



Dear Parents,

On behalf of The Center for Education I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year.

We are honored to educate your child this coming school year. It is our mission to provide no less than the highest quality education for your child. We are a strong family of educators and therapists and together we will ensure that your children will reach their fullest potential by being immersed in rigorous instruction, communication opportunities and social emotional learning activities. We do this in a positive and supportive learning environment where all staff know all the students. Our teachers and therapists are known for their experience, expertise, warmth and dedication and will always advocate for your child.

Your child's preschool and elementary school years are a time of maturing as the children gain independence and form their self-image. At The Center, many opportunities are provided to lay the foundations of character, independence, responsibility, and a healthy self-esteem, as these are vital skills needed in the future. Emphasis on school readiness and academic skills, incorporated with hands-on-learning, help bring all our goals full circle. The Center is a dynamic program, constantly evaluating the needs of our students, and adjusting our program structure and details in order to best meet these needs. Our diverse elementary school programs now include comprehensive academic and socialization learning opportunities. Our highly innovative therapeutic program addresses the emotional, adaptive life skills, and pre-vocational needs of our students. We, at the Center maintain our vision to support our students in integrating within the community and succeeding in less restrictive learning settings. The Center also offers an After-School Program to our students of age four and older.

Please take some time to carefully review and complete the papers in this packet. We understand that many of you have previously completed our parent packet; however, we kindly request that these records be updated and filled out in full. In addition, please have your child's most updated immunization records faxed to us at (732)367-1518 Attention: FRAN.

We would like to take this opportunity to delineate upcoming events and activities to take place within our program:

- The Center invites all parents twice a year to participate in Parent Teacher Conferences. Student Progress Reports are shared and reviewed three times a year. If at any point during the school year you would like to schedule a meeting, feel free to contact the office to arrange.
- Team meetings attended by your child's educational team take place regularly. Ongoing collaboration is a vital component of our program.
- Parent Communication is essential to every child's success. Our faculty members embrace ongoing concerns and feedback. Our teachers write home daily. We urge you to use these notebooks as a regular form of communication with your child's teacher and as an eye into your child's day. Weekly newsletters will be sent home for

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you to gain a detailed view of your child's accomplishments each week. Elementary students maintain a homework program with the purpose of further developing self-confidence and as a means to share daily academic updates with our parents. We encourage you to send photos or video clips to school for your child to share news and to interact verbally with classroom peers. If you need to speak with anyone from your child's team, feel free to let teachers know and they will relay all messages to therapists.

- We are proud to host a faculty of professional supervisors and consultants who specialize in specific areas of development including Applied Behavior Analysis, Floortime/DIR, Hearing Impairment, Vision Impairments, Executive Function, Augmentative Communication, Adaptive Equipment.
- The Center for Education provides our students with many opportunities to develop interests and partake in extracurricular activities such as music, art, swimming, animal therapy, physical education, technology, wood working etc.

Please send in the following items with your child:

1. One **labeled full change** of clothes to be kept in school.
2. If your child is not yet toilet trained: 1 package wipes, 2 -3 diapers daily.
3. One healthy snack **per day** (crackers, yogurt, fruit, vegetable). We provide one snack as well.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of our administrative team members with questions or concerns.

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Please visit our website at <http://www.thecenterforeducation.org> as information will be frequently updated.

I look forward to a fun filled, safe and collaborative school year.

With Best Regards,  
Shira Lieberman  
Director  
The Center for Education NJ