

CELEBRATION CHILD CARE

PARENT HANDBOOK

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Meeting the needs of families, One child at a time

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Welcome to Celebration Child Care!

Celebration Child Care, formerly known as Little Lamb, has been serving the community since 1992. Our legal business name is Celebration Preschool, LLC, and we operate under the name Celebration Child Care.

Whether you are a part of our Celebration Child Care family already or just becoming acquainted, we are pleased and proud to welcome you to our school! We understand that choosing a childcare center for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make, and we are grateful you have chosen Celebration Child Care. Your child's safety and happiness come before all else here. We provide a warm, secure, loving, and nurturing environment for all children from Infants to Pre Kindergarten. You and your child will be going through a period of becoming comfortable with your new routine at Celebration Child Care. Therefore, we encourage you to call and visit any time during the day while your child is present.

We hope this handbook will provide you with helpful information about our program. We look forward to getting to know you better! As your child grows and moves into other classrooms, please refer back to this handbook for information on the new room.

This handbook is intended to be viewed on a computer, as there are links and shortcuts embedded in all underlined text. Clicking on the Home icon on any page will take you to the Table of Contents.

Gina Ceruti
Center Director

Our Philosophy



Celebration Child Care is a private Christian preschool, governed by its Statement of Faith as contained in this handbook. Celebration Child Care welcomes children from four weeks of age up to Pre-kindergarten without regard to the family's race, religion, cultural heritage, national origin, political belief, disability or toilet training status.

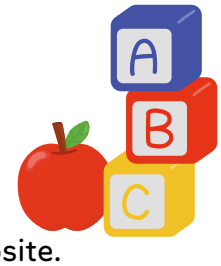
We offer a developmentally appropriate program featuring a combination of structured team-teaching, and child centered activities. Our main goal is to provide a sound foundation for future learning through a variety of worthwhile experiences. We seek to accomplish this from a Christian perspective. We celebrate Christian Holidays and birthdays. We pray with the children at mealtimes, sing Bible songs and teach Bible stories at an age appropriate level.

Our program is designed to support and enhance children's social, emotional, physical, intellectual and language development. Our qualified staff is interested in meeting and addressing the needs of the children in our program and carefully observes each child, with his or her specific needs provided for by individualized planning.
At Celebration Child Care, we provide an individualized approach to the development of each child entrusted to our care.

Confidentiality

Each family has the right to confidentiality. Celebration Child Care keeps certain information on file regarding children and families that may be considered personal in nature. We maintain this information in confidence and do not discuss or release it to persons outside of Celebration Child Care unless written permission has been obtained from the parent(s). Files are kept for seven years.

Enrollment Process



Inquiry Form

A family interested in Celebration Child Care will fill out an inquiry form on our website. The director will reach out to you, informing you of a current vacancy. If there are no vacancies, you may be placed on our waitlist, free of charge. If there is a current vacancy, a tour will be offered.

Tour

Tours take place in the morning hours, and are in group form. At the tour, you will learn about Celebration Child Care and have an opportunity to view our facility. At the end of the tour, the vacancy will be reserved for you for 24 hours. If you decide to enroll your child, email the director within 24 hours. After 24 hours, the spot is no longer guaranteed. If you decide to enroll after this time period, please check with the director to confirm if the spot is still available.

Brightwheel Account

Upon enrollment confirmation, you will receive an email from Brightwheel to create a parent account using that email address to connect to your child's profile. Navigate to the billing tab to set up banking information. All transactions are done on Brightwheel. Cash, cards and check are not accepted. You must pay the deposit and registration fee by the due date to guarantee placement. Fill out all information on your child's profile. Parent phone numbers, emergency contacts, approved pickups, home address, doctor information, a current photo, etc.

Enrollment Packet

This packet must be filled out in entirety before a child starts school. It is an editable PDF. Please fill out out online, and email a saved copy to the office.

School and Camp Form

A current School and Camp form from the pediatrician must be emailed to the office before a child starts. This form has the date of child's physical, a record of vaccinations, and Lead testing. This must be submitted annually, or more frequently for our younger students, after each well visit appointment. More info found on School and Camp Form page.

Medical Requirements

If your child has medical needs, this information needs to be on file. Please see INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLAN for details. Medication provided must be in original packaging, and unexpired.



Enrollment

Special Needs/Disabilities

We welcome children with disabilities to apply to the program, and after reviewing the information compiled during the initial application process, the director will determine if Celebration Child Care is able to accommodate the needs of the child. Celebration Child Care will, with parent consent, request information from local public schools or other health or service providers. We will collaborate with the family on a plan that includes accommodations related to the child's needs. Within 30 days after we've created a Plan for Accommodations, Celebration Child Care will provide written notification if the accommodations would cause an undue burden to the program. The notification will include reasons for the decision and inform parents that they may request that EEC review compliance concerning the decision, a copy of which we'll maintain for our records.

Safety Information



Building Entrance

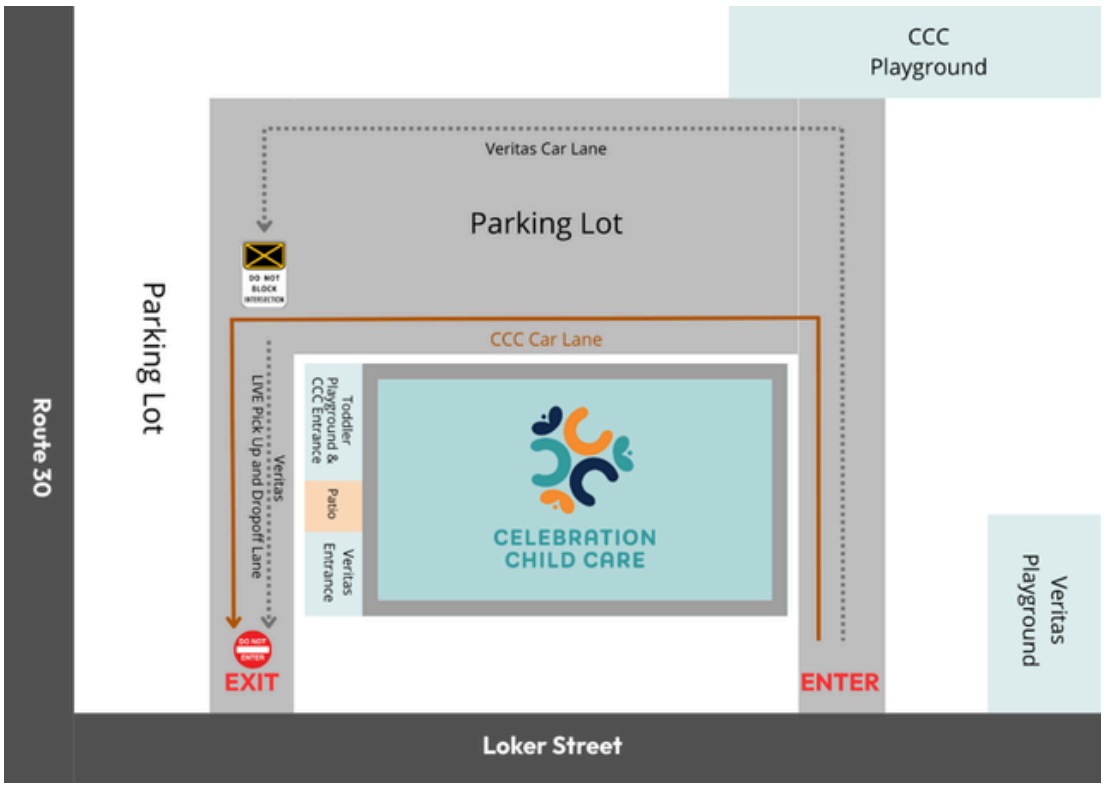
Entrance to building is gained by use of a key fob. Doors remain locked at all times during school hours. Each family is given two fobs. These are name sensitive. If a fob is lost, or you would like an additional fob, please alert the director. A $10 charge for an additional or replacement fob will be added to your child's account. See Building Security and Access for for information. Please do not hold the door open for anyone you do not know. If a parent forgets a fob, they must right the bell. This is for the safety of our students and staff.

Security Cameras

Security cameras are in all classroom and common areas of our building. The feed is viewable to Celebration Child Care admin staff only.

Traffic Pattern

To ensure safety of the children and families, we have a traffic pattern that must be followed. Please enter the lot using the ENTRANCE lane, the second entrance on Loker St. from Route 30. Drive around to the back of the building, staying on the paved lot. Celebration Child Care uses the back lane for pick up and drop off. Please park in the lane against the curb, and walk to the entrance door. Exit the parking lot using the EXIT lane. DO NOT PARK in the Veritas Live Lane at any time.



Communication



Brightwheel

As a part of making the transition from home to school smooth for parents, Celebration Child Care uses the childcare management program, Brightwheel, for parent and teacher communication. Non-urgent messages can be sent by both parties. Additionally, you will receive photos, reminders, and information about your child's day. If it is an urgent matter, your child's classroom has a direct phone line into their classroom. If you wish to speak with administration regarding a non-classroom item, you can send an ADMIN message through Brightwheel.

