



# ELIZABETH MASCIA CHILD CARE CENTER

*Winter Newsletter 2021*

## MID YEAR OVERVIEW

We at The Elizabeth Mascia Child Care Center share in the credo that this has certainly been an extraordinary time. It is astounding that we are coming up on the one-year anniversary since the Center temporarily closed down of March 16, 2020. However, we are already rounding the corner of February into March, with spring just weeks away.

Although this has been a very wintry season, the children, staff and families help to make this a warm and cozy environment.

How are we managing? Quite well, replete with health mandates in place to keep us safe and healthy through this most challenging time.

With outside temperatures lower than usual, our heating system must compete with windows cracked open to allow for fresh air flow. Our children (save for a few toddlers) and staff wear masks. Some of the staff have received their COVID-19 vaccinations. Everyone who comes to the building is healthy.

The children are fully engaged in developmentally appropriate activities. We have an abundance of manipulative materials, puzzles, blocks, Legos, housekeeping items, art materials and literature. Each child has their own activity box which may contain markers, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, play dough and water color trays, so that germs are contained. We practice social distancing and frequent handwashing. We sanitize our washable toys, table tops, counters and chairs throughout the day.

We have some full-time school-aged children who use the Center as a base for their remote learning. Other children are here part-time, as a supplement to their virtual learning, or here for after-school activities. Our doors are open for the school-age children during school vacation days.

I also share the credo that we will get through this because we *are* getting through this. While we sorely miss the way things used to be, we are also getting used to our new normal.

I continue to wish all continued good health, availability of vaccinations, herd immunity and much serenity to all.

***Deborah Fine***

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