
- We learn in our classroom through thematic units and the use of Project Approach. We will integrate developmentally appropriate content pertaining to Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Hebrew Language through these various themes.
- We will incorporate our Judaic Studies daily as Ms. Lisa leads us in *Tefillah*, *Brachot*, and other basic Jewish concepts throughout the day. Morah Michelle will be coming in each week to teach us more about the *Parshiot* and vocabulary and customs pertaining to the *chagim*.

Discipline

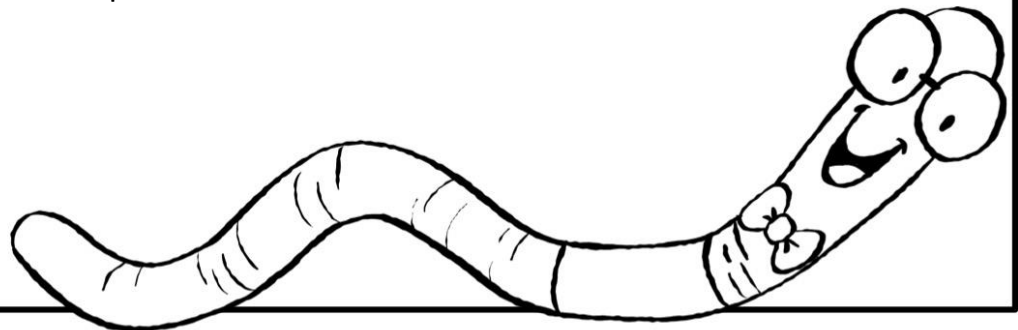
Please refer to the handbook that explains the early childhood discipline policy. We will follow these systems in our classroom and will work with parents to implement specific plans for their child if needed. A Progress Report will be sent home in our take-home folders each Friday to let you know more about your child’s behavior and development in our classroom environment.

Pull-Out Classes and Shabbat Party

We will have special activities each day. Mondays and Wednesdays will be our days for PE classes so please be sure to send your child in sneakers on these days. Each Friday we will have a Shabbat party where we light candles, have challah, and grape juice, and enjoy a special snack. Children will take turns being the Imma or Abba during this weekly special occasion.

Recess

Each day your child will have a chance for gross motor play either on our school playground or in our Early Childhood Playroom. We do prefer to play outside if the weather permits so please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the temperature and in shoes that allow them to run and climb equipment comfortably.



Birthdays

We love celebrating birthdays in Pre-K 3! We welcome parents to come celebrate your child's birthday in the classroom and encourage you to send in a class treat for everyone to enjoy. Please email or text us a week ahead of time so we can be sure to adjust our schedule for a time that is convenient for you. Only store bought treats with an acceptable Kosher symbol can be served. (i.e. mini cupcakes from Target, Ricki's Cookie Cake, Kroger baked goods) No homemade items can be brought for these celebrations.

Personal Items and Toys

We will have multiple opportunities throughout the year for your child to bring in items to share with their classmates and will notify you ahead of time to inform you of these occasions. Please do not send toys from home unless asked by the teachers. We would hate for something special to be lost or broken and have plenty of things to play with at school. Books and stuffed animals from home are always allowed to provide comfort during rest time.

Visitors and Volunteers

We really enjoy having visitors and volunteers in our class. We will have various opportunities for family members to come be a part of our learning experiences whether it be reading a book to the children, helping with holiday baking, or sharing a special hobby or talent.

Tzedaka

The chazan/chazanit will collect Tzedakah each day during *tefillah*. Please send in a bag of coins to keep in your child's bin. We will send home a note to let you know when they are running low.

Communication

We want to keep the home-school connection very strong and encourage you to reach out to us to share any questions or concerns you have about your child. We are here to assist them in having the best school experience possible and need your help in doing so. Please be sure to check your child's backpack daily to ensure that you receive any flyers, notes, or notices that are sent home. A weekly newsletter will be sent home each Friday to inform you of what's been going on in our classroom along with their progress report.

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Again, we are so excited for everything this year has in store for us and your children as we grow and learn together! We look forward to a successful and fun year!

All the Best,
Miss Katie and Miss Lisa

