



# Welcome to Earthshine!

We look forward to partnering with your family to begin a sure to be amazing experience at Earthshine Early Childhood Enrichment Center! We are a play based center that uses both Montessori and Reggio Emilia philosophy in our engaging classroom spaces. We believe that play is the work of the child, and we set up our classroom environments to be the “third teacher” and give children a space of safety and belonging.

In this welcome letter, you will find more information about different expectations, what your child needs daily, and more information that will better prepare you for the first day. We look forward to providing you and your child an excellent learning experience and welcome you to our Earthshine Family!

**Arrival**  
Drop begins  
at 8:15am for  
morning  
enrichment. .

## Items Needed Daily

- Water bottle or cup
- Snack & Lunch\* see Food\*
- Extra Clothes ( 2 sets of full outfits, including a shirt, pants/ shorts, socks, and underwear, if needed)
- Diapers and Wipes ( teachers will inform you if your child is running low on these items )

## Hours:

We are a part time care center. All children must be picked up within 4 hours of their arrival. Children are not permitted to stay longer than 4 hours a day.

## Food

If your child attends morning enrichment, they will need to bring in a morning snack and lunch with them daily.

We ask you to bring in nutritious and filling foods, and avoid processed food with lots of sugars and fats. We know that food is fuel and we want to set the children up for a great day by fueling their bodies with healthy foods.

Please label all of your children’s snack items and water bottles with their name and date on it everyday.

## Toys:

No outside toys will be allowed at school. Your child will know that toys will be sent home at the door. This is not your struggle so we will help handle the situation if they have a hard time separating from the toy.

## Parent Involvement:

Drop off and pick up and be very busy times. If you need to discuss something with a teacher, please leave them a note and they will reach out as soon as possible.

We plan events throughout the year to enhance our community culture here at Earthshine. If you or someone in your family has a “talent” they wish to share with the children, please feel free to discuss with us so we can plan for a way to share it here at Earthshine!

