



"Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life." (Proverbs 22:6 TEV)

Welcome to Asbury Preschool! We look forward to our 24th year with wonderful children, fantastic parents and the best teachers in the business! For those who are returning, and new families too of course, we will continue to provide the highest quality early childhood education for your child in a loving Christian environment. We appreciate all your support in helping us attain this desire for excellence.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please call whenever your child is absent or you are planning a vacation. This is helpful for teachers especially when there are field trips or special activities involved. The number is **846-4773**. Be sure that all caregivers, family members, etc. have our number too. If you move, change jobs, or phone numbers, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can update your child's emergency information. Cell phone numbers are very helpful if you have one.

Please remember that you are responsible for keeping yourself informed about what goes on in your child's class, dates that are mentioned in the Newsletter, Parent Handbook, and other announcements and classroom notices. Our website is asburyraleigh.org. Our Webmaster, Susan Martin, a preschool alum, does a great job in getting the word out via the web. If you are looking for a church home, please visit Asbury. Kidstuf is our 10:15 worship designed especially for children and their parents.

Teachers are ready to receive children at 9:15. The staff gathers at 9 a.m. to have a morning prayer time and then will proceed to their classrooms. You need to make sure your child's hands are washed upon entering the classroom. For classrooms without sinks, there are bathrooms located at the end of the hallway or adjacent to the main entrance to the church.

Goodbyes during the first few weeks of school may be unpredictable. You can help your child by saying a loving but casual "Goodbye - see you later" at the door and leave. **Do not use your cell phone while dropping off or picking up your child.** Your child wants and needs your full attention and supervision. Also, when parents linger in the class, the day cannot begin as it should. This is not an appropriate time for parents to visit together or chat with teachers. Teachers need to be greeting children and getting the morning started for them. If your teacher needs information, such as Sally did not sleep well last night, or our Grandmother is ill and Tommy is concerned about her, please WRITE A NOTE to hand to the teacher. Our policy is to avoid talking about a child in the presence of the child or other adults. Thanks for helping. I hope you understand that this comes from wanting the best for your child and his or her days at preschool. It will also help your child adjust quickly to the new routine of coming to preschool.

Your child needs to be dressed in play clothes and tennis shoes. They will paint, play in the sand, spill their drink, and do all sorts of things that are hard on dress clothes. As for the shoes, sandals and dress shoes, even "old" dress shoes, are unsafe on the playground and not made for play. Crocs are not safe for climbing as they can slip off. Tennis shoes are best for active play.

We do not refrigerate lunch boxes for lunch bunch. Lunch boxes must be insulated and an ice pack must be included. Only food items that do not require refrigeration can be brought in uninsulated lunchboxes without ice packs. All hazardous foods not properly packed cannot be served to your child. Children must have either milk or plain water (not flavored, sparkling, etc.) in their lunches. These are licensing and sanitation rules by the state of North Carolina Health Dept. and the Division of Child Development. We cannot serve food that is stored in a dirty or moldy lunch box. Daily cleaning after each use will keep the box safe and sanitary for your child.

REMEMBER! LABEL EVERYTHING!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* We continue to save General Mills box tops for education. Parents and relatives and friends far and wide have done a great job in the past, and I know this will be another banner label year. Thanks to Mary Simpson, our box top coordinator. Look for future articles in upcoming Newsletters. Drop off your General Mills box tops in the big can in the office. All money raised goes to our Teel Padgett Scholarship fund. Each box top is worth ten cents. Our *Harris Teeter* VIC number is 5751. Don't forget to link or relink your VIC card online at www.harristeeter.com. Each card can be linked to up to 5 schools so you don't have to choose between your elementary school and preschool. You can also link at the checkout. Kroger uses a UPC code that you link with when you get to the check out. You only need to scan it once during the school year. The Teel Padgett program also benefits from these programs.

* Please adhere to seatbelt regulations. The rule of thumb is if your child needs the shoulder restraint placed behind him because it doesn't fit properly, your child needs to be in a child restraint system. We will not be allowed to transport your child on field trips unless they have a safety seat. Children must be in a child restraint system until they are eight and 80 pounds. If you are not familiar with this law, please stop by the office. We do not want your children or parent volunteers in jeopardy.

* Threes, Fours, and Transitional Kindergarten always need drivers for field trips. Teachers will have sign-up sheets for trips posted on their door well in advance of any trips taken. Volunteer drivers and chaperones will be listed at the classroom door.

