

Emmanuel Methodist Preschool News



Dates to Remember

October 1, 2020

Monthly tuition is due today

October 5 & 6, 2020

Completed Ages & Stages Due to Preschool Office

October 9, 2020

Last day to order Claire's Fundraiser

October 16, 2020

MSEA Convention
School Closed

October 16, 2020

Scholastic is due this morning

October 19, 2020

EMP T-shirt and Sweat Shirt Sale Begins Today

October 19 & 20, 2020

Chapel

October 29, 2020

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Items Delivered Today

October 29 & 30, 2020

Class Parties (see class calendars for schedule and information)

October 30, 2020

All T-shirt Order Forms and Payments Due Today!



October, 2020

The children are transitioning into comfortable routines as they learn new rules and meet new friends. It is so wonderful to hear their excited voices in the classrooms.

Thank you for doing your daily health check by 8:30 am each day.

Morning Routine Suggestions

- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Brush your teeth and check your child's temperature
- Do the Daily Health Check by 8:30 am
- Ready for school? Don't forget your child's lunch and water bottle.



Where do I drop off my child?

Classroom Entrances

Ms. Tracy & Ms. Kathia – 8:50am

Rear Entrance (near playground)

Ms. Karen L. – 8:55am

Ms. Ambar/Ms. Christy – 9:00am

Front Entrance

Ms. Karen S. – 8:50am

Ms. Stephanie – 8:55am

Ms. Tai – 9:00am

Ms. Kate – 9:10am



If you are unable to make it to school by your class drop off time, please go to the front entrance. Staff will assist you as soon as we are able. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe and healthy!



Self-Quarantine

If you travel outside the state, attend a family gathering or vacation with families/friends outside of your immediate household and you were unable to be socially distant and/or face masks were not worn at all times, **you must self-quarantine for 14 days. No exceptions.** A COVID test will no longer be accepted as it takes 5-7 days after exposure for signs and symptoms to develop and rapid tests will not be accepted as they have produced both false positives and false negatives.



Monthly Tuition and Extended Care Payments

If you are paying monthly, your next payment is due today, October 1, 2020. All tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month and payable by check or money order. Please use the black after-hours mailbox just outside the preschool entrance and write your child's name in the "memo" area of your check. **Please note:** There will be a **\$20.00 late fee** assessed on all tuition payments received on or after the 5th of each month. **All Before, Extended and After Care payments are due on the 1st of each month. There is no grace period for Extended Care Programs.**



Proper Foot Wear



For SAFETY reasons, we ask that you **do not** allow your child to wear sandals, Crocs, flip-flops, or opened toed shoes (even with socks) as they tend to cause preventable injuries to those cute little toes, in addition to falls on the playground, and slips in the classroom.



Halloween and Fall Festivities

Recommendations from the Howard County Health Department

Below are recommendations about how to be safe at Halloween and during other associated Fall festivities.

- Avoid large gatherings, parties and events
- Door to door trick-or-treating is not encouraged, but if done, should be done in household groups, keeping physical distance between other groups and using flashlights or glow sticks so walkers can be easily seen. Treats are encouraged to be left outside.
- Trick-or-treaters should wash hands (or hand sanitizer) between homes and after touching surfaces and objects.
- Facial covering should still be worn even if wearing a costume mask.
- Indoor activities are riskier than outdoor activities (indoor activities should be avoided).
- Pumpkin patch and hayrides should only be conducted in small groups and non-family members should be physically distanced.
- Indoor haunted houses, where it may be difficult to maintain physical distancing and enforce other mitigation strategies, should be restricted.



If your child or child's sibling(s) attends a family child care program, center, or in-person schooling, please share that information with us. If your child's family child care, center or school informs you of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you must notify the preschool immediately. Your child(ren) should be tested immediately and/or self-quarantined for 14 days for a confirmed case. Students may return after receiving a negative result or after the 14 day period if there are no signs or symptoms.



EMP is Having a T-shirt and Hoodie Sale!

Forms go home October 19th. Sale ends October 30th. Please place order forms and payments in After Hours Box.



