

**THE DOUGLAS FAMILY Early Childhood Center** utilizes a developmental approach to early education where we strive to develop the emotional and social aspects of the child. 🌟 Children are natural learners who acquire knowledge at different rates and through their own interests. 🌟 The goal is process not product. 🌟 Children learn by experiencing thus the teacher is a facilitator rather than a dispenser of knowledge. 🌟 Emphasis is placed on learning social skills such as sharing, taking turns, problem solving, and developing peer relations. 🌟 Importance is placed on respect and appreciation of each individual's contribution. 🌟 Play is viewed as crucial to the child's cognitive, social and psychomotor development. 🌟 The goal of this preschool is to provide an opportunity for the child to develop independence, self-awareness, self-discipline, compassion for others, and a love of learning.

The **daily schedule** is predictable yet flexible and responsive to the individual needs of the children, 🌟 provides time and support for transitions, 🌟 includes both indoor and outdoor experiences, 🌟 is responsive to a child's need to rest or be active, 🌟 incorporates time and materials for play, self-initiated learning, and creative expression, 🌟 includes time for large group, small group, and child-initiated activity.

We offer a **five-day program for children 2.0 to 5 years old**. 🌟 Children attend 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. 🌟 Optional programs include early supervision, 8:00- 9:00 and 🌟 afternoon programs 12:00-2:50.

**2010-2011 tuition** for the Day Program is \$8,267. 🌟 The full, five-day afternoon program is \$3,695. 🌟 Early supervision is \$1,152.

🌟 Sinai Temple membership is required for all families enrolled in the DFECC. Membership prices are based on the age of the elder of the parents.

**Applications for admission** to **THE DOUGLAS FAMILY Early Childhood Center** are available in mid-September one year prior to starting school. 🌟 Applications are due in early December for siblings of DFECC and Sinai Akiba Academy families. 🌟 Applications from other families are welcome in early January. 🌟 Late applications may be accepted if space is available. 🌟 For Early Childhood applicants, only a parent interview is necessary. 🌟 Due to the limited number of available openings we are unable to accept all applicants. 🌟 Admissions decision letters are mailed in mid-March. 🌟 Acceptance in the DFECC does not guarantee acceptance to Sinai Akiba Academy. 🌟

**This year, in an effort to reach out to new families, we are able to introduce need-based tuition assistance for families new to our school.**