

Temple Rodef Shalom Early Childhood Center

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Parents Handbook

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ECC DIRECTOR WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Shalom and Welcome to the TRS Early Childhood Center. We take pride in the joyful, loving, nurturing environment our center creates and provides for your children. We are excited to have your family as part of the 2025-26 school year. Please make time to read the Parent Handbook in its entirety. Should you have any questions or need additional information please reach out to the ECC Office.

We are excited to be offering an Extended Aftercare program for our students that attend school until 2:00 p.m. See section 3.4 for more information.

With warm regards,

Rene Shiohama

Director, Early Childhood Programs

SECTION 1- INTRODUCTION

1.1 Early Childhood Center's Mission and Values

Temple Rodef Shalom Early Childhood Center (ECC) provides a joyful and nurturing learning environment that fosters in each child the confidence and competence to become a productive, caring member of their family and society. Our families are active partners in creating the welcoming and supportive community at ECC.

We emphasize learning through intentional play experiences that promote cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. These experiences are designed to inspire a love of school and life-long learning. Our faculty is committed to studying and incorporating the best practices of early childhood and Jewish education. We celebrate Reform Jewish life, honoring traditions while finding relevance in today's world.

Our values focus on three key areas—Loving Kindness, Peace in our Community, and Caring for the World.

1.2 ECC's Philosophy and Practices

Since 1970, children of all faiths have enjoyed their earliest school experience at TRS ECC. Our program promotes each child's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth. The development of spiritual and moral values and the joyful celebration of the Jewish holidays are important components of our curriculum. Our focus includes the following:

Social and Emotional Development: Children learn important lessons when given the opportunity to be part of a group. Children acquire the skills to:

- Play cooperatively
- Develop friendships
- Manage emotions
- Problem solve
- Be independent and self-directed

Physical Development: Children need command of their bodies and strong muscles to

thrive. We support gross and fine motor development as our children:

- Run, climb, jump, balance, throw and catch a ball
- Build, draw, paint, cut, pour, scribble, write, and color

Intellectual Development: Thinking, problem-solving, and language processes begin at birth. We foster these skills in the preschool years through:

- Conversation, rhymes, storytelling, vocabulary, listening and following directions, and appreciation of literature (language arts)
- Counting, classifying, comparing, creating patterns, and using math manipulatives (mathematics)
- Hypothesizing, discussion, demonstration, observation, and experimentation (science)
- Singing, rhythm, movement, and playing musical instruments (music)

Jewish traditions and values guide us in creating a respectful and welcoming community for our students and families. Shabbat is welcomed weekly with blessings and a special snack of challah and grape juice. The children celebrate each holiday with food, music, and experiential learning. Each classroom practices giving tzedakah (righteous giving) and learn to appreciate the importance of mitzvot (commandments/good deeds).

SECTION 2- General Information

2.1 Admission Procedures

Priority enrollment starts in early January for classes that begin the following September. Priority is given first to current students and their siblings, then to Temple members, and then to legacies (families whose older children or parents have previously attended the school and who are not current TRS members). An application fee is required with each application. If your child is new to our program, their **original** birth certificate or passport must be brought to our office.

Returning students are not required to resubmit a birth certificate or passport. We will send letters of acceptance by email in February for the upcoming school year.

2.2 Tuition Payments

The first tuition payment is due to the ECC office with your signed contract. The annual tuition is paid in full or in 10 monthly installments. Tuition payments are required via Automated Clearing House (ACH) or credit card. **All tuition payments are non-refundable.** Late payments or returned checks will incur a late fee. Temple members in good standing receive a tuition discount. Qualification for and amounts of Temple member discounts are determined by dues commitment level and selected program(s). The Temple member tuition rate is effective for payments submitted after joining the Temple.

A limited scholarship fund is available to assist Temple members. Scholarship applications must be submitted by the date noted on the current application. Scholarship award decisions are made in January for the next school year. For further information, please contact the ECC director.

2.3 Withdrawal Policy

It is understood that enrollment is a commitment for the entire school year and all tuition payments are non-refundable. If you need to withdraw your child, please advise the center in writing. The ECC is funded by tuition and depends on payments made as scheduled.