Brightwheel Messaging

Please send a message on Brightwheel if there are any changes to your child's schedule, including an alternative pick up person, an absence, if you are running late in the morning, etc. If you are running late in the afternoon, please let us know ASAP. The late pick up fee is $25 plus $2 per minute per child.

Daily Log

In the Infant program, you will send a morning message regarding your child's wake up time, last diaper change, and last bottle/meal prior to drop off. Throughout the day, the infant and toddler teachers will log the times of your child's nap(s), bottles, snacks, meals, and diaper changes. You may choose to see notifications immediately, or as an end of day summary. Note that the staff may not enter the actions in the moment, but at a later time that allows them to prioritize the care of the children.
Preschool and Pre-K families will receive a log as well, noting the curriculum and activities for that day as well as any special notes or information specific to the classroom.

Phone Calls

Teachers may call if there is a time sensitive question for the parents. If you wish to speak with one of the teachers, we ask you to send a message through Brightwheel. A teacher will get back to you when the daily schedule allows.

Celebration Child Care 508-653-7285
Extensions: Director (0) Pioneers (1) Explorers (2) Voyagers (4) Scouts (5)

Parent Input

We encourage you to become involved in the education and care of your child. We urge you to visit, observe, and offer suggestion ideas for Celebration Child Care. We are always eager to receive feedback in how we can fully meet your needs. We will solicit parental input in the development of program policies through surveys. You are also at any time welcome to submit a suggestion to us via email or Brightwheel at anytime.

Communication



Translation

Celebration Child Care has a diverse staff with more than five languages spoken by our team. If your primary language is not English or you require alternative communication methods, please let us know, and we will assist you in this.

Home - School Connection

We value open and honest communication with you to ensure the best care for your child. If you are traveling, having houseguests, experiencing changes within a family, moving or anything that could affect your child, please let us know. In turn, please tell us if there is any specific information that you would like to know about the classroom and our role as your child's weekday caregivers.

Children's Records

Requirements

All children must have on file a completed enrollment packet and a current health report (School and Camp form) dated within the last year. Any child with an Individual Health Care Plan (ICHP) or who has an Allergy or Asthma, must have the ICHP or the Action Plan on file.

Car Seats

We have limited storage space for car seats. Per Wayland Fire Department regulations, nothing can be stored in the entrance vestibule, this includes car seats. We have space for infant car seats only. If you need infant car seat storage, the infant staff will direct you to the storage location.

Classroom Teachers



Your child's primary classroom teachers are the staff members who will assume primary responsibility for the care of your child and communication with you throughout the day. This relationship is not exclusive, but one in which all staff work as a team to support one another in caring for your child. Other team members may share caregiving tasks, but your child's classroom teacher will be the one in the room who is most aware of your child's routine, scheduling, temperament, developmental level and preferences. This information is shared with other team members. It is important for you to communicate regularly with your child's classroom teacher to share information about your child's individual needs and preferences.

You may see your child's classroom teacher only once a day, either at drop off or pick up time. This is a time you may be able to speak personally to your child's teacher. Your child's teachers will record information about your child's day on brightwheel and will also share additional information with other team members in the room, who will be able to speak with you about your child's day. During children's rest hours, you can also call to speak directly to your teacher.

Labeling

ALL of your child's belongings must clearly labeled with their name. This includes clothing, shoes, lunch box, backpack, etc. Infant bottles and all student water bottles MUST be labeled with a Quality name label or silicone name band. Companies such as Name Bubbles , Mabel's Labels and even Amazon offer labels in a multitude of colors and designs for your preference. The Inchbug Orbit 2.0 is an excellent bottle band. If any water bottle is found without a quality label, a $25 charge will be added to your brightwheel account, and a pack of two silicone bottle bands will be ordered for your child.

Daily Schedules

Every classroom has its daily schedule posted on the parent information board and can be found in this handbook. Infants do not have a set schedule for activities as their care is based on each child's individual schedule. Toddler and Preschool days are scheduled, but can vary slightly depending on the needs of the children.

Clothing



Extra Clothing Supply

Students spend their days inside and outside.They play with different materials that can get them either wet or dirty throughout the day. All children should have a supply of extra clothes at school. Please have two of each item in supply: weather appropriate shirts, pants/shorts, underwear, socks. Soiled item will be sent home in a Wet Bag. Please be sure to send in a clean replacement the next school day.

Choking Hazards

Hooded jackets, sweatshirts and shirts with drawstrings present a major safety hazard for children. The cord can become caught while the child is climbing, sliding or engaged in other active play and result in choking or other serious injury.While hooded clothing with drawstrings is no longer manufactured or distributed in the United States, they are still available and worn. The same risk is associated with necklaces, lockets, keys or any other article hung around the neck. All items that pose a risk will be removed and returned with a note requesting an alternative be sent to school. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure compliance with the policy by sending children to the school with the appropriate clothing.

Jewelry

EEC regulates that Jewelry of any kind must be removed prior to placing a child to sleep, unless the child's parent has given the program consent in the enrollment packet to leave jewelry on during sleep. Necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and anklets, including those used to help with teething or those worn for cultural or aesthetic purposes, are not encouraged for sleeping or resting children.

Seasonal Weather Gear

At Celebration Child Care, we go outside daily as long as it is safe to do so. We use the Child Care Weather Watch chart to determine safety. If the "Feels Like" temp is 13 degrees or higher, we will plan to go outside for at least 15 minutes. Be sure to send your child to school with a coat, hat and gloves or mittens. As a reminder, your child must be able to participate in ALL daily activities every day. In snow season, children should wear their boots outside and bring an extra pair of shoes for indoor play. In the summer there is an option of playing in the sprinkler outside. Children come to school dressed in a bathing suit and wearing a pair of closed toe shoes that can get wet (Crocs, Natives, Keens, etc). Children will bring in a towel and change of clothes for after water play.

Enrollment + Tuition



Children between the ages of 4 weeks and Pre-Kindergarten age are eligible for enrollment at Celebration Child Care.

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Tax Season Reporting

To obtain your tuition payment information for end of year tax reporting, follow these instructions on Brightwheel.
Celebration Child Care Tax ID Number: 42-1815741.

To enroll your child at Celebration Child Care, we begin with a scheduled tour. This tour includes details of the daily activities of the classroom a family would be part of. Once it is determined that Celebration Child Care could work for your family, the following actions will occur:

- Director will create a Brightwheel profile for your child.
- A Parent account link will be emailed to you. This email must be used to create your brightwheel account.
- You must create a login ID and password, and complete all requested information on child's profile, including payment information.
- You must complete the Enrollment packet online, save a copy, and email that to the office.
- You will find a deposit and registration invoice in the Payments tab. Once this invoice is paid, your placement is reserved. You will have 24 hours from the initial enrollment request to guarantee enrollment. If the 24 hours pass, please check with the director to confirm availability.

To secure placement for your child, a $185 registration fee along with first months tuition.
The deposit will be credited toward the first month's tuition fee. These fees are **non-refundable.**

Enrollment Reservation Fees



To reserve a future placement, the following payment is required.

Unborn baby to 3 months old:
First month tuition and $185 registration fee.
Deposit credited to first month of care.

Infant 3 months old to 15 months old:
First month tuition and $185 registration fee.
September Start: Deposit credited to account in September.
Post September Start: 50% of current rate due monthly from September of enrolled school year until first month of care.
Deposit credited to first month of care.

Toddler 15 months to 2.9 years old:
First month tuition and $185 registration fee.
September Start: Deposit credited to account in September.
Post September Start: 50% of current rate due monthly from September of enrolled school year until first month of care.
Deposit credited to first month of care.

Preschool: 2.9 years to Pre-Kindergarten Age
First month tuition and $185 registration fee
September Start: Deposit credited to account in September.
Post September Start: 50% of current rate due monthly from September of enrolled school year until first month of care.
Deposit credited to first month of care.

Deposit, Registration, and monthly holding fees are **non-refundable.**
Monthly Holding Fees are not applied to future tuition payments.



Tuition and Fees

Tuition is due on the first of the month. It is based on a yearly fee broken up into monthly payments. Tuition is not attendance based, therefore, you are responsible to pay for the whole month including holidays, vacations, emergency closures or illness. All payments are made through Brightwheel, cash and checks are not accepted.

Registration Fee

Due upon registering your child	$185.00
Annual Registration*	$150.00

(*Due in January to reserve spot for next school year)

The months of July and August are set up in 4-week increments. We are closed one week every year for our Staff Professional Training & Work Week, the week just before Labor Day. Tuition free vacation time is allowed in the summer only, in accordance with our summer registration sign up during the spring.

Late Payment Fee

A reminder will be sent on the fifth of the month with a $25.00 late payment fee added to the child's account. An additional $25.00 will be charged on the tenth of the month. Little Lamb reserves the right to termination from the program if payment is not made in full by the 14th of the month.

Late Pick Up

If you arrive late to pick up your child, the fee is $25 plus $2.00 per minute per child.

