

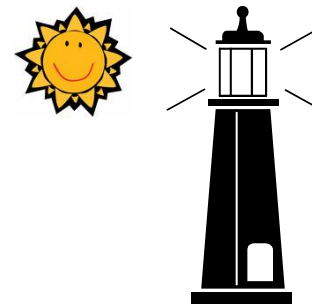
CHILD'S RECORDS

Your child's records are available for review through the school/childcare office.

IMPORTANT

Thank you for your time in reading this information. Please keep this booklet on file for future reference along with the Student/Parent Handbook.

NOTES:



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L – Love God and Others
I – Integrity Always
P – Personal Responsibility

WELCOME TO FUMS PRESCHOOL 3s & PRESCHOOL 4s

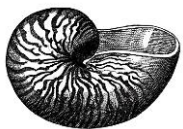
This year is going to be exciting! We look forward to helping our young children grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, and academically. The classes will be surrounded by love as we work, play, and grow together through this school year.

As teachers working together and seeking God's help for this school year, we keep this verse in mind:

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

- ✨ We want our children to learn about God, to live for Him and His Son, Jesus Christ.
- ✨ We want all to understand that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again so that their sins can be forgiven, and that they can receive the gift of eternal life in Heaven.
- ✨ We want to establish positive self-esteem in each child by helping him/her in areas of weakness and challenging him/her in areas of strength.
- ✨ We desire to train students to be independent by teaching them how to follow directions, and guiding them in making good decisions.
- ✨ We shall strive to give students a strong academic foundation in order for them to be successful in preschool 4s or kindergarten. We will be using the Frog Street Curriculum as the basis of our classes and supplement this with Purposeful Design and center activities.
- ✨ We shall strive to give our students a firm spiritual foundation so that they will be prepared to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

SHOW AND TELL



We believe this is important for each child in Preschool. Each child will have a "sharing time" once a month. We may have a particular theme for Show and Tell. If so, it will be explained in our

weekly or monthly newsletter and will give the Show and Tell schedule.

Please, no "toys". Suggested items: learning games, special gifts from parents, grandparents, etc., souvenirs from trips or items related to the area of study in the classroom. Help your child to be prepared to speak clearly and be able to answer questions. The item needs to be of a size that it will easily fit inside the child's cubby.

FIELD TRIPS



We are very selective when it comes to Field Trips. If we go on a trip we will need your help. The trips we usually go on are usually within walking distance of the school, however there might be a chance where we would require vehicle

transportation. If you are able to accompany us or drive, you must have a background check on file in the preschool/child care office and provide a copy of your driver's license and proof of insurance. Permission slips will include an area to be completed by chaperones. If driving, commit to transport only the number of children for whom you have safety belts. No siblings will be allowed on field trips due to insurance restrictions.

Please return field trip permission slips promptly. We cannot take your child off the school property without your written permission. All preschool students may be asked to wear the "Spirit T-shirt" on field trips. The "Spirit T-shirt" may be ordered & purchased through the child care office.

PLAYGROUND RULES



All items on the ground should remain on the ground.
Hands are to be kept to oneself.
Use playground equipment properly.
An adult will accompany any child leaving the playground.

Line up immediately at the teacher's signal.
Pushing, shoving, and biting are not tolerated.

CLASSROOM RULES



Listen to the adults in charge.
Use inside voices when inside any building or classroom.
Hands are to be kept to oneself.

Line up quietly and walk quietly through hallways.
Pushing, shoving, and biting are not tolerated.

CHAPEL RULES



Demonstrate reverence for God; heads bowed during prayer, singing appropriately; listen to speaker.
Sit correctly.

Parents are always welcome to attend the chapel services. We ask parents to sit in the back of the chapel. Students will be required to sit with their classes during chapel time. Younger siblings may attend chapel with parents, but they must also follow the chapel rules.

PRESCHOOL TEACHING HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Children may arrive between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. Cars may line up along the sidewalk by the annex or you may park in the parking lot adjacent to the annex. Please do not block the flow of traffic or park in restricted areas while waiting for a vacant place. Parking is also available in the church parking lot or in the mulch lot on Sproule Ave across from the playground.

Attendance policy for preschool 4 is mandated by the VPK program and is very stringent. A child absent more than 20% in a given month results in funds being withheld. FUMS has adopted the policy that a child missing more than 3 days in a month must meet with administration regarding continued enrollment in the program. Exceeding 3 absences in a second month will put the child in jeopardy of dismissal. Any student accumulating more than 30 days of absence will be dismissed from the program.

