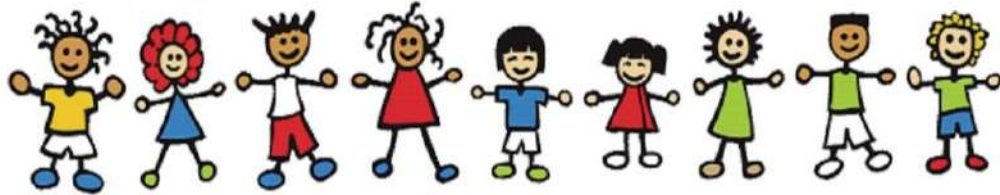




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Our purpose is to work together with all partners, including the family, caregivers, and other stakeholders to enhance every child's potential. We strive to be family-centered, demonstrate respect, work together cooperatively, demonstrate integrity, and use open communication. These core values are evident in our work with families, community partners and with each other.

### **At MECP we believe:**

- ❖ Young children with disabilities and their families are full members of our community.
- ❖ Inclusion is the driving principle and the foundation for the range of services and supports we provide to young children and families.
- ❖ The educational practice of separating and isolating children with disabilities does not promote a sense of belonging.
- ❖ Collaboration among key stakeholders (e.g., families, practitioners, specialists, and administrators) is a cornerstone for implementing high quality early childhood inclusion.
- ❖ Specialized services and therapies must be implemented in a coordinated fashion and integrated with general early care and education services.



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### **You and Your School**

**Late Pickup:** Children must be picked up at dismissal time. Emergencies do happen and we allow each parent a grace period of 5 minutes. If you are going to be late picking up your child, please call your child's teacher as soon as possible. Repeated late pick up, or inability to contact a parent or emergency contact may result in a call to Child Protective Services.

**Child Security:** Your child will be released only to the people you have identified/listed on the Registration/Medical Emergency form enclosed in this packet. Children must be delivered to and picked up from the designated classroom pick up/drop off location.

**Calendar:** MECP is offering services from September to June with regularly scheduled breaks. You will receive a calendar upon registration.

**School Closures:** Please tune in to your local news program and/or radio station broadcast for information about late openings and school closures due to ice, snow or other adverse weather conditions that make driving conditions hazardous.

- ❖ If the school district where your child's classroom is located announces a late start, there will be no morning classes.
- ❖ If the schools are closed, classes will not be held.

**Your emergency contact information must be current  
and with your classroom teacher.**



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## Questions and Answers

**Q May I come on the first day of school?**

**A** No. The classroom teacher will contact you and determine the start date..

**Q How is communication between the school and home handled?**

**A** Families may receive written information, telephone calls, or be invited to a periodic conference. Talk to your child's teacher about how to best communicate with you.

**Q Will snacks be served in the classroom?**

**A** Provision of snacks varies for each classroom. Speak to your child's teacher about classroom routines and expectations as well as dietary needs.

**Q May I receive transportation on a bus for my child?**

**A** No. The children who enroll in the MECP peer program do not receive school district transportation. Children who are eligible for special education services do sometimes receive district transportation as per individual plans.

**Q Do the children celebrate holidays in the classroom?**

**A** Holiday celebrations can be wonderful opportunities for children to learn about traditions and values that are cherished parts of people's lives. MECP strives to honor, acknowledge, and support the cultural values of each family. We respect family traditions and celebrate diversity in **all** areas of the curriculum on a daily basis and we honor the diverse variety of holidays, including birthdays and special occasions as they occur throughout the school year. MECP believes decisions about celebrating holidays are best made together by the teacher, families, and children. Holiday celebrations are just one way for the MECP and families to work together to create developmentally and culturally appropriate learning experiences.

**Q What type of discipline is used?**

**A** MECP uses Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions (PBIS). We believe in our three B's: Be Friendly, Be Safe, and Be a Worker! Positive reinforcement, modeling of positive behaviors, and natural consequences are some of the methods used. A variety of discipline methods are successful in helping children learn appropriate behavior in the classroom. We believe children are intrinsically motivated to learn and be social with their peers and adults. We encourage positive behavior in the classroom in order to enhance each child's potential. **Physical punishment is never used.**