- 5 pm pickups: The center closes promptly at 5 pm. This means every family must be out of the building by (and not after) 5 pm. Even if a pickup is on time (before 5 pm), if the family is still in the school by 5 pm, late fees may occur. To ensure an on time departure, plan on giving at least 5 minutes to collect your child's belongings.
- If you anticipate you will be late, please message us on Brightwheel!
- If you need to speak to a teacher about your child or a specific situation, please set up a phone call with your child's teacher, as to not delay our end of day departure process.

- Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up rates may be available with advanced notice.

Change of Schedule - Enrollment and One Time

Child schedules are created upon enrollment and during re-enrollment in the winter. Changes made outside of these times will incur a $50 Schedule Change fee. This includes change of scheduled days, and change of scheduled hours. Parents may occasionally request an additional day or extended hours. We will check our rosters and will let you know if an opening is available. Switching days and/or hours is not permitted. Adding an additional day or hour will not incur the Schedule Change fee. Daily and Hourly rates are available upon request.

Additional Fees

As needed

- $25 will be charged for any unlabeled water bottle, and a 2 pack of bottle bands will be ordered for you.
- $10 Replacement or Additional Door Fob as needed

Items available for purchase

- $25 Contigo Kids water bottle
- $30 BentGo kids lunchbox

Withdrawal & Dismissal Policy

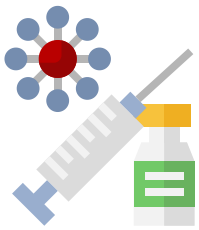
A one month notice is required to withdraw a child from our center.

Celebration Child Care reserves the right to cancel the enrollment of a child for the following possible reasons:

- Non-compliance of policies as outlined in the parent agreement.
- Child has needs that we cannot adequately meet with our current staffing patterns.
- Physical and/or verbal abuse of staff or children by parent or child.
- Expired annual physical or non-immunizations without documented exemption.

Please see details outlined in Child Guidance.

School and Camp Form



- Upon admission, all children will be required to have a written statement from a doctor, which indicates that the child has had a complete physical examination within one year of enrollment. The physical examination shall be valid for one year and shall be repeated annually.
- Upon admission to Celebration Child Care, all staff and children must provide documentation that they have been successfully immunized in accordance with the current Department of Public Health's recommended schedules as per EEC regulations. With each new immunization, please email a copy of the school and camp form for our records. This form is valid for one year.
- No student whose parent or guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said physician's certificate in order to be admitted to school. MGL c.76, § 15
- All children over one year of age attending Celebration Child Care must have documentation of a Lead Test. Lead Testing is a state requirement for children at the time of their first, second, and third year physicals.

Photographs and Publicity

Photographs of the children in our programs may be taken from time to time and may appear on our social media accounts, brochures, publicity materials, and/or educational training. Your permission for photographs of your child, to be used without compensation, is part of this agreement. Your child's photo will also be displayed on their classroom's brightwheel profile. We ask that parents not share photos on social media of other student's faces.



Child Guidance



At Celebration Child Care we strive to treat all children with love and respect and work with you and your child using positive guidance to help children reach goals of self-control, coping with problems, and developing independence and self-sufficiency. We teach the children to identify and express their feelings, gain self-esteem, and how to resolve conflicts with their peers.

Positive and consistent guidance is provided to children based the diverse developmental needs of each child. These needs are learned through observations and evaluations. We want to provide a nurturing and safe setting in which children may grow as individuals while learning to become members of a community and forming strong relationships with others.

We use positive reinforcement when implementing clearly communicated rules as part of our behavior management policy. These help support development and are not a means of punishment. We make sure that staff is kept up to date with training in best early childhood practices.

Routine Practices

Routine child guidance practices at Celebration Child Care include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Staff having the foundation of a sound understanding of the principles of child growth and development.
- Planning for appropriate behavior with respect to the environment by arranging furniture and other materials to encourage active learning and independence.
- Planning daily scheduling that prevents boredom, waiting or hurriedness, with time to relax and enjoy activities.
- Having a daily routine with ample opportunity for children to select activities and move between them at their own pace that also gives ample notice of transitions ahead of time. Transitions between activities must be safe, predictable, unhurried and flexible.
- Providing children with expectations that are clear, age-appropriate and applied in a consistent way. Allowing children to participate in the establishment of rules, policies and procedures where appropriate and feasible.

Child Guidance



Routine Practices Continued

- Reinforcing positive behavior by recognizing children's positive actions.
- Helping children learn about natural consequences because appropriate natural consequences appeal to their sense of logic, "When I do this, this is what happens."
- Adults modeling appropriate behavior by treating everyone in the classroom with respect and kindness and being consistent with the program's expectations for children.
- Redirecting children toward positive activities by interrupting a child's negative behavior and steering the child toward an acceptable substitute activity.
- Teaching children new skills and encouraging them to discuss and resolve their conflicts on their own or with staff's assistance when necessary rather than imposing an adult's solution on them. Encourage children to express their feelings in words and to resolve problems peacefully.

Prohibited Practices

Food is never withheld from children at snack or mealtimes as a form of punishment or consequences, nor is a child ever forced to eat. Toilet training and toileting practices are done with respect to children. They are never treated negatively for wetting or soiling and are changed immediately. Likewise, any form of rough treatment, such as shaking, humiliation, or derogatory remarks, are strictly prohibited. Children are never spoken about in front of them, as if they aren't there.



Behavior Management and Plan for Avoiding Suspension and Termination

Procedure

Respect is a key word at Celebration Child Care. In the event that a child's behavior does get extreme, we will take all measures possible to help your child gain control of their behavior. The teachers and director will meet with you to help devise a plan to help your child manage his or her own actions, and we will closely monitor and report back to you on the progress. If a child's behavior poses a danger to their own safety or someone else's or is extremely and continuously disruptive, you will be called to take your child home for the day.

Celebration Child Care will collaborate with the family to establish a comprehensive plan of action that prioritizes the child's safety and educational advancement, both at home and in school. If it is determined that a child may require supportive services, Celebration Child Care will assist and inform the parents about the availability of these services.

Situations and behaviors that may result in termination of care:

- Failure to provide health information as mandated by the Department of Early Education and Care.
- Parent's consistent refusal to adhere to Celebration Child Care's policies.
- Unresolved differences in child care philosophies that prevent our standard of care being provided.
- Parent's refusal to comply with Celebration Child Care's request to seek help for the child from appropriate agencies or professional resources.
- The child requires greater care and/or attention than the staff can provide without compromising the health or safety of the other children or staff. This includes but is not limited to:
    - Behaviors that result in injury to others such as biting, hitting, kicking, throwing hard objects, intentionally spitting on another child or staff member.
    - Physical or emotional challenges that require individualized attention, or impairment that cannot be reasonably accommodated at Little Lamb.
    - Excessive damage to environment: intentional breaking of school property.
    - Inflicting emotional distress onto other students.
    - Behavior where a child repeatedly endangers him/herself or other children and all interventions have failed.



Criteria for suspension and or termination of a student

1. Should a student become abusive in any physical or verbal capacity, the student's parent(s) will be contacted. In the meantime, incident reports will be completed by personnel involved. Parent will be notified of incident report and requested to sign off.
2. Teachers and director will meet to discuss the circumstances pertaining to the incident(s).
3. Teacher will devise a plan of action, including referrals, to help student cope with frustrations and prevent continued unacceptable behavior, in the hopes of developing success for the student.
4. A plan will be put in place and teachers will monitor and document the effect of the plan for the child. Parent will be notified daily as to how the plan is working. Parent is expected to work with the teachers and child to keep continuity between school and home. If at the end of the plan timeline, the child is not responsive to the plan, documentation will be reviewed, and the director along with teachers and parent will try to amend the plan to incorporate new strategies. Parents will be made aware that this is now a probation period. Also, at this point if they have declined to take advantage of Celebration Child Care's referrals, termination may be made.
5. After the amended plan's time period is complete, should the child's behavior not make noticeable improvement, a meeting will be called to address the issues with parents and teachers. In addition, should the child continue to become out of control emotionally or physically, causing undue stress or trauma to others, the child will be released from Celebration Child Care's care.
6. Teachers will explain to students in an age appropriate manner, kindly, why the child is to leave.

Referral Services

Staff will inform director of any child concerns. Observation and recording of behavior are to be on record. Parents will be made aware of any concerns before making any referrals. As deemed necessary, parents will be directed to Early Intervention for children under three years old. Criterion Child Enrichment (508) 620-1442. For children over three years old, the family will be directed to contact their hometown school district.

The director is to be made aware by parents in writing, if a child is receiving support services. We welcome support services to be provided in our center.

Mandated Reporting



All teachers and staff at Celebration Child Care are mandated by law to report abuse or neglect to the Department of Children and Families and receive training annually on how to recognize signs of abuse. The staff of Little Lamb has a continuing duty under law to report incidents of possible neglect or abuse, including physical, sexual and psychological abuse, to the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and to cooperate in any investigation of possible neglect or abuse (Massachusetts General Law chapter 119, section 51A).