Please **DO NOT** give teachers payments or place payments in student folders. Please place all tuition payments and fees in the Black After Hours Box.

Email Communication



Communication between home and school builds a strong foundation for your child's learning experience and is very important for a successful school year. We (preschool office and lead teachers) will communicate through Shutterfly, Zoom and e-mails to keep you informed and up-to-date. We ask that parents check their email frequently.

If you are not receiving emails from our school, please contact Ms. Katie to confirm that we have the correct email address on file. Email notifications will go to the parent, not grandparent or babysitter, unless permission is given to us by the child's parent(s) to do so.



Additional Clothes and Face Masks

Please remember to leave additional clothes, underwear, socks, extra shoes and an extra face mask at school for your child. This can be placed in a plastic bag with your child's name on it or it can be left in your child's backpack.



Congratulations...

to big brother, Braden and the Douville family who welcomed a baby girl and to big sister Avery and the Carpenter family who welcomed a baby girl recently.

We are so excited for you!



Harvest parties and activities will be held on October 29th & 30th. See class schedules for specific items needed. **Costumes will not be worn.**



Late Pick Up

Please be mindful of your child's pick up time. Students that are not picked up by 5 minutes after their class dismissal time will be brought to Extended/After Care. Parents will be charged a \$25.00 drop in fee at that time. Please share this information with the person who picks up your child.

Students in Extended care and Aftercare will exit through Room 11's outside door. Extended Care ends at 3:00 pm and Aftercare ends promptly at 5:00pm. **Late pick up from Extended/Aftercare will assess a late fee of \$10.00 at 5:05pm and \$1.00 per minute thereafter. This must be paid before your child returns to Extended or After Care.**

Emmanuel Preschool is Peanut Sensitive



We strive to be peanut-free but, unfortunately, we cannot guarantee instances that are out of our control.

Teachers will double check lunches that are sent in. Parents, you can help us by checking labels for possible traces or cross contamination of peanuts, tree nuts, etc. before sending food into school. **When packing lunch please keep in mind that Emmanuel Preschool is a NUT-Free school. Peanut butter cannot be served at**



Is Your Child Sick?

We know that it is not realistic to expect parents to keep children home every time they have a runny nose, but there are times, when children should stay at home. Children suffering from fever, vomiting, or diarrhea should be symptom free for 48 hours without any further occurrences or the use of medication, before returning to school.

Please remember to notify us if your child is absent.



Response and Guidelines

- ✓ Face masks worn at all times by both students and adults.
- ✓ Face masks must cover your nose and mouth.
- ✓ During drop off and pick up please leave entrance doors clear. Do not crowd.
- ✓ Health check must be completed every morning by 8:30am.
- ✓ Temperature checks must be directly observed by staff.
- ✓ Students with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher and/or exhibiting two (2) or more symptoms must remain at home. Students may return if they are fever and symptom free without the use of medication for 48 hours.
- ✓ Symptoms Include but are not limited to:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Shivering
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- ✓ Students must either self-quarantine for 14 days or get tested for COVID-19, if they have traveled outside of the U.S., the state of Maryland, or have attended social gathers with more than 10 people; or come in contact with someone that has tested positive or suspected of having COVID-19. This does not include parents that work outside of the state.



Claire's Gourmet Online Fundraiser

Check out our online Fundraiser and help us raise money for PPE supplies. If you haven't already, please take a minute to register your child with a Participant code so they get credit for these sales. It's Easy!

- Go to clairesgourmet.com and LOGIN
- Register your child as a PARTICIPANT (5531)
- Once you have your child's Participant code you can share that code via email or on YOUR Facebook page.



Ages and Stages

Ages and Stages questionnaires are the best developmental and social-emotional screening for children from one month to 5 ½ years. ASQ helps to...

- Identify strengths and trouble spots.
- Educate parents about developmental milestones.
- Incorporate parents' expert knowledge about their children.

These forms were sent home **Thursday, September 24, 2020. These need to be completed and must be returned no later than Tuesday, October 6, 2020.**