Although attendance and being on-time are not mandatory for preschool 3s, punctuality is important so that the child can participate fully in the program and not disrupt the class.

Before and after school care must be arranged through the childcare office.

Children are picked up in the classroom at 11:30 a.m. if they are not enrolled in any of our after preschool programs. A child not picked up by 11:30 a.m. may be assessed a late pick-up fee.

No child will be dismissed to anyone not listed on the child's registration form without written, signed permission from the parent. Anyone not listed on the child's file will also be required to show a photo I.D.

ABSENCES

Please refer to the Student Handbook or the **Attendance/Discipline policy for VPK for all guidelines.** Please call the office when your child will not be in attendance. Please be sure to inform the office when your child has a communicable disease. Any child who has a temperature of 100.5 or more will be required to go home and a child visibly ill will be sent home. A child must be fever free, with no vomiting or diarrhea for a 24 hour period before returning after an illness.

BACKPACKS

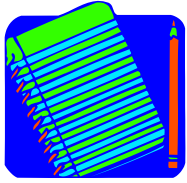
Please send you child with a backpack each day with an extra set of clothing in it. The backpack should be big enough to fit a full side folder in it along with the clothing. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELED WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME.**

REMEMBER



We realize that it will take students some time during the first few weeks of school to realize classroom and grounds' boundaries. We will attempt to be as flexible as possible, giving frequent warnings as school begins. We do not expect our students to be perfect, but we do need a degree of order to produce a successful learning environment. Your child will go through periods of great adjustment, but may at times still exhibit signs of frustration or separation anxiety. That is normal development.

COMMUNICATION



We believe that communication with parents is a necessary “tool” in helping a child achieve the maximum amount of growth academically, socially, and emotionally. It works to keep parents and teachers informed, enabling us to work as a team (parent + child + teacher).

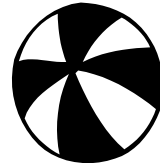
- Communication Folders: Some items may be sent home daily others will be sent home weekly. Please keep these items unless indicated something should be returned.
- Conferences: Problems are best handled when they are small. Problems do not go away; they only get bigger. If you see a need, please schedule a conference with the teacher. Teachers are more than willing to set up a private time to discuss a child.
- Weekly Newsletter: Each week a newsletter will be posted on the web site kissimmeefumc.org This will keep you informed of happenings within the classroom. Please post this for review throughout the week.
- Progress Reports: Progress reports will be issued twice a year, at the end of each semester. The children in our VPK program will be administered assessments 3 times during the year.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast should be eaten at home or in before school care. Breakfast will not be served after 7:30 a.m. Please do not send breakfast items or sippy cups with your child to preschool. A snack will be provided during the school day.

TOYS

Students should not bring personal toys to school. Each classroom is equipped with necessary materials for the school day. Toys have the tendency to get lost or broke and we are not responsible for any lost or broken toys.



BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to bring in a snack for your child’s birthday, please ask the teacher for an appropriate time so that the class is prepared and to allow time in the schedule. Two days advance notice is appreciated. **All food must be store bought.** Cupcakes are discouraged as most children do not eat them, and they are extremely messy. Cookies or brownies make great birthday snacks.

Please refrain from sending birthday party invitations to school with your child unless he/she is inviting the whole class, all the boys, or all the girls. This is to ensure that no feelings are hurt. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



CLOTHING

Each child should have a change of clothing that is either kept in the child’s cubby or in the child’s backpack. These will be used whenever needed and the soiled clothing will be sent home in a plastic bag. It is often wise to have a sweater or sweatshirt available for the child in case the room temperature is too chilly for him/her. **Closed toe and closed heel shoes with socks are required.** No boots or shoes with high heels.

WATER BOTTLES

Each child should have a filled water bottle each day. **Please label it with your child’s first and last name.** We will send them home each day. With our warm weather we want to make sure the children are staying hydrated. We will refill them as needed throughout the day.

LUNCHES

Children who are enrolled in our Extended Day Programs will need to pack a healthy lunch with a drink and ice pack. Please put hot food in thermos. There is **no** hot lunch. We will be offering pizza on Tuesdays & Fridays for an additional cost of \$2.00 each day. It will include pizza, drink, fruit and dessert. You must pay a month in advance and **not** the morning of pizza days. You can pay cash or write a separate check and attach it to the pizza form. **Please label it with your child’s first and last name.**