



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

**1. Can I walk my child to his/her class?**

**Answer:** Yes. If you want to bring your child to his/her classroom, please park in a designated parking spot in the lot. Be aware that the primary focus of the teachers in the morning will be assisting the children with transition to the classroom. If you would like to speak with the teacher, please ask her to call you during a prep period, or after school.

**2. What is the best way to communicate concerns or questions about my child or the program?**

**Answer:** Always address concerns about your child with your child's teacher first. Email or call the school and leave a message so that the teacher can respond in a timely manner. Teachers will reply within 24 hours. If you have a question about the program or if you would like further clarification regarding a conversation with a teacher, please feel free to call the EC office or email [rkurtz@brauser.us](mailto:rkurtz@brauser.us) and I will be happy to speak with you.

**3. How does carpool work in the rain?**

**Answer:** On rainy mornings, teachers will be waiting with umbrellas to escort your child from your car to his/her classroom. On rainy afternoons we will continue to dismiss from the curbside, as long as it is safe to do so.

**4. What time should I pick up my child for half day dismissal?**

**Answer:** Dismissal is at 12:15 p.m. Students are to be picked up no later than 12:20 p.m. Any half-day parent arriving late can pick up their children in the EC office and an After School Care fee will be charged. Please call if you cannot arrange carpool coverage or if you will be more than 10 minutes late.

**5. What time should I pick up my child for full day dismissal?**

**Answer:** Dismissal for carpools that only have children enrolled in our full-day EC program begins at 3:10pm and ends at 3:20pm. Dismissal for carpools that have older siblings in Elementary school begins at 3:25pm and ends promptly at 3:40 PM. After that, parents can pick up their children in the Aftercare classroom and an Aftercare fee will be charged.

Parking is **never** permitted in the carpool lane.

▪ Please do not have discussions with your child's teacher at dismissal time. All staff must be focused on the children at all times, especially during carpool.

**6. What is your policy regarding illnesses?**

**Answer:** If during the school day, a child has a fever, vomits, has diarrhea, an undiagnosed rash, or exhibits excessive cold or flu symptoms, a parent will be called to pick up the child from school. While waiting for the parent or guardian, the ill child will remain with the school nurse or in the EC office under the supervision of the assistant or the director.

**7. When can my child return to school after an illness?**

**Answer:** A child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. A child must be symptom-free for 24 hours regarding vomiting and diarrhea. Children with yellow or green discharge or heavy coughing should remain at home until these symptoms are gone. If a child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness such as pink eye or strep throat, the child may return to school after having been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours. We follow childcare licensing rules regarding when children can return to school and will send home a note with guidelines when we are informed that a child in your class has been diagnosed with an illness. 'When in doubt, leave them out' is a good way to help prevent the spread of illnesses.

**8. Can I give the teacher medicine to give to my child?**

**Answer:** No. All medicine, creams, etc. must be stored in a locked cabinet and dispensed from the nurse's office. Medications must be brought in the original container/s with the doctor's prescription attached. The medical authorization form must be filled out in order for the nurse to dispense any medication. Over-the-counter medication will not be dispensed to children in the Early Childhood Program without a doctor's note.

**9. Can children share food?**

**Answer:** No. Sharing food is not permitted (although we do encourage sharing many other times of the day).

**10. What kinds of foods can I bring for lunch?**

**Answer:** Preschoolers enjoy being independent eaters. Sandwiches, yogurts, cottage cheese, pasta, cut up fruits and cooked veggies are popular with our students.

**11. Can I send food that needs to be heated?**

**Answer:** No microwave heating is available for student lunches. Food can be kept warm if sent to school in a wide mouth thermos.

**12. What if I forget to send a drink or plastic utensils?**

**Answer:** Please send in plastic utensils if needed for your child's lunch. We will provide utensils, if you forget to send them. Water will be provided to children who do not bring a drink for lunch.

**13. What do you serve for snack?**

**Answer:** On Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday we serve cereal and milk. On Fridays, as part of our Shabbat program we serve challah and grape juice. Tuesday, Tutti Fruitti Day, we serve fresh fruit provided by the parents on a rotating basis. The students prepare (wash, cut, etc.) the fruit together in class. A sign-up sheet will be available at orientation in your child's room. In the afternoons we serve fresh fruit.

**14. Is there a special time for parents to come visit the class?**

**Answer:** In addition to our holiday family celebrations, Monday is Parent Reading Day. Every Monday morning, parents are invited into their child's class on a rotating basis to read to the students. A sign-up sheet will be available at orientation in your child's room.

**15. How do Birthday celebrations work?**

**Answer:** We celebrate each child's birthday by baking treats with the birthday child and his/her classmates. The children create their own birthday book and hat and we sing and dance in honor of the birthday child. Parents are welcome to join in – please arrange the date and time with your child's teacher. No additional food, party bags, etc. may be brought to school. Parents may purchase a book for the classroom library in honor of their child's birthday.

**16. Can I send toys to school?**

**Answer:** No. Do not send toys with your child unless requested by the teacher. Toys are an unnecessary distraction from learning. We cannot be responsible for lost or broken toys. Books are always welcome!

**17. How can I make sure my child always has rest items and extra clothing?**

**Answer:** When your child's rest items are sent home to be washed, please return them immediately. If clothes are sent home, please replenish them immediately. If your child has an accident and no clothes are in the cubby, you will be called and asked to bring a change of clothes to school. Having a spare set of clothing at school for your child will avoid this inconvenience. Please label all clothing with your child's name.

**18. Do children share diapers and wipes?**

**Answer:** No. Each child has a cubby with his/her diapers and wipes. Parents of toddlers and two year olds are responsible to bring in an ample supply of diapers and wipes for his/her child. We will charge \$1.00 per diaper if your supply is not replenished regularly.

**19. Can I bring sunscreen for my child?**

**Answer:** Yes. Please apply sunscreen at home prior to coming to school. If you would like the staff to reapply during the day, please send in the sunscreen with your child's name on it and we will be happy to do so.

**20. How do I get information about my child's class and school?**

**Answer:** We use a communication tool called Hi Mama. Photos and information will be emailed daily through Hi Mama. Please read the Chadashot school newsletter and school e-mails for the most current information about BMA.

**21. Can I come in to school at any time?**

**Answer:** Parents are welcome to come to school for birthday celebrations, Shabbat sing-a-longs, holiday celebrations, 'Monday Reader' time, or to come in and help out when the class parent volunteer/teacher requests. If you would like to visit your child's class at any other time, please be sure to stop by the EC office and sign in.

**22. How do I get information about Kindergarten and beyond?**

**Answer:** We encourage you to set up a time to tour the Elementary school with our Admissions Director. She will assist you with the transition between Early Childhood and Elementary school and will introduce you to the Principals and teachers. Towards the end of the Pre-Kindergarten school year, children will be invited into the Kindergarten classes to meet the teachers and begin the transition to Elementary school.

Thank you for your partnership.  
Together we will provide the best learning environment for our children.

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