

Asbury Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Information, 2010-2011

Program

It is the philosophy of Asbury Kindergarten and Preschool that early childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploration, and discovery. Preschool children are creative and receptive. The staff strives to nurture and encourage these qualities in the children who are part of this program.

The school's purpose is to provide an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and intellectual growth and development of the child as a whole.

Planned within the framework of Christian philosophy and purpose, Asbury's curriculum includes: sharing and conversation time; stories, songs, and finger-plays; creative art activities and crafts; games and gross motor activities; food preparation; science and nature activities; exposure to shapes, colors, numbers, and letters.

Standards

Asbury Kindergarten and Preschool, established in 1962, complies with all of the standards put forth by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Daily operation is monitored by the Kindergarten Advisory Committee. The KAC is comprised of the Kindergarten Director, two other members of the staff, and several parents- all selected by the Kindergarten Staff. The Asbury Memorial UMC Kindergarten Board oversees the larger function of the Kindergarten as a ministry and intervenes in financial, legal, and facility management issues.

Admissions Policy

Children are admitted regardless of race, creed, color, sex, nationality, or religion. Handicapped children will be accepted on the approval of the Director and the Board.

To be eligible, a child must be 2, 3, 4, or 5 years of age prior to September 1 of the current school year. **(Children enrolled in Three, Four and Five year old classes must be fully potty trained.)**

Tuition

Tuition is an annual fee. It may be paid in full in July or in nine equal monthly installments. Because tuition is an annual fee, no refunds are given for illness, vacation, or snow days; and those days are not made up.

- ◆ 5K, 9:00-2:30, M-F \$2565 annually, \$285 monthly
- ◆ 2¢, 3¢, 4¢ 9:00-12:00, M-F \$1575 annually, \$175 monthly
- ◆ 2¢ and 3¢, 9:00-12:00, T,W,Th \$1440 annually, \$160 monthly

Kindergarten (5K) Attendance

Because Five-Year-Old Kindergarten is mandated by the state of South Carolina, we require each child enrolled in the program to meet attendance requirements. A child should miss no more than 10 days of school during the year. A doctor's excuse will be required for absences which exceed two consecutive days.

Our desire is for your child to be ready to meet the demands of First Grade when he or she has completed the year with us. In order for your child to have every opportunity to meet those demands, it is necessary for him or her to be in attendance unless prevented for health reasons or family emergency.

Your child will receive academic instruction which follows the standards set forth by the state of South Carolina. Because you have chosen to send your child to this Kindergarten program, your child has the advantage of receiving this instruction in a secure, loving, structured small-group setting. We want the best for your child, and in order for this program to be effective, your child should be in attendance on a regular, timely basis.

Curriculum Guidelines

The curriculum for Twos, Threes, and Fours is based upon the child's need to become autonomous, acquire social skills, develop language, and learn through action and sensory-motor activities. The environment is safe and stimulating; focusing on action-based sensory experiences. The learning activities are geared to the child's developmental readiness and needs. Activities and learning opportunities are sequential and challenging.

Teachers of the 2's, 3's, and 4's use the **High Reach Curriculum, Creative Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears**, and also a curriculum based on Christian principles. These curricula provide appropriate learning experiences for the children. Our Kindergarten program also uses **Handwriting Without Tears, Starfall Curriculum, and Mathematics Their Way**.

Health Information

Each child is required by state regulations to have on file a health statement (DSS 2901), which includes a record of up-to-date immunizations. If a child's health care summary is not complete at the time of enrollment or within 30 days after enrollment, the child will be excluded from the program. **Asbury is equipped for well children only.**

Operation

Asbury Kindergarten and Preschool is open the Tuesday after Labor Day until the **third Thursday in May**.

Chapel

The Three, Four, and Five-year-olds attend Chapel once a week. At this time the Minister of Asbury will share stories with the children and speak to them about traditional Christian beliefs.

Because we are a faith-based kindergarten, Christian values and beliefs are obviously part of our program and are shared with you and your child through the Christian environment as well as through stories and songs.

Asbury Enrichment

Asbury offers opportunities for afternoon enrichment. Additional registration fees and monthly tuition is required.

- **Monday, Spanish Class** is offered to fours and fives.
- **Tuesday, Cooking Class** is offered to fours and fives.
- **Gymnastics—Joe’s Planet Funastics** is offered on **Wednesday** to threes, fours, and fives.
- **Karate on Thursday** is open to threes, fours, and fives.

Early and Extended Care

Early Care—7:30 AM-----\$4.00 per morning

Extended Care· 12:15 PM-----1:00 (**Lunch Bunch**), \$4.00 per day

2:30 pick-up, \$8.00 per day

5:30 pick-up, \$15.00 per day

Extended Care for students in special afternoon

activities until **2:30 PM**· \$4.00 per day

Parent Volunteers in Action

Parents are encouraged to attend PVA meetings. **All parents are members of the Parent Volunteers in Action (PVA).** PVA is responsible for organizing all special activities of the school.

Parent Conferences

A parent conference is offered in May. (This is offered twice in the year for our 5K children.) Either the parent or teacher may request an additional conference any time there is a special concern. Formal evaluations are done for each child in January and May. Teachers and parents are asked not to discuss a child in the presence of that child or any other child.

Parents are always welcome at Asbury.