

EHS Family Albums

Dear Parents:

In an effort to support your child when they are away from your care, we invite you to put together a book or album to keep in your child's classroom. How you do it and the materials you use are up to you; be as creative as you want! This is a good parent/child activity to do together. If you need half sheets of construction paper, markers or other supplies, let us know and we will loan these materials to you. Albums are intended to be handled by infants and toddlers and will be laminated to protect the pictures. Here are a few suggestions for your family album:

PICTURES (SNAPSHOTS) of your child from birth to the present, people who live in your household or other important family members and friends, photos of pets, favorite outings, etc. Staff members would also be happy to take a photo of you and your child at the center.

MAGAZINE PICTURES of favorite foods, toys and/or colors. Your child can help with choosing pictures, taping or gluing. You could also have your child color on the pages, or you could trace their handprint.

ROUTINES are very important to young children. Include pictures or write about mealtimes, bedtime or naptime, or other family routines at home. Kids also love to know what their parents are doing when they are away. Include information or pictures about your routines at work, school or home while they are at the center.

LABEL EVERYTHING so teachers can talk about the pictures with your child.

The ideas are unlimited. Just let us know if you have any questions, or need help in any way. The kids enjoy looking at their albums and the albums of their friends. We hope this is a good experience for you, and we look forward to learning about your family.

Don't forget: Any funds (if applicable) or time you put into this project is in-kind. Be sure to write it down!