* We love celebrating birthdays at school. Talk to your child's teacher if you'd like to bring a snack for your child's birthday. Please remember that licensing law requires that we serve only healthy snacks. Your preschool handbook has lots of suggestions. Please check with your child's teacher to make sure there aren't any food allergies in the class. Teachers can also help if you are stumped for ideas. Please do not bring toys, goody bags, or balloons. They are not allowed.

* If you'd like to be on our substitute list, give your name, phone number, and the days you will be available to Lori or Valerie. There is an orientation handout and a health questionnaire required. This is a paid position.

MEET THE STAFF

Toddler Tuesdays: Susanne Martin, Lead Teacher and Sandy Jenekens, Assistant.

Twos, TWF: Maxine Della Fave, Lead Teacher and Catherine Hawthorne, Assistant.

Twos, MTh: Maxine Della Fave, Lead Teacher and Suzanne Bass, Assistant.

Twos, WF: Kellie McDonald, Lead Teacher and Suzanne Bass, Assistant.

Twos, MTh: Susanne Martin, Lead Teacher and Jennifer Sommers, Assistant.

Threes, MTh: Diane Ellison, Lead Teacher, Kellie McDonald, Assistant.

Threes, TWF: Diane Ellison, Lead Teacher and Alison Rhodes, Assistant.

Threes, WF: Corene Allen, Lead Teacher and Georjeanne Kelly, Assistant.

Threes, TWF: Mary Ann Chapman, Lead Teacher and Lee Domville, Assistant

Threes, MTh: Mary Ann Chapman, Lead Teacher and Sandy Jenekens, Assistant.

Fours MTTh: Corene Allen, Lead Teacher and Jean Drye, Assistant.

Fours, MTh: Beth Gaspar, Lead Teacher and Julie McGrath, Assistant.

Fours, TWF: Beth Gaspar, Lead Teacher and Verna Zwilling, Assistant.

Fours, TWThF: Marty Fort, Lead Teacher and Letty Phillips, Assistant.

Fours, Five days: Jill Barnes, Lead Teacher, Shirlee Olgiate, Assistant.

Kindergarten: Linda Rodwell, Lead Teacher, Carolyn Brownlow, Assistant.

Music Teacher: Judy Parrott.

Supply Manager: Alison Rhodes.

Business Manager: Valerie York.

Director: Lori Tremper.
Minister to Families with Children: Janet Bickel.
Pastor: Rev. Terry Bryant.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

September plans for our classrooms reflect goals for getting accustomed to school routine, renewing acquaintances and making new friends, learning about living together in a group. We want children to realize right away that they are loved by all grownups at school. We hope that this helps them understand that God loves them. A unit might be entitled "Who lives at my house." Younger children will begin to identify colors by name; older children will review colors and explore new and exciting units. It's fun to have everyone wear red one day, even when you already know what "red" means.

Beginning in October, the Newsletter will feature class-by-class paragraphs to give you a brief overview of the month ahead. We will send all newsletters via email. You may subscribe/unsubscribe at any time. These will be available online at www.asburyraleigh.org/preschool.

PARENT-TEACHER OPEN HOUSE. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about Asbury Preschool, and what goes on in your child's classroom. You will meet parents of the children who share your child's preschool experience. Again, this is a time for adults only. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 14 from 7 to 8:30 P.M. Read your parent handbook for more about open house.

A note regarding payments: Please include lunch bunch with your tuition check. Check your handbook for payment policies. Lunch bunch is available on a monthly or drop in basis. You must sign up in your child's classroom for MONTHLY lunch bunch. Cost is \$20 per month. Your tuition/lunch check should be placed in the tuition box in the preschool office. PLEASE place your child's name and class in the memo blank on your checks. *Tuition is due on the first of each month and must be paid by the 7th to avoid a late payment fee.* If you have any questions, please see Valerie in the office or read the payment policy in your parent handbook. The annual snack fee of \$20 is due with September tuition.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1: Preschool tuition due - with the exception of Transitional Kindergarten students who prepaid in May. \$20 Snack fee is due for all students.**
- 1: Meet Your Teacher Day (for children to visit their classroom and teachers)**
- 2: First Regular Schedule Day of Preschool. Lunch Bunch begins for those signed up for lunch.**
- 6: Labor Day. No Preschool.**
- 7: Last day to pay September tuition without a late fee.**
- 7 or 9: 9:30 a.m. A brief, informal question/answer information session for parents new to Asbury Preschool**
- 14: Parent-Teacher Open House 7:00-8:30p.m.**

**READ YOUR PARENT HANDBOOK FOR YEARLY
CALENDAR AND SPECIAL DATES or at
WWW.ASBURYRALEIGH.ORG/PRESCHOOL.**