

PUMC Preschool Program Information

As we look forward to year 29 it is important to highlight what continues to make Powhatan Methodist an excellent place for young children. The understanding of how children learn gained by years of experience in the field of Early Childhood Education is what qualifies our staff to teach your little ones. Read on to learn how the experience, knowledge and education of our teachers carries over into planning the preschool programs offered for the coming year.

The 9-12 **Morning Preschool** hours remain the most popular but Early Drop Off is available to all children starting at 7:45 AM. **'Lunch Bunch'** is offered every day until 2 PM. As you read the registration form, choose the class that best meets the age of the child and needs of the family. Please give us a call if you would like help with this decision. Our goal is to continue to make our preschool the very best place for young children to transition from the learning process begun at home to the formal education they will begin as kindergartners.

Need extra care for your child? The **Extended Care Program** provides care from 7:45 AM to 9 AM and then again after preschool hours until 4:30 PM. The longer day may be perfect for teachers and parents who work from home or who have flexible schedules. Our morning preschool teachers promise to care for your little ones as we would our own children.

CLASS OFFERINGS

For our youngest children we offer **Developmental 2's and 3's Classes**. In both the 2 and 3 day classes emphasis will be on the social, emotional and physical development of the child. We may have some openings for children not quite 2 ½ by September 30. If you want your child to be considered, please give Miss Sharon a call. Our 3 day 3's classes are divided into 'older' and 'younger' age groups with learning goals to match developmental readiness. By choosing both the 2 and 3 day classes your child may attend preschool 5 days a week. All children are given the opportunity to explore the preschool environment as they learn through teacher guided play experiences. Potty training is not required but strongly encouraged for the older 3's class.

Powhatan County offers kindergarten to children who will be 5 by September 30, 2017 however children do not have to be enrolled in school until the fall following their 6th birthday. Kindergarten expectations are very academic and demanding and parents are frequently choosing to wait a year before enrolling a child who is a young 5 in a full day kindergarten. The classes in our **Pre K 4/5's Program** provide a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum that seeks to prepare children socially, emotionally, physically and academically for kindergarten. Pre-reading, writing and math skills are taught in a center based environment where children play as they learn.

Many families love the 3 mornings a week 9-12 format that traditional preschools were built on and we do, too! Our **3 days a week Pre K Class is on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. Another popular choice for children in the year before they begin kindergarten is the **4 days a week Pre K Class offered Monday-Thursday**. Children must turn 4 by September 30, 2017 to enroll in either of these classes.

While all 4-5's classes are 'pre-kindergarten' our **5 days a Week Pre K Class** is tailored to meet the needs of older 4's (must be 4 by May 1, 2017) and young 5's (late spring to summer/fall birthdays). It is a place for children who are bright but will benefit from another year of preschool to mature before going to kindergarten, if they are given the 'gift of time'.

Children in the 4 and 5 day classes may also choose the '**extended session option**' that is offered Monday-Thursday. This 2 hour addition to the preschool morning will give teachers the time for enrichment activities to expand on the morning lessons. Children will bring a lunch from home and eat together in the classroom.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the fall is open beginning on March 14, 2017 and continues until all classes are full. **Early Bird Registration** fees apply until April 1, 2017. A registration form can be downloaded from this website or you may request that a form be mailed to you. Please call 598-6090 or email us at pumcpres@gmail.com

Early Bird Fees are:

\$60 for two days a week classes

\$70 for 3, 4 or 5 days a week classes

Registration Fees as of April 1, 2017 are:

\$80 for 2 day classes

\$90 for all other classes.

There is no registration fee required for participation in Extended Care.

All classes are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis so to have the best choice of classes, be sure to register early. You may register in person by bringing your forms to the director or you can mail forms to: PUMC Preschool, 2253 Rosson Rd. Powhatan VA 23139

Thank you for considering Powhatan Methodist Preschool for your child. Our experienced staff and the thousands of preschool graduates who are our 'alumnae' are what make us a "tried and true" but ever changing tradition in the Powhatan Community. We love children and hope to have the opportunity to work with yours soon!

Powhatan Methodist Preschool is a non-profit ministry of Powhatan United Methodist Church and welcomes all families.