- By law, we must make such referrals whenever we have reasonable cause to believe that a child might have been harmed by anyone, including non-family members. We may be subject to criminal penalties if we fail to report such possible harm.
- Reasonable cause includes but is not limited to: Direct accusation by the child or visible marks on the child's body.
- Moreover, in grievous cases, we may refer the matter directly to the police or consult with the District Attorney as well.
- Any educator accused of abuse or neglect of a child in a 51A report to DCF will not be permitted to work with children until the DCF report is completed and for such additional time as EEC requires

Protecting Children

Celebration Child Care acts to protect the children in our care and custody from abuse and neglect in the following ways:

- By training staff to be sensitive and perceptive.
- By building a trusting, sharing relationship with parents.
- By making families aware of community agencies that provide needed support services:
    - Department of Children and Families - 63 Fountain St., Framingham 1-800-445-6020 or 508- 424- 0100
    - Children at Risk Hotline 800-792-5200
    - Toll free Parental Stress Hotline - 800-632-8188
    - Parents Helping Parents, formerly Parents Anonymous (info. on support groups) - 800-882-1250
- By sharing information about child development and child rearing techniques with families.
- By letting parents know if signs of stress are recognizable in their children.
- By encouraging mutual sharing of concerns about children between staff and parents.
- By teaching children about their right to say "No".
- By teaching children that a trusted adult can and should be told about an abusive experience.

Custody Orders



Until custody has been established by a court action, one parent may not limit the other from picking up a child in our care. The center must be notified immediately of any changes in custody orders. Certified custody orders must be given to the center director.

Building Security and Access

Our building is open for business from 7 am to 5 pm. We use an enhanced security system at Celebration Child Care that gives access with a key fob. Only staff members and parents/guardians are able to gain entry to the building. Parents must enter using the main entrance. Two fobs are given to each family upon enrollment. Due to security reasons, we ask that this fob remains with the guardian it is assigned to, as they are name sensitive. If someone is picking up your child that doesn't normally pick up, but who is listed as an approve pick up, please have them ring the bell to gain entry. We will check ID for anyone we are not familiar with. For your child's safety please do not allow your child to open any classroom or exterior doors. Please do not hold the door open for a person you do not know. If a parent forgets their fob, they will need to ring the bell to gain entry.

Celebration Child Care uses internal security cameras in classrooms and common areas. Feed is visible only to Celebration Child Care staff.

Drop-off and Pick-up Policy

Parents are expected to accompany their children into the center. The teachers are glad to assist you and your child at your drop-off time. Teachers will assume direct responsibility for your child when you are ready to leave the classroom. It is important for the teacher to keep a watchful eye on all the children in his or her care. If you have more than one child with you, both children must remain with you when you drop off the first child.

It is important that you give your child your full attention when saying goodbye in the morning, and when picking up in the afternoon. Please refrain from using your cell phone during these times.

Please drop off your child by 9:00 am, ready for the day (clean diaper, eaten breakfast.)

Late drop offs are allowed for medical and educational appointments only, including IEP preschool programs. Students must arrive by 11:30 after these appointments. It is best to schedule appointments for the afternoon when possible to avoid disruption to your child's day.

Holidays



Celebration Child Care will be closed on the following holidays:
New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Juneteenth, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break. If any of the above holidays fall on a weekend, the closest Friday or Monday will be selected. Holidays are built into tuition, and our teachers are paid for these days. Our School Calendar is available on our website.

Professional Development

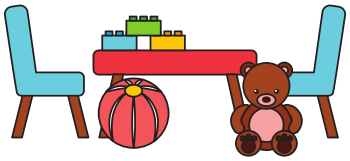
Monthly staff meetings are required by EEC, and it is important for staff to have time to meet as a team. The last Wednesday of every month, with the exception of June and August, are Professional Development Days. On these dates, our center will close at 3:00 pm. All children must be picked up by 3:00 pm. Late pick up fees will apply to all students picked up after 3:00.

Summer and Vacations

Our Summer program is optional, and attendance is not required for continued enrollment into the next school year. In Late Winter, families will be asked to complete a Summer Vacation Form. Summer is broken into two 4-week increments. If you plan to attend all Summer, no changes will be made to your tuition. If you plan to take off a week, a few weeks, a month or even the whole summer, you will participate in our Pay By The Week program. To be eligible for Pay By The Week, AND to guarantee a spot in our summer program, you must submit the form by the due date. Schedule changes after the due date are not guaranteed, and subject to our $50 schedule change fee. Vacation any other time of the year does not affect tuition. Switching vacation weeks is not permitted.

Field Trips

Celebration Child Care does not provide transportation or conduct field trips. At times, teachers may suggest a classroom Meet Up outside of school hours. This is where families can meet at a local destination, ex: Farm, Zoo, Park. Families will be responsible for admission fees and supervision of their own child. Attendance is optional, and is not an official Celebration Child Care event, rather an informal way for families to meet the classmates and families other their children's peers.



Treasures and Possessions

Our classrooms have many engaging toys and manipulatives that encourage children to explore their environment and that give them opportunities to learn in the process of play. To avoid breakage or loss of personal items, as well as avoiding behavioral situations, all home toys need to stay at home or in the car.

Bodies and Boundaries

There is a natural curiosity among children with regards to their bodies. When situations arise where we have to speak to children about body parts, we use the anatomically correct terms. We also teach children that every person has boundaries and that our bodies are private and should be respected. Parents will be notified if situations occur in the classroom that directly affects their child(ren).

Transitions

Once your child is enrolled in Celebration Child Care, it is important to make the transition as easy as possible on both you and your child. We encourage you to visit with your child to help your child get to know the teacher and other children.

We roster classrooms on a School Year schedule, with the new year starting in September. In some instances, a child will advance to the next age group mid-year. Teachers will discuss the upcoming move with you and you will have an opportunity to visit the new classroom. This will allow you to get them acquainted with the teachers, children and routine. The teachers from both classrooms and parents together, will share any information about the child that they feel is pertinent.

In your child's year before Kindergarten, your town's public school system will send a form for Celebration Child Care to fill out. Sometimes they also request progress reports from the previous year. The director will consult the parents; if consent is given, Celebration Child Care will send this information to the school requesting it.

Emergency Plan



Fire Drills

Evacuation/Fire Drills are practiced at Celebration Child Care every month at different times of the day, using different exits to ensure that all children and staff are sufficiently practiced in evacuating the facility quickly. The teachers will count the children, and escort them out of the building.Once the children and staff reach the meeting place outside, all children will once again be accounted for by the teachers and director in accordance with the attendance record.

Emergency Bags

The teachers will have first aid kits, cell phones, and the children's emergency information with them any time they exit the building. The children's emergency contacts information must always be kept up to date in brightwheel. Please be sure to keep this info current. The director will check the building to make sure that everyone is out. She will bring the Evacuation Readiness Bag containing all supplies needed and emergency parent contacts outside in case children need to move to the evacuation locations.

Loss of Power and Heat and Hot Water

In the event of loss of power, heat or hot water, the director will evaluate the immediate needs, and collaborate with the property owners local authorities to determine the extent of the loss. In the case of loss of power, the building has generators for backup power. If there is a loss of generators, and the time of loss is determined to be temporary, the center will remain open, using battery operated lights, and utilizing natural light from windows until the power is restored. If it is determined that the loss of power will result in temperatures dropping below 65 degrees F, and/or the time of loss will be extensive, parents will be called to pick up their children within the hour.

Emergency Evacuation

In the event of a real emergency, when evacuation is indicated in cases such as fire or a natural disaster, the director and the designated helper will both check each attendance roster to assure that all children are present and accounted for.
The director will divide the groups with a classroom teachers and they will walk the children to the Goddard School (367 Commonwealth Rd.) One teacher will take an evacuation bag with necessary supplies and information. Included in this will be a report of all children in the program, snacks, water and nonperishables. The infant teachers will include formula and food for their class in a separate bag. Each group and the director will have an Evacuation Requirements sheet that indicates what group each child is in. Each group leader will be responsible for calling the parents upon arrival at the evacuation sight. They will record who picked up each child and at what time. Attendance rosters will be updated.

Emergency Plan

Long Distance Evacuation Emergency

In compliance with the Wayland Fire Department (WFD), Celebration Child Care has a long distance Evacuation plan in place. If WFD determines that Child Care must evacuate to a distance further than 4 miles, Celebration Child Care students will be evacuated to Over the Rainbow Nursery School, located at 76 Salem End Road Framingham, with assistance from the WFD. Parents will be notified and instructed to pick up their children from Over the Rainbow immediately.

Plan for Missing Children

Teachers have access to Brightwheel at all times, which includes live attendance numbers. Children are counted frequently during the day to be sure all who should be present in a group are, in fact, with the group. The moment a child is determined to not be where he/she is expected to be, a teacher reports the missing child to the Director in person, or by phone if outside or in the gym. The Director will go without delay to the classroom involved. If the child is not immediately found in the vicinity of the classroom the Director will have the support of not in ratio staff members who will go right away to help in the search. The other teaching staff will stay with their group. Teachers will fan out across the school and the rest of the building, checking in nooks, behind doors and in other spaces a child might think to hide. The director will call 911 and then the child's parents if the child is not immediately found.

Escape Routes

Every classroom has escape routes posted at all classroom doors.

