

**First Methodist Church
Preschool Handbook**

2023-2024

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**307 Flint Ave
Albany, Georgia 31701**

**432-5512
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Class/Time Options:

Ages Served: 6 weeks.-5yrs

Early Bird: 7:50 a.m.-11:50 p.m.

Lunch Bunch: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this program is to provide your children with educational experiences and quality care in a loving Christian environment. In this atmosphere, we want them to enjoy themselves while they learn to get along with others, to follow instructions, to use good manners and to show respect for others and their property.

First Methodist preschool is not licensed and is exempt from licensing by the State of Georgia. We DO carry liability insurance.

CAR DROP OFF AND PICK UP DIRECTIONS

Turn off Jefferson Ave. into the one-way alley behind the gym and turn into drive located between the preschool building and sanctuary. For morning drop off please form two lines. A teacher will get your child out of the car and escort them to his/her class. For afternoon pick up, make sure your child's name sign is on your dashboard on the passenger side and remains there until your child is loaded. We will load your child and buckle them in. You are always welcome to get out and buckle your own child. If you do not have a car seat we are unable to put your child in your car.

For the safety of your children and the teachers **DO NOT PULL AROUND OTHER CARS UNLESS INSTRUCTED!!**

If you would like to walk up please park on Flint Ave. under the trees and walk up to the gym doors with your sign.

In case of rain proceed down the alley and turn right at the end of the fence forming two lanes. We will load under the covered drive.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Home, work, and emergency numbers will be on file in the office. Please inform your child's teacher if someone will not be available at any of these numbers during school hours.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is very important to us. The classroom door in the morning is sometimes a difficult place to talk to your teacher. Sending a note in your child's backpack or calling your child's teacher after hours is preferred. You may call the office, 432-5512, anytime. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR TEXT YOUR TEACHER DURING CLASS.** She will not get your message until school is over.

IMMUNIZATIONS

We must have an official, up to date Immunization form on file for every child issued by the health dept. or your private physician.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is teaching, done positively and with respect and is appropriate to the situation and age of the child. Every effort is made to handle discipline in the classroom. Time out is usually effective. A visit to the office may be necessary when time out is not working.

ILLNESS

Please do not send your child to school until he/she has been free of fever, free from diarrhea or vomiting, without medication, for at least 24 hours. We cannot administer medications at school.

If your child or anyone in the household has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has come in direct contact with a positive COVID-19 case, please adhere to CDC guidelines and quarantine for the appropriate amount of time.

POTTY TRAINING

Children should be potty trained before entering 4K classes. We will be glad to work together with you during training to make this a positive experience. Please dress your child in clothing appropriate for potty training. (two piece outfits)

DRESS POLICY

Please send your child in clothing and footwear appropriate for activities such as art, playground and gym time. Tennis shoes or shoes with backs are ideal when running and climbing. Also make sure clothing is appropriate for diaper changing and potty training.

TOY POLICY

Toy weapons are not allowed at preschool. This includes toy guns and swords. Parents please do not allow your child to bring inappropriate toys for show n tell. We cannot keep up with toys brought on days other than show n tell.

BIRTHDAYS

Special snacks are welcome for your child's birthday. Please check with your child's teacher for details on what and when.

Please note: party invitations cannot be sent home in the backpacks unless everyone, or all boys or all girls, in the class is invited.

ALLERGIES

Please make your teacher aware of any allergies your child has. We will work together to screen snacks your child is served at school or you may provide your own. We will not restrict others from bringing certain foods into the classroom. However, we can seat your child away from the group if needed.

SNACKS

A light snack will be served each day. The snack consist of water and cookies, pretzels, goldfish or graham crackers. Parents are always welcome to send a special snack for the class. Contact your teacher for additional information.

LUNCH

Children need to bring a lunch and drinking cup everyday (those attending the early session will not eat lunch at school unless noted by their teacher). Please make sure your child's name is on their lunchbox and sippie cup (2's and under). Have all food ready to eat and age appropriate.

Please do not send soft drinks or fast food meals. We will save those for party days.

CHAPEL

Children in the 3's and 4k will attend chapel in the sanctuary on Monday mornings at 9:25. Bible lessons and life values will be taught. Parents of 3's and 4K are invited to attend with your child the last Monday of each month.

Younger children have chapel in the music room and are taught thru music, puppets, and stories.

As a Christian school, we openly celebrate Christian holidays emphasizing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The First Methodist Church Preschool Board of Directors reserves the right to change these policies upon giving a month's notice.

TUITION

Tuition is divided in to 10 equal payments due on the tenth of each month. Your first payment will be due August 20th. Each additional month's payment should be made by the 10th of every month with the exception of the final payment due May 1st. There will be a \$15.00 late charge on payments made after the 10th of the month. If the 10th falls on a weekend you may pay the following Monday. When mailing payments please send to First Methodist Preschool, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701.

Tuition is divided into 10 equal payments:

2 days a week	\$ 1 6 5 payment	p e r
3 days a week	\$ 1 9 0 payment	p e r
5 days a week	\$ 2 2 5 payment	p e r
Pre K	\$ 2 4 0 payment	p e r

A tuition notice will be sent home only once in September so please save for your records.

