

Mission

Our mission at GUMC Preschool is to provide high quality preschool education in a loving Christian atmosphere for the families of our community.

Philosophy

GUMC Preschool is committed to providing excellence to the children it serves. The preschool is designed to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional and educational needs of preschool aged children, while developing a strong sense of community.

Program

The program at GUMC Preschool is planned to meet the individual needs of each child. All children are taught at their own level of development. This environment includes hands-on learning experiences for the children in areas of art, music, literature, letter and number readiness, self-esteem building, creative movement, cooking activities, perceptual skills, social skills, and large/small motor coordination.

Some of the Christian practices we will be learning are love, friendship, sharing, caring, forgiveness, fun, laughter, praise, respect, prayer, cooperation, helping, patience, gentleness, kindness, hospitality and play.



“Let the little children come to me...and he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:13-16

Notes & Questions



Reading at Home

Did you know there is a direct correlation between the number of books read to a child and the child's reading success? Reading aloud to your child is one of the best ways to help your child become a strong reader.

Here are some other reasons to read aloud to your child:

- To let your child see literacy skills modeled by family members
- To positively reinforce literacy skills learned in school
- To build vocabulary
- To foster imagination and creativity
- To enjoy books together and build a warm relationship with each other
- To build background knowledge
- To install a love of lifelong learning

As you read aloud to your child, keep these tips in mind:

- Try to read aloud with your child every day.
- Establish a regular time for reading together. Turn off television, radio, and ignore your phone during this time.
- Share some of your own favorite children's books with your child.
- Visit the library and help your child look for books that reflect their interest.
- Remember that listening is a skill that is strengthened the more children are read to. You may want to increase the number of minutes you spend reading with your child each day to reflect these growing skills.
- If you are reading a longer book to your child and need to break it into segments, always stop at a suspenseful part. You'll both look forward to returning to the story the next time.
- Talk with your child about what you are reading. Discuss predictions for what will happen next in the story.
- Vary your reading pace according to the story. (Slow down for suspenseful parts – go ahead and be dramatic.)
- Respond to your child's questions about the book. You can ask what your child thinks, and share your own ideas.
- Enjoy the books and the time spent together.



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the GUMC Preschool family! We are pleased that you have chosen GUMC Preschool for the early education of your child.

Enclosed you will find information on our purpose, policies, programs and services, parent involvement and responsibilities, and other items that will help you feel part of GUMC Preschool and answer some questions you may have.

GUMC Preschool is dedicated to providing excellence in instruction and guidance. Our focus is to meet the physical, emotional and educational need of preschool children while nurturing their character and developing their spirituality.

Please take a moment to review this booklet and keep it as a reference for any questions you have throughout the year. Additional information will be provided through our monthly newsletters, flyers and emails.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Miss Angie
Miss Brittany
Miss Tish

Time Schedules:

Pre-K AM	Mon, Tues, Thurs	9:30 - 12:00
Pre-K PM	Mon, Tues, Thurs	12:30 - 3:00
3's & 4's	Wed, Fri	10:00 - 12:00

Promptness

We feel that being punctual is essential if your child is to benefit from the entire school program. Dismissal time is as important as a prompt arrive time. Each child needs to feel confident that a parent or caregiver will be waiting for them at dismissal time. A late fee of \$1 will be charged for every minute you are late.

Fees

Tuition is due on or before the 1st of each month. A late fee of \$5 will be added to your child's account every week tuition is late. Please see Miss Angie, if a financial situation arises.

- Registration:
 - Non-refundable fee \$100 at time of registration
- Tuition:
 - Pre-K Classes \$140 per month
 - 3's & 4's Classes \$100 per month

Visiting

We are constantly trying to keep you informed of your child's progress. You are always welcome to visit our classroom. We ask that you wait until October to visit, so your child is able to adjust to his or her new environment. If it is necessary to contact us during school hours, please call: 317-881-1653. If we do not answer, please leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Field Trips

All fieldtrips for 1 child and 1 adult are included in the monthly tuition fee **EXCEPT** for **Clowes Hall**. Parents will be responsible for paying for this if you and your child plan to attend. Siblings and other adults are welcome to attend most field trips for an **ADDITIONAL** cost; which will be due 1 week before the field trip. We require that a parent or a caregiver attend the field trips with your child. We cannot accept the responsibility of transportation of the children. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact Miss Angie.

Birthdays

Birthdays may be celebrated at school. You are welcome to bring in a treat and napkins for your child's special day. We ask that you **DO NOT** bring in chocolate cupcakes because they are very messy. You can bring in cookies, vanilla cupcakes, etc. Please make prior arrangements, so we can write it on our calendar.

Absence

We encourage good attendance habits. However if your child displays any of these symptoms, please do not bring them to preschool:

- Has had a fever within the last 24 hours
- Has vomited within the last 24 hours
- Has a runny nose with green or yellow mucus
- Has had severe diarrhea with the last 24 hours
- Has been exposed to a contagious condition such as chicken pox, measles, strep throat, or roseola

No medication of any kind will be administered by any preschool staff person. Remember the "Golden Rule" of Sick Day decisions: If another child had the same symptoms, would you want them sitting next to your child?

Be sure to call the school if your child will not be attending that day: 317-881-1653.

Show & Tell

Pre-K classes will have a new letter introduced to them every Monday. On Tuesday, please send in an object that starts with the letter for that week. For example: a ball for the letter "B", an apple for the letter "A", etc.

Homework

Pre-K classes will need to purchase a homework folder. Please write your child's name on the outside of it in permanent marker. Students need to bring their folder to class every Monday and turn it into a teacher. It is your child's responsibility to get his or her folder out of their backpack and turn it in, NOT the teachers ☺ Each week we will have an in class homework paper for each child to complete. There will be a homework chart in the hallway. Once homework has been completed and graded, a teacher will put a sticker on the homework chart for your child. Please help your child practice writing his or her name **3 times every day** using upper and lower case letters.

School Calendar

Please see the enclosed GUMC Preschool calendar. We follow the Greenwood Community School Corporations schedule.

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