Unexpected Closings

Celebration Child Care will relay weather related closures via a Brightwheel alert. This will include a text message sent to the cell phone connected with the account. The decision to close will be made no later than 6 AM on the day of a storm. For any mid-day closure, you will be called to pick up your child. There is no tuition reduction for any time that the center is closed.

Diapers & Toilet Training 

Diapers

Parents supply diapers and wipes. We ask that you bring in 2 packages of wipes, and one small sleeve of diapers to be stored in the classroom. Teachers will send a message on brightwheel when the supply is running low. Cloth diapering is permissible with all-in-one diapers, and a large wet bag.

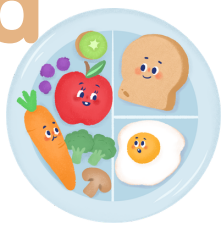
Toilet Training

Toilet training is not a requirement for preschool. We maintain a diaper-changing schedule for the children who need it. Children often indicate a readiness to try toileting between eighteen months and two and a half years of age, although timing will be unique and individual for every child. Signs of readiness are showing interest in the toilet, being willing to sit on the toilet, having better control of bladder and bowels, indicating the need to use the toilet, and staying dry for longer periods of time. At two and a half, we will begin to work with your child on toileting. We will seat them on the toilet at diaper change times. If you begin the process sooner, please let us know and we will work with your child at school. Some training tips are as follows:

- Follow your child's lead. Begin toilet training when he/she is ready.
- Stay positive: don't indicate your own frustrations. This could lead to a power struggle.
- Encourage your child's self-help skills, such as removing his/her own clothing, to give your child control over the situation.
- Talk with your child's teacher to maintain consistency at home and at the school.
- Schedule your toileting routine at consistent times each day.
- Velcro sided diapers or cloth training pants are needed at the center rather than Pull Ups.

We ask that you use training pants for toilet training. Plastic pants over trainers or training pants that have cloth on the outside are fine to keep outside clothing protected. Training pants acquaint the child with the awareness of being wet or soiled. We ask that if you are using pull ups, you provide the kind that fasten on the side, not the underwear style. Training is as individual as your child. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher to develop a plan you and your child feel comfortable with. Most potty-training success stories come from children who have successfully completed a weekend at home in their underwear, and then come to school the following Monday in their underwear. If your child is potty training, please pack at least four to six sets of clothing. Please label these! We recommend sweatpants, elastic waist pants, dresses or any other easy on/off clothing. This type of clothing will support your child's access with toilet learning and help them be successful with toileting. This helps the teachers and the children in the potty-training process.

Meals, Snacks and Food Allergies



Lunch

Independence, self-help skills and language are encouraged in everything your child participates in and chooses to do. Your child will learn to open his/her own lunch box. The Bentgo Kids lunch box is highly preferred for all ages. This lunch box encourages these self help skills, as well as minimizing lost containers and lids. If your child's food needs refrigeration, please include an ice pack in his or her lunchbox. Do not send any items in glass containers for safety purposes. All meals must be ready to eat at room temperature of packed in a thermos. We do not microwave foods. Uneaten food will remain in the lunch box to be brought home. We will supply utensils.

Hot Lunch Program

We offer a daily hot lunch program. This is an optional program for an additional cost. Enrollment and payment for the Hot Lunch program is done quarterly.

Snacks

Celebration Child Care provides toddlers and preschool age students with two snacks per day. Each snack consists of two components: grain, dairy/protein, fruit/vegetable. At snack, children are encouraged to practice self help skills such as opening wrappers, obtaining a fork from classroom location, opening containers.

Water Bottle

Please send your child to school with a filled water bottle daily. Our preferred water bottle is a stainless steel Contigo Kids. The children may go to their cubby at anytime to get a drink, and the bottles are brought outside, to ensure proper hydration, especially in the hot summer months. Teachers will refill as needed.

Nut Policy

Celebration Child Care is a **PEANUT FREE** school. Please read ingredient labels carefully. Please do not send peanuts or peanut products with your child. All other nut products are allowed. If a peanut food is sent to school, it will be sent home, and an alternative food will be provided. If your child has dietary needs or allergies, it is the parent's responsibility to notify both the center director and the classroom teacher. If there is ever an instance of another highly allergenic food allergy in a classroom, the teacher will reach out to families, asking to restrict that food item to be brought in.

Birthday Celebrations



Parents are welcome to send in a treat to share with their child's classmates on birthdays or special occasions. Some classrooms have strict allergy guidelines. Inform your child's teacher in advance about what kind of treat you plan on bringing. This is for the safety of all of the children. Ask your child's teacher for suggestions. Parents are welcome at their child's birthday celebration. If a birthday is to be celebrated away from school and the entire class is not invited, please mail the invitations. If the entire class is invited, you may distribute the invitations into the cubbies. Class directories are available on Brightwheel. Parents can choose to share their contact information.

Healthy Choices

While the occasional donut, chocolate milk, juice and fruit snacks make for a good treat they do not necessarily make a healthy meal. We ask that parents reserve these items for special occasions. Bringing in these items on a daily basis for their child does not encourage healthy eating patterns. See our School Lunch Ideas for ways to build a healthy lunch!

No Peanut Products at Little Lamb

Sunblock and Insect Repellent

In the Summer months, Children must have sunblock applied before arrival to school in the morning. Celebration Child Care staff will apply sunblock to your child before heading outdoors in the afternoon. Sunblock must be a lotion (No sprays allowed) provided by the parents, and labeled. Insect repellent must be in the form of "bug and sun" a sunblock lotion with insect repellent added.

Wellness Policy



You are the best judge of your child's health and we trust you will not bring a sick child to the center. However, if your child becomes ill at Celebration Child Care , displays an unknown rash, or acts out-of-character, your child's teacher will consult the director and you may be called to come to take your child home. When called, you (or an alternate emergency person) are expected to come within the hour. If parents cannot be reached, we will contact the emergency contacts that have been given to us. The child may be transported to the area hospital by ambulance if necessary, in which case the director will accompany the child. If an illness persists (ex. rash, watery stool, infant/toddler fever) Celebration Child Care reserves the right to require a doctor's note for a child's return to program. This is to protect the health of your child and his/her classmates. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. A moderately ill child will be separated from the classroom, as feasible, to limit the spread of illness.
If a child in our program has a communicable disease, you will be informed via brightwheel message.

Children cannot attend the center when:

- The child has a fever of 100.0 or higher.
- The child has taken fever reducing medicine in the past 24 hours.
- The child has a communicable disease.
- The child has moderate to severe Diarrhea.
- The child has continuous goop in his/her eyes. After it is wiped away, it returns.
- The child is in the first 24 hours of starting an antibiotic medicine, unless a doctor's note indicates so.
- The child is unable to participate in daily activities.
- The child has Head Lice—this must be treated, and all head lice and nits be removed before the child can return. Chronic head lice may require a doctor's note.
- The child is unable to take solid and liquid food.
- The child shows little ability to play.
- The child looks poor in general appearance and behavior.
- Crying and irritable for a long time, or not eating or drinking normally. Anytime a child is not themselves, cannot be soothed by a teacher, requires one-on-one care, is in excessive discomfort, or not interacting with the class is a reason to take a Wellness Day and spend time in the comfort of their own parent(s) arms.

Return to Child Care



A child must be fever free, without the use of fever reducing medication, and symptom free, for 24 hours before returning to Celebration Child Care . Additionally, the child must be able to hold down 2 solid food meals (apart from infants who are not on solids). Depending on the illness, we reserve the right to ask for a doctor's note before a child returns to the center. A child who is absent for health reasons for 5 days or more must return with a doctor's note indicating the child may return to a group setting. For example, If a child is sent home due to suspected conjunctivitis, he/she must be cleared by a doctor before returning to Celebration Child Care . If the child was not diagnosed with conjunctivitis, Celebration Child Care must have a copy of the doctor's note that clears them for school. If the child was diagnosed with conjunctivitis, they may return after 3 doses of medication.

Prescription Medication

Celebration Child Care administers medication prescribed by a doctor. All teachers at Celebration Child Care are required to receive medication administration training. No teacher will be allowed to administer medication until this is has been done. They will be tested for their competency in this annually.
Parents must supply the child's medicine in the original container or prescription bottle with all original labels clear and intact. It is suggested that you ask the pharmacist for a bottle for the center with all information included. The label on the medication must contain:

- Child's full name
- Name of medicine
- Pharmacy name and phone number
- Dosage amount
- Times and /or schedule medicine is to be dispensed
- Name and phone number of physician

The medication may be kept at the school for administration period. We cannot give your child the first dose of medicine unless it is an emergency medication. Emergency Medication will be stored in the First Aid bag in the child's classroom. All prescription medication will be returned to you when the required time of administration is over with. A Medical Consent authorization form is required for medication to be administered at school. It must be signed by the doctor and a parent. This Form is available on our website on the SCHOOL FORMS page as well as a QR code link on our parent board. The first dose of medication must be given at home. Celebration Child Care may not administer the first dose.



