



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Keshet Child Development Center. Keshet is an independent school with over 29 years of experience serving the Northern Virginia pre-school community. Many of our alumni are college graduates already! Attached you will find an application for the 2009-2010 School Year. Please complete the application and return it with a \$100 non-refundable registration fee.

Keshet is a Developmentally Appropriate Practices pre-school. In providing a well-rounded child-centered curriculum, we use three important pieces of information: What we know about how children grow and develop what we know about this particular group of children and the social and cultural environment in which those children live and learn. For Keshet this means meeting the needs of the group and each individual child, and doing so within a Jewish context. We encourage children to participate in all facets of our program.

Keshet integrates Jewish activities and rituals into many of our activities, from saying prayers before we eat, to our weekly Shabbat, discussions of Tzedakah (charity) and Tikkun Olam (saving the world). Although we are guided by Jewish Values, Keshet welcomes families from the broader community and from a variety of backgrounds.

Current students and their siblings and siblings of former Keshet students receive registration priority. All applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as spots are filled on the basis of application receipt. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by mail.

The upcoming school year is going to be an exciting one; we are settled into our beautiful new facility, the halls are filled with happy children and we are preparing for Keshet's 30th school year. We look forward to having your family become part of our community. If you have any questions, please call me at the number above.

Sincerely,

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