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Temple Rodef Shalom’s Early Childhood Center has always been a caring, joyful, and supportive place for preschoolers. During the pandemic, the ECC proved itself to be exceptional.

**After a stressful summer of quarantine, our family was practically saved by the loving and nurturing environment of the ECC.**

The faculty and teachers have managed the entire school year with expertise. Since September, my children have raced out of the carpool line and into the school each morning, excited to start a new day at a place that has long felt like more than just a preschool.

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**The kindergarten program has far surpassed our expectations.**

The kids are learning all the reading, writing and math skills needed to excel in first grade in an environment that fosters creative thinking and a love of learning.

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*Am I too old for kindergarten?*

What I wouldn’t give to be a student in a TRS ECC class. The TRS ECC kindergarten program is an unbelievable amalgam of kindness and innovation. Every day, my daughter comes home thrilled with new knowledge and eager to teach our whole family. From earthworms to the solar system, each week features new art projects, science projects, reading concepts and math problems that are so much fun, they don’t even register with my child as ‘learning.’

*Thank you to all of the amazing teachers and staff at Rodef. I couldn’t imagine a better place to grow up!*

But most importantly, my daughter has learned how to be a good human. Generosity and kindness have always been the foundations of the school, and this year, my daughter has gained an even deeper sense of empathy. This year has been so hard for so many reasons, but **TRS has been a beacon of light.** My daughter has flourished in her love of learning, self-esteem, and ability to handle complex social situations with kindness and empathy. Halfway through the year, she is reading at a second-grade level and doing math problems with double digits — incredible!

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