Over-The-counter medication

Celebration Child Care requires a completed Medical Consent authorization form for administering over-the-counter (OTC) medication, such as teething gel, or eczema cream. It must be signed by the doctor and a parent. This Form is available on our website on the Parent Resources page as well as a QR code link on our parent board. The first dose of medication must be given at home. Celebration Child Care may not administer the first dose.

Topical Over-the-Counter Ointment and Medication

In order to apply over-the-counter (OTC) topical ointment (Desitin, Aquaphor, etc.) we must have consent given on enrollment packet listing the specific topical OTC ointments to be administered and the criteria for administration (valid for 1 yr. from the date it was signed.)

Any topical medication applied to open wounds does require a doctor or health care practitioner to authorized administration. The medicine must be in the original container and have the child's name affixed to it. In addition, the staff will log administration of the medicine with the name of the child, date, time and signature of the staff applying it. The doctor/health care practitioner's authorization needs to be renewed every year if the child still needs the medicine. Medication will be stored out of the reach of children.

Any OTC ointment will be discarded when it expires with a note to you stating it needs to be replaced.

Pandemics

Celebration Child Care follows the Center for Disease Control, Department of Health and/or EEC Rules regarding a pandemic. There are no current Pandemic regulations in place.

Medication Administration



Medication given at school will be documented using EEC's Medication Administration Record. This record includes the name of medication, the dosage, the time and method of administration, and the name of the person giving the medication.

Injuries and Accidents

Celebration Child Care staff will notify you via Brightwheel whenever a child sustains an injury. Depending on the extent of the injury a parent may get a phone call from a staff member as well. Copies of these Injury Reports are placed in the child's medical folder, which is located in the child's records. You will receive a copy of this injury report as well. When a child sustains a minor injury that does not require first aid, the parent will receive an incident notification on Brightwheel only.

In cases where the injury is of questionable seriousness, the parent will be notified by phone to give them the option of coming to see the child at the center or taking the child for medical attention. If the child sustains an injury requiring emergency care, the transported to the area hospital by ambulance if necessary, in which case the director will accompany the child. Any injury that requires medical treatment by a doctor or health care facility will be reported by the director to the Department of Early Education and Care.

Individual Health Care Plan

Any child with an allergy or medical condition must have an individual health care plan (IHCP) from the doctor explaining the condition, what symptoms to look for and what treatment and the potential consequences to the child's health if the treatment is not administered. The plan also needs to authorize you (parent) or Little Lamb's health care consultant to train the staff on the child's medical condition. This needs to be signed by the doctor. In addition, we will provide you with a form to fill out and sign giving us permission for information exchange. That way, if we have any questions, we can ask the doctor directly.

Infants



At Celebration Child Care we provide a safe, comfortable and healthy environment for infants. Our infant teachers develop a secure, trusting relationship with each infant. We establish a supportive and positive relationship with parents. We are responsive to each infant's temperament, schedule and needs. We provide a developmentally appropriate environment that challenges and stimulates each infant. We provide experiences that help infants explore, discover, and learn about their world. We provide ongoing opportunities to support motor skill development. We provide experiences that enhances an infant's sense of self-worth and self-esteem. We expose infants to frequent positive language interactions which result in the development of receptive language and later expressive language.

Color System

As you look around the room you will notice that the color of your child's cubby label is the same as the label on their crib and on their diaper slot. To ensure that children are receiving the correct foods we have incorporated a color-coding system when labeling children's items.Your child will receive a color upon enrollment, and you will be given a roll of tape in your child's color to begin labeling at home. You are also welcome to order name labels in this color for ease of use. Please label ALL your child's bottles, food containers, sippy cups and containers of food with this one color. It is very important to be sure that all your child's food containers and bottles are labeled. Teachers will not be able to serve food if the containers/bottles are not labeled. We must ensure that children are receiving the food provided by their families and that there is no question as to which child it belongs to. Licensing requires that names also be on the color labeling.

Labeling

In conjunction with labeling in your child's designated color and name, it is necessary to date all the food containers (with food for that day), bottles and any other food products that are brought into the school.This will help prevent food spoilage and in keeping track of when bottles expire, which according to the state licensing regulations, is 24 hours after the bottle has been made. If your child is eating commercial baby food, you do not need to date the container unless you bring it in opened. No glass is allowed. Any opened foods or bottles that are not dated must be discarded. Open containers of formula are only good for one month. Be sure to see your caregivers or the director with any questions. Any foods supplied must be served at home first to check for allergies. No peanuts/peanut products will be served at Celebration Child Care.

Infant Supplies



What to Bring When Starting

- Two sleeves of Diapers
- Three packages of Wipes
- Diaper Cream
- Four Crib Sheets ($40 will be charged to brightwheel account)
- Three complete sets of weather appropriate clothing
- Boppy & Cover (if desired for infants learning to sit alone)
- Five Absorbent bibs for bottles/drool
- One silicone bib for solid feedings
- Sunblock (6 months and older)
- Extra bags of breast milk to store in freezer
- Family Photo for crib
- Wet Bag (Will be supplied)

What to Bring in Every Day

Bottles pre-filled with formula or breastmilk
Solid Foods in BentGo Kids Lunch Box **PEANUT FREE**
Nuk Learner Cup (under 12 months)
Contigo Kids Stainless water bottle (12 months +)
Wet Bag (appx 12" x 14") ($7, available for purchase)

No Utensils (we will supply) or Glass Please!!

Supply Replenishment

Your child's teacher will let you know when you are running low on supplies (diapers, wipes, extra clothes etc.). Also, please make sure ALL of your child's belongings are clearly labeled with their name. Be sure to use the color tape that is assigned to your child for identifying their belongings.

Safe Sleep Policy



Celebration Child Care follows the Safe Sleep Policies as recommended by the department of Early Education and Care. All staff have completed SIDS training. Your baby will always be put to sleep on his/her back in an EEC approved crib. A physician's authorization is required for alternative sleep positions. Little Lamb does not allow sleep monitoring devices.

Fitted crib sheets are required for the center to meet licensing regulations. There will not be toys, bumper pads, stuffed animals, weighted sleep sacks, sound machines, wubanubs or pacifier clips in the crib. The length of sleep will be appropriate to the child's needs. When a child chooses not to sleep or awaken early, he will be offered a nap at a later time. Separate sleeping materials, individually marked, clean and in good repair, are present for the child. Materials are stored in a sanitary manner. Appropriate lighting for care givers and those not sleeping will be provided. Children are in direct line of supervision at all times. Each child will be required to have four crib sheets in supply, to ensure a clean sleep surface for each nap.

Sleep Sacks and Pacifiers

Infants are not permitted to use blankets in the cribs. Your infant may sleep in a sleeveless sleep sack. Swaddles are not allowed. Once your infant is able to roll over, the sleep sack will no longer be used.

You may send in a pacifier for your child. Pacifiers must be labeled, and not attached to a wubanub (stuffed animal attachment) or pacifier clip. These items are not allowed at Celebration Child Care. Staff will make every effort to keep track of these items but will not be held responsible if lost. When you are ready to wean your child, please communicate with your child's teacher so a consistent strategy between home and our center may be established.

Parent Teacher Partnership



Brightwheel Log

Regular daily written and verbal communication between you and your child's teachers, is important in establishing quality care for your child. This helps your child's teachers to learn more about your infant and to better meet his or her needs. We use brightwheel to log daily activities. In the morning, please send a message with the times of your baby's wake up, diaper change and last feed. At the end of the day, you will be able to view all bottles, meals, naps and diapers given throughout the day. This regular communication helps you and your child's teachers develop a positive relationship.

Progress Reports

Along with the daily reports, every three months your child's teacher will complete an evaluation of your child which highlights different areas of your child's development. You will receive a copy of the evaluation and you will be given the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss it. As always feel free to set up a meeting with your child's teachers at any time.

Approximate Infant Schedule



Infants days are guided by their individual schedule. A typical days consists of the following:

Arrival
Upon arrival, parents will put their children's food/bottles in the refrigerator and cabinet, and hang backpack under their cubby. Infant car seats may be stored in our storage closet.

Breakfast
As needed, children are fed breakfast according to personal schedules with food provided by the parents.

Diapers
Infant diapers are changed every two hours and after every bowel movement. Sanitary and safety procedures are followed to ensure the health and well-being of your infant. Detailed diapering procedures are posted by every changing table.

Morning Naps
The children are all on their own sleep schedule as much as is possible. Morning naps generally fall between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Older infants will nap later. Graco Playard Sheets are EEC acceptable.

Activities
A variety of activities are offered. We work to include Gross Motor Activities, Fine Motor Activities, Language, Cognitive and Beginning Self-help Skills that occur throughout the day.

Lunch & Afternoon Naps
Children are fed on their own individual schedule typically falling between 11:30 and 1:00. Afternoon naps fall between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m. based on their individual needs (as much as possible).

Afternoon Snacks
Older infants eat snacks between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Snacks can be provided from home or we will provide an appropriate infant snack (fruit, cheerios or crackers).

Departure
Parents will check the fridge and cabinet for any unused food/bottles. Please arrive a few minute before your allotted pick up time to allow time to speak with caregivers if needed.

Mornings and Evenings
Infant and toddler classrooms will combine in early and late hours for ratio purposes.

