

March 11th, 2024

To: Parents of Early Education Center
Re: 2024-2025 School Year Rate and Calendar changes

I hope that everyone is enjoying a nice start to March, and the real end of winter will be finding us soon! As you know, I am looking ahead to this summer and next fall. There will be rate increase and some calendar updates that we want everyone to be aware of now, as you are planning and registering your children for the new school year (as you know we re-register our families each year, and the registration information will go out to you tomorrow). The changes will go into effect at the start of the school year in August 2024.

Due to the costs associated with operating a high-quality, appropriately staffed childcare center, a rate increase is needed at this time to keep up with the increases and changes that will happen in the Center's budget over the next school year. I would be happy to share any other budget information (such as our expenses) with you if you are interested. The new rates are indicated below. They will be increased this year by about 5%. This increase is needed at this time to maintain our budget and is consistent with the percentage increase in our expenses.

We will continue to use our monthly rate scale for billing. Using this rate scale, the cost will be the same for each month, including August, even though the number of days that the Center is open may vary from month to month. Please note that although it may seem like you are, you are not charged for the two weeks that the Center is closed in August. Instead, your rate has been adjusted accordingly over the remaining months of the yearly calendar to make the monthly payments more consistent. Just like previous years, you will receive your August bill at our back-to-school open house, and it will be due on the 20th of the month.

There is also an important change in our calendar days for next year that I would like you to be aware of as well. Next year the EEC will be closing November 6th-8th so that our entire lead teaching staff can attend the NAEYC National Conference. Professional development and staying up to date with the current early childhood trends and research is highly important to us. Attending the conference as a group will allow us to do this as well as complete our professional development for the year. This is not a calendar update that we anticipate will be part of every year, but instead one that we hope to rotate in every 3-4 years. Knowing this information now will hopefully allow you to plan ahead for the closure. When you see the calendar information in full you will notice that we will be open some days in the 2024-2025 calendar that we have not been in years past. We did switch these so that we could attend the conference and keep the total days that the Center is open for the year same as before. The dates will just be used differently.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information or any of the changes. Our summer information as well as the registration forms and calendar for the 2024-2025 school year will be available tomorrow. Look for them in your inbox and your child's information boards.

Thank you!
Lacey

Monthly Full-Time Rate Schedule (Monday through Friday):

| | Toddler (under 3) | Preschool (3 and over) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Student | \$ 1050 | \$ 990 |
| Faculty/Staff/Community | \$ 1155 | \$ 1095 |

Monthly Part-Time Rate Schedule:

Part-time will be offered on a **limited basis** and must be done for either 2 full days (Tuesday and Thursday) or 3 full days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).

2 Day (Tuesday and Thursday)

| | Toddler (under 3) | Preschool (3 and over) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Student | \$ 590 | \$ 540 |
| Faculty/Staff/Community | \$ 685 | \$ 625 |

3 Day (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

| | Toddler (under 3) | Preschool (3 and over) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Student | \$ 810 | \$ 770 |
| Faculty/Staff/Community | \$ 900 | \$ 870 |