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A Monthly Newsletter

FAMILY MATTERS

JACOBSON SINAI ACADEMY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER OF TEMPLE SINAI
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jacobson Sinai Academy Early Childhood Education Center provides academic excellence while nurturing souls for a fuller Jewish life.

Dear Parents,

Our teachers at Temple Sinai are making a conscientious effort to prepare their students with the **positive self-esteem** they will need for the following year. Undoubtedly, this year's TGS, FT, UC, and GS children will enter a new stage of growth as they proceed to the next level. At each new age level, (y)our children will be expected to be more self-sufficient. In the remaining four months of school, our teachers will create opportunities to prepare them for the coming year.

The teachers at Temple Sinai, offer activities and materials that continually challenge each child. One way they do that is through arranging different work centers in the classroom. In each area, there are a variety of materials and activities. Children work in the area of their choice and select their own materials. Through this freedom, they begin to understand that their **decisions have value.**

As a parent, you can be a partner in building your child's self-esteem. A good way to begin would be to **start bringing your children to school on time.** Important social skills are developed during the first half hour of school from 9a.m. - 9:30a.m. Children who arrive at school late miss out on this wonderful

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opportunity to connect with their classmates.

Giving children responsibilities at home also helps to build self-esteem. Acknowledging a job well done - for example, "I notice you carefully folded your socks and put them away" - has more meaning to a child than a quick, general, "Good job."

Early childhood expert, Lilian Katz, reminds us that **self-esteem is conveyed to children when adults treat them with respect.** We respect children when we ask them for their views and preferences and when we provide opportunities for real decisions and choices about those things that matter to them. **Let's work together** to respect our children and nourish their self-esteem.

Until next month...



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Wishing all our families a very Happy Passover...