

Christ the King Early Childhood Center



Summer 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Christ the King Early Childhood Center and our 2021-2022 school year! We are very happy that your child is enrolled in our program and we are looking forward to a great year filled with learning, laughter and making new friends.

Young children learn best through developmentally appropriate, interest driven activities, projects and experiences. These educational opportunities will be structured in such a way that exposure to language, thinking processes, mathematical and science concepts, as well as positive social interactions and other essential learning are integrated naturally. We align all concepts with the New York State Early Learning Guidelines. You can learn more about this document at: https://earlychildhoodny.org/pdfs/Early_Learning_Guidelines-Revised-2020.pdf

We anticipate that this year will be a slightly different as we transition back to our normal practices. Please know that we will continue to adhere to policies which are considered “best practice” regarding the health and safety of our students and staff. Please mark your calendars as we will hold a **Parent’s Night Event on October 4th from 6-7 pm** in your child’s classroom.

School begins on 9/1/2021 for Full Day programs, and the week of 9/13/21 for our Half Day programs. Children will be asked to wash their hands upon entry, and if required, other health protocols set by the NYS Office of Children & Family Services. We appreciate your cooperation and trust that our experienced staff will emotionally support your child if drop off becomes challenging.

Celebrations-Birthdays - If you wish to celebrate your child’s birthday, please check with your child’s teacher at least one week in advance with what your plans will be for that celebration. The use of candles is prohibited due to safety reasons. Please check with your child’s teacher to see if there are any food allergies within your child’s classroom.

Lunch: Please send in a healthy lunch each day; we can heat or refrigerate food sent in if need be. Lunch containers and package contents must not be made of glass, and should be **labeled** with your child’s first and last name.

Snacks: Please bring in 1-2 snacks for your child, again **labeled**, each day. Also a water bottle with fresh water everyday **labeled** with their name.

Food Allergy: We are a nut aware facility. If your child has an allergy to any foods, please be sure that it has been indicated in your child’s paperwork and put in writing. This should be given to the EC office and teacher. All allergies will be posted in the classroom without identifying information. Depending on the severity of allergy, some rooms may become completely “nut free” at the teacher’s discretion. Health

concerns which require emergency medication and paperwork will be discussed with parents prior to your child's attendance in the program.

Material Fees: There is a \$50.00 materials fee due by the week of September 20th. **These funds should be given to the EC office** (check made out to Christ the King or cash). This fee will allow teachers to plan extra-curricular activities to enhance the lessons and help with special seasonal items that the children will use for special activities/crafts/gifts for all holidays.

SUPPLY LIST-ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE LABELED

1. A pencil box filled with the following items:
 - a) Crayons (small pack is fine)
 - b) Washable markers
 - c) Children's scissors
 - d) 6 glue sticks (purple preferred)
2. 1 Paint smock (an old t-shirt is fine)
3. Light blanket and crib sheet to cover their cot/mat (if enrolled in a full day program)
4. 2 boxes of tissues
5. GIRLS: 1 large or 2 small containers of disinfectant wipes
BOYS: 3 rolls of paper towels
6. 1 aerosol can of disinfectant spray
7. 1 container baby wipes
8. 1 Regular size backpack with underwear, socks & a change of clothes kept in a **labeled Ziploc** bag in backpack (in case of an accident)
9. 1 sturdy folder with bottom pockets with **name on the front**
10. 1 Family photo and 2 photos of your child
11. GIRLS: Quart size Ziploc bags
12. BOYS: Gallon size Ziploc bags
13. \$50 Materials Fee payable to Christ the King
14. PRE-K ONLY: \$6.50 Scholastic Let's Find Out Subscription
15. TODDLERS ONLY: Diapers, Wipes, Labeled Sippy Cup sent in daily

CTK prides itself being a community that fosters fun and learning. It is our goal to establish an environment that can enhance children's development and inspire the best in our students as we provide them with opportunities to create, explore, and learn.

Please be assured that the administration and teaching staff at Christ the King Early Childhood Center are committed to providing a quality program that is safe, educational, child-friendly, and fun! Teaching staff and classroom info is listed below. We are all looking forward to a great year with you and your child! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email the EC office at ctkecec@gmail.com. You can also contact me directly at sboelkins@ctkparishny.org.

Sincerely,

Stacie Boelkins
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