The ECC reserves the right to remove a child if their continuation in the program is not in the best interest of the center and/or child. **(Please see Behavioral or Other Issues in Section 5.2 on page 11)**

2.4 Forms

The ECC is licensed by the Virginia Department of Education and complies with the department's licensing standards and regulations. In accordance with licensing, the ECC requires the following forms for each child enrolled in our programs to be on file **before** the start of the school. The forms can be found on the Playground app used by our school. Children are unable to attend school without the following completed forms:

- Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health Form **(Please see Health and Immunizations/Vaccinations Information in Section 6.1 on page 12)**
- Child's Master Information Form
- Birth Certificate or Passport verification

2.5 Children's Dress Code

Children should wear comfortable, washable play clothes with sneakers or other rubber-soled shoes, preferably shoes with closed toes. Clothing, including outerwear, should be appropriate for the season. The children should be prepared for outdoor activities every day. Please label all clothing. Loose strings, such as hood strings, should never be worn on children's clothing. Strangulation can occur if loose strings get caught on playground equipment.

2.6 Children's Supplies

Each child should come to school with a backpack without wheels that is large enough to carry their artwork and other supplies. We ask that you provide an extra change of clothes to be kept in the classroom. Please label all items with your child's name. If your child is in diapers, please send in two **disposable diapers** each school day. Please note we only use disposable diapers.

In addition, in case of emergency, we ask that you provide an extra change of clothing and extra disposable diapers in a labeled zip-lock bag along with a small blanket for us to use in case of an emergency where we need to "shelter-in-place".

2.7 Children's Toilet Independence

Children in the two-year-old or Stepping Stones program are not yet expected to be toilet independent. Children in the three-year-old programs are expected to be working on toilet independence. Children in all four- and five-year-old Programs are expected to be toilet independent. Those children enrolled in the Enrichment Classes must be toilet independent.

2.8 Use of Children's Images via Photos and Videos

Throughout the year, photos and videos are taken by our staff. Some may appear in our center and Temple newsletters, websites, Facebook page, in promotional materials and center emails. These images document the exciting learning that takes place daily in our center. Children's full names and/or personal information are **NEVER** included with any of the images without prior authorization. **Your permission to use your child's image is assumed unless you notify the ECC office in writing otherwise.**

2.9 Recommendations and Evaluation Forms

If a school recommendation is needed from your child's teachers, please submit the request at least two weeks in advance. This allows our teachers time to prepare the forms. We ask that you limit the request to three (3) recommendations. If you require more than three, or cannot give two weeks' notice, there will be a charge of $30.00 per recommendation. Forms can also be prepared for those children being professionally evaluated. All forms will be sent directly to the school or professional requesting the information. Please provide a stamped and addressed envelope, email address or fax number for each form.

2.10 Donations to TRS

If you would like to support the ECC in an additional and meaningful way, there are six special funds that benefit our center and programs for children here at Temple Rodef Shalom. Your tax-deductible gifts to these funds are greatly appreciated and help to strengthen our ECC community.

1. Early Childhood Center Fund to support special ECC projects.
2. Alexis Agin Memorial Fund to perpetuate a love of reading in children.
3. Bunny's Place Endowment Fund for the maintenance and upkeep of the ECC's outdoor play space
4. Karen Simpson Teacher Development Fund to support staff continuing education.
5. Caren Pomeroy Nursery School Endowment Fund to support scholarships for ECC students.
6. Early Childhood Speech and Language Endowment Fund for professional intervention regarding speech issues.

SECTION 3- DAILY SCHOOL OPERATIONS

3.1 Hours of Operation Vacations and Holidays

The ECC hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Our programs have varying start and end times, so please ensure you are familiar with your children's specific program start and end times. The ECC closes for most Jewish and federal holidays as well as winter and spring break. The ECC also closes for three professional training days and two parent-teacher conference days. The ECC-approved center calendar(s) are available on our website at www.trsecc.org. **Please note:** The ECC does not celebrate Halloween, Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, or Valentine's Day.

3.2 Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

The ECC drop-off and pick-up procedures were designed by the Fairfax County Police Department to ensure the safety of our children. Detailed instructions for these procedures will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

We require that children be transported to and from the ECC in a safe and secure car seat and **remain buckled when moving through the car line during drop off.** We ask that engines and cell phones be turned off when unloading or loading a child out of or into a car.

