

St. Patrick's Pre-K Overview 2018-2019

Curriculum

- Our classroom curriculum is based and designed not only to prepare your child for kindergarten, but to provide a firm foundation on which to build a Christian life.
- We use Saxon Math, Zaner Bloser Handwriting, and Allelu Religion curriculum.
- We use a comprehensive approach to teaching, incorporating centers, music, and dramatic play to support a theme. Our art projects reflect our themes and are designed to teach a specific skill. Themes change every 1-2 weeks. Families will receive a weekly newsletter that contains what specific skills we will be working on that week, letter and number of the week, etc.

Drop Off, Late Arrival, and Pick Up

For your child's safety, we ask that you do not drop your preschooler off. It will be necessary to bring your child into the library every day or they may be escorted by a sibling or older friend. On occasion, staff members may be available at the front door. If no one is available at the door to escort your child, please park your car on the side as not to block the flow of traffic.

- Please do not come into the classroom to pick up your child. They will be called to the front and escorted to their cars by staff or faculty members. This helps decrease the confusion and ensure that each child leaves safely.
- Earlycare will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. in the Library. Aftercare is available from 3:15 to 5:30. Please see Mrs. James for the enrollment paperwork for Earlycare or Aftercare. Children should not be dropped

off before 7:15 am., unless they are enrolled in the Earlycare program. If you drop your child off between 7:15 and 7:40 they will gather in the library.

- All children should be picked up no later than 3:15. Cars must be placed in PARK before children are allowed to come to the car. **Do not pull away until the sign is given by Mrs. James.**

Lunch

- Your child may either bring a lunch or buy a hot lunch from the cafeteria.

- If your child brings his/her lunch, please help me out as much as possible before you pack it. Ex: cut up spaghetti, peel apples, cut off bread crusts, etc.

- Meal tickets are \$15.00/week (five lunches) OR \$3.00/lunch (if they do not want to buy lunch everyday of the week). I suggest sending in your lunch money at the beginning of the week.

- Students may also purchase a milk ticket. This can be used with a lunch they bring from home, or if they would like extra milk with lunch purchased from school. Milk tickets are \$3.00/week (five milks) or \$0.60/milk. Students can choose from chocolate or white milk.

- When you send in lunch or milk money PLEASE label what it is for to help avoid confusion!

- Please send a cold pack with any foods that require refrigeration. Our refrigerator space is very limited.

- Spoons/forks and napkins are provided.

Snack

- Your child will have a morning snack each day. The time is listed on your copy of the class schedule.

- Please send a snack and a juice box or small bottle of water. Please, no extra sugary snacks like candy bars or sodas. Your child can purchase daily snacks at school, but please label as snack money.

•Please send snack daily. There is not adequate storage in the classroom for a weeks' worth.

Communication

- Your child's two pocket folder will be used as a communication folder. One side is for their behavior calendar and important notes and memos. The other side will be used to send home papers, artwork, etc.
- The zipper pouch in your child's folder is used to send lunch money, milk money, and any change.
- There is also a copy of the daily schedule in your child's folder.
- Please send this to school with your child every day and remember to check it each night.

Discipline

- In our classroom we use a color coded behavior clip chart.
- Every child will start their day at "ready to learn". During the day, they can move up or down the chart based on their behavior.
- If a child breaks one of the classroom rules, their clip will be moved down.
- If a child is being especially good, or the teacher catches him or her doing a good deed, their clip can be moved higher on the chart.
- The child's behavior will be reported daily to parents via the Behavior Calendar in their daily folder.

Super Student (Blue)
Great Job (Green)
Ready to Learn (Yellow)
Think About It (Orange)
Try Harder (Red)

Sick Policy

- Please do not bring your child when he or she has a contagious illness. When your child becomes ill while at school, they must be picked up as soon as possible. Your child may return to school when he or she has been free of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting for 24 hours. If there is a contagious illness present such as chicken pox, we will notify each family so that they can watch for symptoms.
- If your child is going to be absent due to illness or any other reason, please make sure to call the school and let the office know.

Uniforms

The uniform code can be found online at our website, www.sps-tn.org It is found in the parent/student handbook.)

- Khaki pants or shorts (shorts may be worn until Thanksgiving and after Spring Break). Belts must be worn unless the waist is elastic.
- White or forest green knit polos or white oxford button ups. White oxford button ups are worn every Friday.
- Forest green sweatshirts with school patch or forest green sweaters with school patch. School patches may be purchased in the office.
- Girls may also wear plaid skorts, jumpers, and shorts purchased from Dennis-Larose.
- Shoes must be white, brown, or black. Tennis shoes must be pull on or velcro. No shoe strings, please. Do not send your child in clogs, sandals, boots, etc.
- An extra set of clothes must be sent to school for accidents. This does not have to be a uniform. It should include a change of pants, underwear, socks, and a shirt. Please label these!

- We do have a limited number of used uniforms. These will be put out for purchase in the Activity Center after the picnic.