



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We seek to help parents in raising
and nurturing one of God's greatest gifts:
the gift of children.



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Newsletter
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Welcome!

We have been working diligently to prepare for the beginning of school, and can't wait til we see all of our new preschool friends walking through the door for the first day! From birth to age five a child learns and develops more than at any other time in their life. We have planned your child's preschool experience to make the most of these important years.

Your child's educational experience is one that relies on the school and family working together, so know that we welcome your input, questions and feedback. Likewise, we will share recommendations throughout the year of items you may want to work on at home to reinforce what is going on at school.

The first month of school will help us to get to know our new friends, establish routines and learn school rules. Throughout the year we'll be working on developing some important early childhood skills including:

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| Socialization | Small Muscle Control |
| Following Directions | Individual Creativity |
| Manual Dexterity | Language Development |
| Listening Skills | Eye-Hand Coordination |

We'll be learning a lot throughout the year about shapes, numbers, letters and colors and having a chance to sing, paint, color and play along the way!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 323-4552 or email us at preschool@elc-elyria.org. I'm available Monday through Thursday from 8amtil 9:15am, and Mondays and Thursdays from 12:30-2:00pm to meet with you, or by appointment. If we haven't met yet, I look forward to the opportunity.

Praying God's Blessing on You All,
Heidi Chambers Director & Teacher

Items to Note

***Orientation Day** – Please send in a small toy or stuffed animal with your child along with their folder.

***Me Bag** – To help us get to know one another we'll be asking each child to bring in a bag with some items that will help us get to know our new friends. A separate note will be coming home about it so you'll know when your child will be asked to bring their Me Bag in to share.

Field Trip

Our first field trip of the year is to Gede's Fruit Farm to pick apples and a pumpkin. Gede's is located at 48799 Telegraph Road (Route 113) in Amherst.

Monday, September 18th at 10am for Mrs. Vandemark's M/W 3 year old class and Mrs. Chambers' Class

Tuesday, September 19th at 10am for Mrs. Vandemark's T/Th 3 year old class

Your child's fees are covered by the Combined Fee already paid to the preschool. Parents pay a required fee of \$2.50 each which includes an apple or two and a wagon ride. Please plan to pay the fee at the destination.

As a reminder, parents are responsible for transporting their child to/from the field trip location as well as staying at the destination for the duration of the trip. If you can't attend, you may send your child with another responsible adult. Only children enrolled in preschool may attend the field trips. Our staff will be at the destination 15 minutes prior to the start time to meet you. If your child won't be able to attend, please let us know in advance.

Church News

We consider you part of our extended family at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We welcome your participate in any and all of our activities and programs, so we'll be including information about events at Emmanuel in the newsletter.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 9:30am and 11am. Sunday School classes begin September 10th from 9:45-10:45am for children ages 3 years and up. We'd love to see you there!

Reminders to Parents

- Please check your child's folder after each day of school for papers or any correspondence
- Bring your child into school, help them to put their jacket into their backpack & hang it up, then walk them to their class to sign in



We're looking forward to a
fantastic year of preschool. Thanks
for sharing your child with us!

Upcoming Events

Orientation Day for Children 10-11am

Monday, 9/11 for Mrs. Vandemark's M/W Class & Mrs. Chambers' Class

Tuesday, 9/12 for Mrs. Vandemark's T/Th Class

Parents are welcome to stay in the upstairs classroom to meet other preschool parents, or return to pick up your child(ren) at 11am.

First Full Day of Class

Tuesday, 9/12 for Mrs. Chambers' Class

Wednesday, 9/13 for Mrs. Vandemark's M/W Class

Thursday, 9/14 for Mrs. Vandemark's T/Th Class

Fire Drill – Wed., 9/13 & Thurs., 9/14

This is a new experience for many children so they may come home & ask where their safety meeting spot is at home after we practice. Fire drills will be practiced once each month to ensure each child at preschool gets to practice.

Field Trip – Gede's Fruit Farm 10am

Monday, 9/18 for Mrs. Vandemark's M/W & Mrs. Chambers' Classes

Tuesday, 9/19 for Mrs. Vandemark's T/Th Class

Tornado Drill – Wed., 9/23 & Thurs., 9/24

Weather drills are performed monthly in September and then again March-May.

Book Orders – Book orders are due online or by turning in within your child's folder on or before Wednesday, 9/27

Book Buddies

Monday, 10/9 & Thurs, 10/12

Our classes take turns visiting our second grade book buddies at McKinley Elementary and having them come visit us to read to our preschool students. Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket for that day as we will be walking to McKinley.