Our morning program dismisses at 12:00 p.m. and our extended day and enrichment programs dismiss at 2:00 p.m. If you are going to be late, please notify the office so that we can notify your child's teacher. Children get upset when they are not picked up on time. The charge for a late pick-up (after dismissal has ended) is $30 for each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof. You will be considered late if you arrive after 12:15 p.m. for our first dismissal and after 2:00 p.m. for extended day and enrichment dismissal.

If you are parking in our lot, please do not park in the handicap (unless you have a placard) or reserved (e.g., Temple President, Rabbi Emeritus, etc.) parking spaces. Never leave your car parked or unattended in the fire lanes. This includes anywhere in front of the school.

If a child is leaving the ECC with someone other than an individual on their "authorized list", we require an email, phone call or office visit from a custodial parent ahead of time with instructions. Likewise, we will need an email or phone call with permission from each child's parent for all children having an afterschool playdate acknowledging the arrangement.

If your child is carpooling regularly with another child, please complete a carpool authorization form. We can provide a carpool placard. Forms are available on www.trsecc.org or by contacting the office.

3.3 School Programs

The ECC offers Parent and Child Programs through Kindergarten. Please refer to the TRS ECC website for program information. We follow the State of Virginia age policy requirements. Children must turn the age of the program they are entering by September 30. Jr/K is offered for children who turn 5 between October 1 -December 31.

3.4 TRS ECC Before and AfterCare

Parents whose children attend the ECC have the option to register for programs which extend their child's day. We offer early morning drop-off at 8:00 a.m.

BeforeCare (early morning drop-off) begins at 8:00 a.m. and families can drop off until 8:55 a.m. Drop-ins may attend for a fee of $20/day. Please give the school at least 24-hours' notice for drop-in BeforeCare. Drop-in fees are charged to the family's authorized payment method at the beginning of the following month (i.e. all drop-ins for Before and Aftercare for the month of March will be charged to authorized payment method at the beginning of April).

AfterCare is for students who attend school until 2:00 p.m. They have the option to stay until 3:00 p.m. Registration is for the full school year, beginning on their children's first full day of attendance. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited. Drop-ins may attend for a fee of $20/day until 3:00 p.m. Drop-in fees are charged to the family's authorized payment method at the beginning of the following month (i.e. all drop-ins for Before and Aftercare for the month of March will be charged to authorized payment method at the beginning of April).

Extended AfterCare is for students who attend school until 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. Enrollment in Extended AfterCare is only offered for the entire school year. Extended AfterCare hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. If you are late picking up your child, please call the ECC office (703.532.2227). Please refer to Section 3.2 for additional pick-up procedures.

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- School children will be allowed to nap if needed but not forced to do so.
- The TRS ECC will maintain a distance of at least 12 inches of space between cots, and rest mats.
- After 30 minutes, children who do not sleep may engage in activities, such as quiet time with books, coloring, or similar activities.
- Children may not sleep for more than two hours. Sleeping children need to be individually checked every 30 minutes.
- A child that falls asleep in a place other than his designated sleeping location may remain in the space if comfortable and safe.

TRS ECC requires:

- Two staff members will be with sleeping children at all times.

3.5 Inclement Weather

The ECC follows Arlington Public Schools (APS) as a guideline for decisions about center closings during inclement weather and other emergencies. The office will communicate with families via our Playground text messaging system if there is a closure. Be sure to sign up on our Playground app to receive emergency notifications. Reach out to the ECC office for help setting up Playground.

Please note: There are no refunds or makeup classes offered for school missed due to inclement weather.

3.6 Licensing Information for Parents about Child Day Programs

The Commonwealth of Virginia helps assure parents that child day programs that assume responsibility for the supervision, protection, and wellbeing of a child for any part of a 24-hour day are safe. While there are some legislative exemptions to licensure, licensed programs include child day centers, family day homes, child day center systems, and family day systems. The state may also voluntarily register family day homes not required to be licensed.

Standards for licensed child day centers address certain health precautions, adequate play space, the ratio of children per staff member, equipment, program, and record keeping. Criminal record checks and specific qualifications for staff and most volunteers working directly with children are also required. Standards require the facility to meet applicable fire, health, and building codes.

Compliance with standards is determined by announced, and unannounced, visits to the program by licensing staff within the Virginia State Department of Education. In addition, parents or other individuals may register a complaint about a program which will be investigated if it violates a standard.