Toddlers



Your toddler is entering an exciting time of growth and discovery. In the coming months you will find that your toddler will be more actively exploring his or her environment. Your child will become more independent as this emerging individual begins to assert him/herself.

What to Bring When Starting

- Lunch in a LABELED lunchbox. (Use an ice pack if it must be kept cool.) BentGo Kids lunch boxes are highly recommended. Nothing glass. No microwaving of foods.
- Water daily in a LABELED water bottle. Contigo Kids Insulated work best!
- Small Sleeve of diapers, 2 packs of wipes
- Wet Bag (appx 12" x 14") (Will be supplied)
- Rollee Pollee and Bag (Will be supplied)
- Extra clothing, list found in CLOTHING
- Sunscreen in Summer (No Sprays)

What to Bring in Daily

Filled water bottle and lunchbox. Please refrain from pureed baby foods as toddlers are now able to feed themselves. See Meals, Snacks and Food Allergies for detailed information.

Clothing

Toddlers love to make messes! They are also learning to use the toilet. Because of this we ask that you provide us with three complete changes of clothes: shirts, pants, socks, and underwear. Please also make sure that these clothes are seasonally appropriate. Any soiled clothes will be returned to you in a plastic bag in your child's cubby. Please replace whatever clothing that is sent home the next school day so that your child is ready for the next day.

Diapers and Wipes

Please be sure to include a supply of diapers and wipes for your child to use while here. Each child is provided a cubby space specifically for diapering supplies and staff will inform you using brightwheel when the supply is running low. Please also bring any diaper creams and rash ointments or you normally use. Consent is needed on file with for application of these topical creams. When toilet training, please do not send in underwear style pullups, but rather Velcro sided diapers, pullups, or cloth underpants.

Toddlers



Transitions

We see many transitions in the toddler program. The children are changing from infants to toddlers. Some of the toddlers have moved from the infant program to the toddler program and some are spending time away from their parents for the first time. Each child reacts differently to these transitions. Some things you may observe your child doing as he/she experiences transitioning are as follows:

- Different sleep patterns
- Renewed clinginess
- Regression to some earlier, infant behaviors
- Changes in appetite
- Weepy, tearful emotions

Not all toddlers experience these behaviors, which are all temporary. The toddler staff is equipped to handle these behaviors. Please share any of your concerns with them and seek their help when needed.

Daily Log

Our toddler staff will use brightwheel to log your child's daily info. This includes, meals, diapers, rest times, and photos. Logs are updated throughout the day when time allows.

Bottles and Pacifiers

If your child is still using a bottle, we ask that you start to transition them to a cup before admission. Toddlers are best in using sippy cups in the classroom setting.
If your child is using a pacifier, we will work with them to limit use to rest time.

Rest Time

Toddlers nap on raised cots with a rollee pollee sleep system. Our rest time is between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm. State regulations require that bedding be laundered once a week. Please remember to bring your child's bedding home at the end of every week. A favorite soft animal or blanket are welcomed at rest time.

Meals and Water Bottles

Refer to Meals, Snack and Food Allergies for Snack, Lunch and Water Bottle information.

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Bumps and Scrapes

Your toddler is becoming more physically active, but not always accomplished in his or her climbing and balancing skills. Often toddlers seem to have no fear as they explore a new place. This mobility means that your toddler will have more bumps and scrapes than previously.You will be notified of any accidents through a written accident report, and or through Brightwheel . In all instances, children will be cared for and comforted should an accident occur. Even though our environment is set up with a toddler's safety in mind, bumps and scrapes are inevitable with these active explorers.

Progress Reports

Every six months your child's teacher will complete an evaluation of your child which highlights different areas of your child's development (unless the child has special needs of any kind, then it will be every three months.) You will receive a copy of the evaluation and you will be given the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teachers to discuss it. As always, feel free to set up a meeting with your child's teachers at any time.

Toddler Eating Habits

Your child will enjoy a great variety of finger foods. We ask that food be precut at home into manageable pieces for your child to eat. Please refrain from sending in pureed baby foods, as toddlers are practicing independence and fine motor skills by feeding him/herself. Some foods such as hot dogs, string cheese and grapes should be cut into smaller pieces to avoid choking. Please also refrain from sending raisins, gummy fruit snacks and rolls as they are choking hazards. Toddlers will often go through periods when they will only eat one food or will not eat at all. Always offer nutritious foods and snacks low in sugar for your child to choose. This is a good age to introduce new foods to children. Celebration Child Care is PEANUT FREE.

Food Suggestions

- Cut up fresh fruits and vegetables (firmer vegetables will need to be steamed first)
- Quartered sandwiches: tuna, chicken salad, cheese or any other creative combination
- Cubes of meat, cheese or tofu
- Yogurt, applesauce for working on self feeding with a spoon
- Pasta/rice/beans, small cubes of tender meat

Toddler Biting



Biting is typically seen during the toddler years. It occurs at this age for a variety of reasons including:

- Teething
- Lack of awareness that biting hurts
- Frustration: inability to express oneself verbally
- Hunger or tiredness
- Mimicking behavior
- Territorial or possessive behavior

We use preventative measures to minimize the occurrence of biting in our toddler classrooms. However, because this can be a common toddler behavior, you may experience your child biting others, or get bitten . The toddler staff follow procedures to tend to the bitten child and to monitor the child who bit. Our procedures are as follows:

- Tend first to the child who has been bitten, comforting him or her and caring for the bite.
- Say a firm “No, biting hurts!” to the toddler who bit.
- Model empathy toward the hurt child.
- Encourage the child who bit to comfort the child who was bitten.
- Help the children involved to express themselves verbally by modeling simple words for them to use.
- When possible, encourage resolution of the problem.
- Help the child who was bitten to express him/herself (“No biting!”).
- Help the child who bit to find other ways to express feelings (“Mine!”) or ask a teacher for help.
- If possible, find a way to involve both children in creative play afterward.

Approximate Toddler Schedule



7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival/Free Choice
9:00	AM Snack
9:30	Diapers/Toileting
10:00	Circle
10:30	Projects/Centers
11:00	Outside/Gross Motor
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Diapers/Toileting/Winding Down
1:00	Nap
2:30	Wake Up/Diapers/Toileting
3:00	PM Snack
3:30	Free Choice
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Outside/Gross Motor until Departure

Infant and toddler classrooms will combine in early and late hours for ratio purposes.

Preschool



The goal in preschool is to encourage and provide opportunities for each child to develop independence and self-help skills. We have two preschool classrooms. Enrollment in the Voyagers classroom is for first year preschool students. Enrollment in the Scouts classroom is for first and second year preschool students. Each day, the children are introduced to the structured and free choice activities made available in the various learning centers. These activities will be illustrated throughout the room and the children freely choose areas to engage in. Each area is limited to a certain number of children. The children are encouraged and reminded to take notice of this upon entering the area for play. We have come to appreciate the skills needed to successfully negotiate these choices and the preschool staff is available to assist, play and learn right alongside your preschooler.

What to Bring When Starting

- Lunch in a LABELED lunchbox. (Use an ice pack if it must be kept cool.) BentGo Kids lunch boxes are highly recommended. Nothing glass. No microwaving of foods.
- Water daily in a LABELED water bottle. Contigo Kids Insulated work best!
- Wet Bag (appx 12" x 14") (Will be supplied)
- Rollee Pollee and Bag (Will be supplied)
- Extra clothing, list found in CLOTHING
- Sunscreen in Summer (No Sprays)

Cubbies

Your child has a cubby to store belongings in and will learn to hang up up his/her own coat and store his/her own lunch box. Your child will have access to his/her belongings and will be encouraged to retrieve these belongings when needed. Projects and certain notices will be placed in your child's cubby, so it is important to check your child's cubby daily.

Combining

There will be parts of your child's day where he or she is interacting with the children in the other classroom. In the early and late hours, the Preschool classrooms will combine for ratio purposes.

Preschool



Progress Reports

Teachers will do an evaluation of your child's development every six months for Preschool students, and every three months for children with special needs of any kind. You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's Primary Caregiver as well.

Rest Time

Children nap on raised cots with a rollee pollee sleep system. Our rest time is between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm. State regulations require that bedding be laundered once a week or when soiled. Please remember to bring your child's bedding home at the end of every week,and return the following week. A favorite soft animal or blanket are welcomed at rest time. Children are not required to sleep at rest time. We ask these children to be respectful of the children who do sleep. These children are given quiet activities during rest time.

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Changes in Policies

The fees, procedures, and policies stated in this handbook are subject to be changed at the discretion of the center director and/or Pastor of Celebration International Church. Any changes made will be shared with parents, with a minimum of seven days notice.

