



The Early Learning Center of Temple Shalom
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Philosophy

The Early Learning Center of Temple Shalom is directed by Cindy Terebush, child development expert, lecturer, writer and professional development instructor.

We know that students learn through play and by exploring their own curiosity. We respect their individual ranges of development, need for increasing socialization and their emotions. The students learn in a warm and nurturing atmosphere that prepares them for the years ahead.

We offer Jewish values combined with an expert early childhood education. We offer flexible, affordable schedules and individual attention to our students and families.

Language Arts

Daily language arts activities help to foster a love of literature as well as language development. Our language arts activities include storytelling through books, creation of class books through dictation and imaginative play. We participate in age appropriate alphabet skills including letter writing, sight words and sound recognition.

Cognitive Skills

Our days are filled with activities that encourage pre-math and reasoning skills. Our students participate in activities that encourage number writing, calculating, geometric recognition and critical thinking skills. Our students are encouraged to consider a variety of methods to address one puzzle to hone their decision making skills and confidence in their own ability to learn new concepts.

Science

We love to spend our days exploring! We have indoor & outdoor exploration tables filled with sand or rice. We love to dig and use measuring tools. We learn about plant & animal life and the weather. We enjoy hands-on use of magnifying glasses, magnets, binoculars and other science tools. We foster curiosity and develop our problem solving skills as we learn to question, experiment and discover.

Social Studies

Sharing, caring and giving are the basis for all of our social studies activities. We enter the world of make-believe in our classroom kitchens, with our dress up clothes and as we use our toys to interpret the world around us. We also explore the world and the people outside our homes and classrooms as we do meaningful Tzedakah and Mitzvah projects.

Music & Movement

Singing, dancing and expressing ourselves through a variety of musical styles are some of our favorite activities. We learn about different instruments and explore sounds, volume, tempo and rhythm.

Art

We become strong decision makers when allowed to immerse ourselves in the creative process. Students explore this medium through painting, creation of collages, cutting, gluing, use of clay & dough, drawing, tracing and more. All of our art is age appropriate and child created.

Motor Skills

Playing in our playground or in the indoor play area enhances our gross motor skills. We run, jump, skip, hop and climb together. We also hone our fine motor skills as we learn to hold a writing instrument correctly, play at the computer, use muscle builders such as Play Doh and trace lines, numbers and letters.

Jewish Values

Jewish Values are taught through a variety of activities. Each week, we collect Tzedakah and send the money to those less fortunate. We do Mitzvah projects for people in need. We celebrate Jewish holidays and Shabbat. We enjoy visits from our Rabbi, too!