Three types of licenses may be issued to programs. Conditional licenses may be issued to a new program to allow up to six months for the program to demonstrate compliance with the standards. A regular license is issued when the program substantially meets the standards for licensure. A provisional license, which cannot exceed six months, is issued when the program is temporarily unable to comply with the standards. Operating without a license (when required) constitutes a misdemeanor which, upon conviction, can be punishable by a fine of up to $100 or imprisonment of up to 12 months, or both, for each day's violation.

If you would like additional information about the licensing of child day programs, or would like to register a complaint, please contact earlychildhood@doe.virginia.gov.

SECTION 4- PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

4.1 Parent Contact Information

Permission to share parents' emails, phone numbers, addresses and other contact information is assumed unless you notify the ECC office in writing otherwise.

Parents may opt out of having their information included in the directory.

4.2 Parent and Teacher Communication

Communication is a priority at the ECC. Questions, comments, and suggestions from parents are always welcome.

We encourage parents to communicate with the teacher and administration about events taking place in the home that may affect their child.

Parent-teacher conferences give parents and staff a chance to share information face-to-face. Conferences are scheduled in the fall and spring. The center is closed for school on conference days. We will provide babysitting during your child's conference meeting.

Our teachers send out weekly narratives describing classroom activities along with photos, allowing parents to see and understand what is taking place during their child's day in school. The center calendar, forms, and other important information is available on the center website (www.trsecc.org) as well on the Playground app**.** Parents will have access to the online student directory.

4.3 Parent Observation and Participation

Parents are welcome to observe their child in the classroom. We ask that arrangements with the ECC be made ahead of time, in case there is a special event or another observation scheduled on that day. The ECC has an active Parent Committee. This committee offers opportunities for parents to become involved in various aspects of the ECC.

4.4 ECC Family Participation at Temple Events

All ECC families are welcome and encouraged to participate in Temple events. Please visit the TRS website for the calendar of activities.

SECTION 5-BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

5.1 Discipline Policy

Licensing standards require early childhood centers to define in writing the policy for the center's method of discipline. This allows parents and staff members to have a clear statement of the techniques used in classroom management.

Constructive Methods of Discipline

The minimum standards require that "discipline shall be constructive in nature." These methods should include:

- Fair and consistent limits.
- Positively worded directions.
- Reasons for limits.
- Redirection and modeling of acceptable behaviors.
- Assistance with verbal expression of feelings and frustrations.

- If separation is used, it shall be brief, and the child will be with a staff member.

If the above methods are unsuccessful, ECC may request that a child be taken home before the end of the school day.

Prohibited Methods of Discipline

Physical punishment such as, but not limited to, the following actions are prohibited:

- spanking
- shaking a child
- forcing a child to assume an uncomfortable position
- using exercise as punishment
- withholding food
- punishment for a toileting accident
- verbal abuse of a child or the child's family, including belittling remarks

5.2 Behavioral or Other Issues

The staff of the ECC looks forward to partnering with you in your child's preschool experience and working together to create a foundation for future learning. To ensure every child has an opportunity to learn and grow in a safe and productive environment, the ECC reserves the right to remove a child from the program if their continued presence is not in the best interest of the center and/or child. This is at the sole discretion of ECC.

5.3 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

The Virginia Department of Education requires the ECC to report all forms of suspected child abuse and to make parents aware of this policy.

5.4 Consulting Specialist Availability

The ECC employs a child development specialist who consults with the teaching staff and, at times, with parents. The specialist, with prior parental permission and referral by the classroom teacher, can observe children who are experiencing challenges in the classroom. This service is available at no charge to parents. If ongoing or supplemental services are needed, the specialist can help refer parents to an appropriate provider in the community. If additional services are needed by our developmental specialist a family fee will need to be arranged with the specialist. The specialist also provides support to the staff. If you wish to have your child observed concerning an issue related to their functioning at the center, please contact the ECC director.

5.5 Speech and Language Services

For an additional fee, the center offers speech and language services that can be integrated into a child's classroom setting and activities. Information and the fee structure are available by contacting the ECC office.