Compliance History

To inquire about our program's compliance history, contact the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) at 508-798-5180.
They are located at 10 Austin Street, Worcester, MA 01609

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1. **The Great Commandment**

You [followers of Christ] shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 22:37-40

2. **The Great Commission**

All authority has been given to Me [Jesus] in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:18-20

3. **Unity in thought and purpose**

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
1 Corinthians 1:10

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
Philippians 2:1-2

4. **Unity in essential beliefs**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.
Ephesians 4:4-6

5. **Liberty in non-essential beliefs**

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. Who are you to judge... each of us shall give account of himself to God. Have it to yourself before God.
Romans 14:1-22

6. **Charity (love) in all beliefs**

And though I [Paul] have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
1 Corinthians 13:2

7. **The Bible is the divine revelation of God to people**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
Timothy 3:16-17

8. **The Bible is our fixed source of authority for faith and conduct**

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.
1 Thessalonians 2:13

9. **The Bible is without error and endurable for all generations and cultures**

The entirety of Your Word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.
Psalm 119:160

No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
2 Peter 1:20-21

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10. God is eternal, having always existed outside of time and space
Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion..." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Genesis 1:26-27

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
Psalm 90:2

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
Revelation 1:8

11. God is a single Being consisting of three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My *[Jesus]* name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
John 14:26

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...
Matthew 28:19

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word *[Jesus as referenced in John 1:1-4]*, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.
1 John 5:7

12. Jesus is the eternal Son of God, both fully God and fully man
In the beginning was the Word *[Jesus]*, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
John 1:1-4

And the Word *[Jesus]* became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
John 1:14-17

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2: 4-11

13. Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin
Behold, the virgin *[Mary]* shall be with child, and bear a Son *[Jesus]*, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."
Matthew 1:23

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
Luke 1:30-35

14. Jesus is without sin
Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth...
1 Peter 2:22

For we do not have a High Priest *[Jesus]* who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Hebrews 4:11-15

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15. Jesus is one who ultimately restores mankind from sin through the shedding of His blood
For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
Matthew 26:28

And He *[Jesus]* said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many."
Mark 4:24

16. Jesus is raised from the dead and seated with the Heavenly Father
But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay..."
Matthew 28:5-6

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know – Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it...
Acts 2:22-24

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.
1 Corinthians 15:3-4

17. Jesus heals the sick
Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.
James 5:14-16

Surely, He *[Jesus]* has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:4-5

18. Jesus is returning again to reign eternally in a new heaven and new earth
Now, when He *[Jesus]* had spoken these things, while they *[the disciples]* watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
Acts 1:9-11

Now I *[John]* saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God..."
Revelation 21:1-3

19. The Holy Spirit is present to make people aware of their need of Jesus
But I *[Jesus]* tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper *[the Holy Spirit]* will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
John 16:7-11

20. The Holy Spirit is present to empower believers to live more victoriously
Behold, I *[Jesus]* send the Promise *[the Holy Spirit]* of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.
Luke 24:49

I *[Jesus]* will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
John 14:16-17

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
Acts 1:8

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21. People are made in the spiritual image of God
Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Genesis 1:26-27

22. People are fallen from innocence due to a willful choice to do wrong
So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
Genesis 3:6-8

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
Romans 3:23

23. People are destined for eternal separation from God unless they are reconciled
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

Then I *[John]* saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.
Revelation 20:11-15

24. People are provided an opportunity to be reconciled to God
But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
Romans 5:8-11

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight...
Colossians 1:19-22

25. People are invited to accept Christ, repent of sin, and be regenerated
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
John 3:16-17

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."
Luke 9:23-24

Then Peter said to them *[the onlookers who were gathered in Jerusalem to witness the outpouring on Pentecost]*, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:38

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...
Titus 2:11-13

...not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He *[Jesus]* saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Titus 3:5-7

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26. People are in need of sanctification
Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:21-23

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality…
1 Thessalonians 4:3

27. People are commanded to relinquish the authority over their lives to Christ
Therefore you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes, which I command you today.
Deuteronomy 27:10

But this is what I *[*The Lord*]* commanded them, saying, "Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you."
Jeremiah 7:23

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. …do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
1 Corinthians 6:15-20

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
1 Corinthians 10:4-6

28. The Church is the Body of Christ consisting of all believers in all nations and in all generations
For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:13

29. The Church is called to observe the ordinance of baptism
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit…
Matthew 28:19

"Can anyone forbid water, that these *[*Gentiles associated with Cornelius in Caesarea*]* should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *[*Jews in Peter's delegation*]* have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.
Acts 10:47-48

30. The Church is called to observe the ordinance of Holy Communion
Then He *[*Jesus*]* took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves *[*the twelve disciples*];* for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.
Luke 19:17-20

For I *[*Paul*]* received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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31. The future is hopeful for the believer
Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
2 Peter 3:13

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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Now I *[John]* saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.
Revelation 21:1-7

32. The future is dismal and bleak for the unbeliever
Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
1 Corinthians 6:9-10

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.
Romans 1:20-25

33. Sin is a condition of the human heart that falls short of God's standard of perfection
For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

34. Sin is a reproach to any people
Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.
Proverbs 14:34

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
Romans 8:3-4

Now the works of the flesh *[sin]* are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
Galatians 5:19-21

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35. Matrimony is a holy monogamous marriage between one man and one woman
Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
Genesis 2:24

...let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.
1 Corinthians 7:2-4

Now to the married I *[Paul]* command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband.
1 Corinthians 7:10

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body... For this reason *[Eve created out of Adam – bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh]* a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
Ephesians 5:23, 31

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled...
Hebrews 13:4

36. Matrimony is ordained by God
And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
Genesis 2:18

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you..."
Exodus 20:12

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
Genesis 2:21-24

"For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence," says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."
Malachi 2:6

37. Matrimony is the basic unit of society through its ministry and testimony
Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
Ephesians 5:22-33

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38. The Importance of the Marriage Covenant

Marriageis a covenant made between two people, one man and one woman, with God. The Christian marriage covenant requires the married parties to be faithful, loving and helpful to each other as long as they both shall live (Malachi 2:15-16; Matthew 5:32; 19:5-6,9; Romans 7:2-3; I Corinthians 7:10-11, 15; II Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:22-25).

Marriage is a union ordained by God. It was first instituted by God in the early chapters of Genesis, codified in the Levitical law, the Old Testament prophets compared it to a relationship between God and his people, examples of it are in the historical narratives, and, the scripture discusses the unique unity of this relationship. Jesus explained the original intention and core elements of marriage, and several New Testament Epistles give explicit instructions on this union. Marriage is a typology of Jesus Christ and the Church. As such, the Church views marriage as a profound spiritual institution established by God. We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning, and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man, and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.

Due to the importance of marriage in the biblical witness, this church adopts the following:
Only currently Licensed or Ordained Celebration International Church, Inc. staff Pastors may officiate a marriage ceremony or renewal of vows ceremony.

Staff Pastors employed by Celebration International Church, Inc. shall be subject to dismissal and loss of Licensing/Ordination for officiating a same gender or transgender marriage ceremony, or a same gender or transgender renewal of vows ceremony.
Celebration Preschool facilities, or properties may not be used by any individual, group, or organization that advocates, endorses, or promotes homosexuality or transgender life as an alternative or acceptable lifestyle. This policy applies to events including but not limited to: Birthday Parties, Classes, Reunions, Anniversaries, Baby Showers, Weddings, and Renewal of Vows Services.

39. Statement on Gender and Sexuality

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
Genesis 1:27

This means that man and woman are two distinct genders willed by God their Creator in their respective beings, which reflect the image and nature of God. 'Being man' or 'being woman' is a reality that is good and willed by God.Therefore, to reject one's biological gender is to reject the work of the Creator and imply that God made a mistake.God does not make mistakes.
Rom. 1:24-27, Job 42:1-3; Isaiah 55:8, 9

As God's image bearers, man and woman have inalienable rights and ensuing responsibilities. Man and woman should be treated with dignity and respect.They should also lead lives worthy of the dignity of their unique gender. This is done by living chastely – a call all baptized Christians are called to follow.
Ephesians 5:3

As man and woman "put on Christ" – the model for all chastity – they pledge to lead a chaste life consistent with their vocation either by consecrating themselves to God or entering the God ordained institution of marriage. A chaste person respects the gift of sexuality given to him or her by God.Married people are called to live in conjugal chastity. "Marriage" has only one meaning: the matrimonial covenant, by which one man and one woman unite themselves in a lifelong partnership. God commands that the gift of sexual intimacy occur only between spouses of the opposite sex who are joined in Holy Matrimony.
1 Thess. 4:1-8, Rom. 13:13-14, Hebrews 13:4

Therefore any sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God.
Galatians 5:19-21, I Cor. 6:9-10

But God is merciful to all sinners. He offers redemption to all who confess and forsake their sins. Seeking His forgiveness and Mercy through Jesus Christ.
Matt. 16:19, Is 22:22, Matt. 18:18, Jn. 20:21, Jn. 20:22-23

In the Spirit of Christ, every person deserves to be treated with compassion, love, respect, and dignity, regardless of his or her position on Church teaching. Hateful behavior is inconsistent with the Gospel of Christ and the doctrine of the Church and should always be repudiated.

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In order to preserve the integrity of the Church as the Body of Christ, it is imperative that all church employees and volunteers agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. Church employees and volunteers have a special duty to live this statement since they serve as role models for society and the church community.

40. Church Order
Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.
Corinthians 14:40

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Galatians 5: 16-23