SECTION 6 HEALTH, ILLNESSES AND CHILDREN'S MEDICATIONS

6.1 Health and Immunizations/Vaccinations Information

The Fairfax County Health Department requires all children to have a current health form on file at the center. The form must be filled out completely and signed by the child's doctor; dated within **12 months prior** to the starting date of school. **Without exception, each child must have a current health form on file to start school.**

Children must be up to date on their vaccinations. Any student being vaccinated on an alternate plan must submit either a Medical Exemption or a Conditional Enrollment, authorized by a Medical Provider or Health Department Official. The authorization information section on page 3 of the **Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health Form** must be completed.

The Virginia Department of Health oversees the requirements for immunization. Families with children enrolled at ECC must comply with the Virginia Department of Health school requirements. Please review the following website to ensure your children meet all necessary requirements:
vdh.**virginia.gov**/immunization/requirements/

Conditional Enrollment

Consistent with the Virginia Code, if your child has begun the required immunization schedule, and has a plan to complete immunizations within the next 90 calendar days as evidenced by your health provider's certification on the appropriate form, then your child may be granted conditional enrollment. Please see the ECC Office for the appropriate form.

Any student admitted conditionally who fails to comply with their schedule for the completion of the required immunizations shall be excluded from school until their immunizations are resumed.

6.2 Illnesses and Absences

The Virginia Department of Education requires there be written agreement between parents and ECC regarding reportable communicable disease. Your signature on your child's letter of acceptance indicates that you have read and agree to the following requirement:

- Parents will inform the office personnel of ECC. at 703-532-2227 or by email to Sfoti@trsecc.org within 24 hours.

- The identity of a child or family/household member with a communicable disease will be kept confidential. Diseases covered by HIPAA, which protects the privacy of health information, need not be reported.

If your child is too sick to participate in all class activities, or if your child's temperature is measured at 100.4°F or higher, the staff will call you and ask that you take your child home.

The staff will immediately notify parents of a medical emergency. It is imperative, therefore, that parents advise the office of any changes of addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses and that the Child's Master Information Form is current.

If your child is ill, your child may return to the center when they:

- Have been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours (if prescribed)
- Are fever-free (98.6 or below) without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours
- Have had no diarrhea for 24 hours
- Have had no vomiting for 24 hours and,
- Can participate in all class activities

6.3 Communicable Diseases (COVID-19 and Others)

TRS is committed to the safety and well-being of all employees, students and children, volunteers, members, and outside vendors as the Temple conducts its daily basis. The Temple follows all government communication related to communicable diseases carefully and determines the best course of action to ensure everyone is protected and comfortable while doing their work. Due to the nature of communicable diseases, particularly those caused by rapidly mutating viruses, policies and direction can change quickly and that information may and can supersede what is included in this Handbook.

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are encouraged and recommended for our staff but not required for employment consideration. TRS encourages following the CDC's language of being "up to date" with your vaccinations. TRS follows CDC isolation and exposure guidelines. Employees who test positive are required to be in touch with their supervisor immediately to discuss next steps.

If your child has been exposed to a communicable disease listed in the Department of Health's current communicable disease chart, parents must notify the ECC ASAP. The center will notify parents within 24 hours or the next business day of the center.

We highly recommend all age eligible students to receive the appropriate COVID-19, RSV, and flu vaccines.

6.4 Children's Medications in case of Emergency

The ECC's Medications Administrator trained staff only administers emergency medication (see below) and first aid as defined in the American Red Cross First Aid Manual. ECC personnel will not give any other medication or treatment.

ECC staff members **do not** apply sunscreen, Chap Stick, diaper cream or ointment, or insect spray to children. If desired, these products can be applied by the parent before the child arrives at the center. As required by licensing and for your child's safety, medication cannot be stored in your child's backpack or lunchbox.

Any student who requires emergency medication (e.g., an EpiPen or an inhaler), must have the medication and the completed paperwork at ECC prior to attending. Each medication requires a Medication Authorization Form and an Emergency Action Plan to be completed and

signed by both a parent and the child's physician. These forms are valid for the school year only. **New forms must be completed each school year.**

Medication must:

- Be on-site at the center at all times.
- Stay in the original packaging and prescription medications must have the prescription label attached.
- Have an expiration date past the last day of school and be good for the entire school year.

Emergency medication will be administered by staff who have completed Medication Administration Training (MAT), as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Licensing. TRS ECC keeps a stock epinephrine (both adult and child) in the main office to be used only in emergency situations to treat severe allergic reactions, such as anaphylaxis, when an individual experiencing a reaction does not have prescribed epinephrine. This medication is kept locked in the office and can only be administered by staff who have completed Medication Administration Training (MAT).

6.5 Food Restrictions

The ECC is a nut-free, shellfish-free, and pork-free facility. Due to the severity of a potential allergic reaction, we do not allow nut products of any kind in the center (peanuts, peanut butter, granola bars, items containing peanut oil, Nutella, Reese's peanut butter cups, nut milks, or any items containing other nuts or nut products). Additional items could be added to this list based on school year life threatening allergies.

During SY 2025-26, the ECC will be a sesame-free campus.

Restricted foods include any products with peanuts and/ or tree nuts as an ingredient or with a cautionary label warning such as "may contain nuts," "manufactured on equipment that also processes nuts," or "produced in a facility that processes nuts." Products containing nuts may not be brought to any outdoor play areas or be stored in lunchboxes or backpacks. With the increasing number of children who have this serious allergy, we believe this is a prudent measure to ensure a safe environment for our students.

While we do not purchase snack items for the center that have been manufactured in a facility where nut products are processed, we cannot guarantee that this is the case for snacks, birthday treats, and lunches brought to center by individual children. The challah served to the children to celebrate Shabbat is purchased from a kosher bakery that advertises it is a nut-free facility. If you would like to speak to them about ingredients, please contact the ECC office for the phone number.

We love to celebrate birthdays at the ECC. We are happy to serve treats produced in a nut-free, sesame-free facility during a party. We ask that you save homemade treats, hats, goody bags, and decorations for your home party. Latex balloons are a choking hazard and are not allowed at school.

6.6 Air Quality Policy

The ECC will follow Fairfax County Schools and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for air quality outdoor activity. The ECC will receive alert emails from www.airnow.gov. The ECC classes will remain indoors on unhealthy air quality index days (red and purple). The ECC will limit (15 minutes) outdoor activities on orange air quality index days. Students with asthma will remain indoors. Green and Yellow air quality index days are great days to be active outside. There are two additional documents on the TRS/ ECC website which provide additional information. One is titled "Air Quality Guide for Particle Pollution" and the second is called "Ozone Action Day Alerts".

SECTION 7- IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

7.1 Crisis and Emergency Management Plans

In the event of any emergency, the ECC uses Arlington County Public Schools (APS) as a guideline for response. If communication systems are operating, our intent is to notify families via our Playground app. If communications are down (e.g., cell towers), please listen to local television and radio stations for the APS response to, or information about, an emergency or crisis situation.

ECC Emergency Responses

Depending on the nature of the emergency, the ECC will determine the appropriate response based on information provided by local/state/federal officials. Below is a description of possible responses:

- In an emergency, we will contact you by email and text, if possible.
- In the event of a building evacuation, if possible, we will move to our designated site at Haycock Elementary School (6616 Haycock Road, which is located next to TRS), where students will be held until they are picked up by a parent or authorized adult.
- If students need to be kept inside our facility for their own safety, we will go into our building "lock-down" mode and will proceed to our designated "shelter-in-place" location, if necessary. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the center building until it is declared safe by public safety officials. Food, water, and additional clothing are kept at the center.
- If there is a regional crisis that prevents parents from reaching ECC in time to pick up their children, the center will keep children until a parent or authorized adult arrives. Food, water, and clothing are kept at the center in case students must stay beyond regular hours.

Parent Communication For Emergencies via Playground App

All communication for the ECC for emergencies will be sent via the school Playgound App. Both text messages and emails will be sent from the school.

If you have questions please contact the ECC office.

7.2 ECC Utility Outage Policy

In the event the ECC has a utility outage we will notify families as soon as possible of the issue.

Per our licensing requirement, the school cannot remain open if both phones and internet are down, and/or if there is no access to water.

The ECC Director will make this decision in conjunction with the Temple's Executive Director, based on the information available at that time. If the decision is made to close the school, the Executive Director will first consult with the appropriate providers and then work to share the information with the school community. All closures will be notified via our Playground app.

Our goal is to provide a safe and positive learning experience for our students, and we will keep the school open as long as it is safe for our children.

Thank you and let us know if you have any questions,
Rene Shiohama