

Salem Methodist Preschool

May 2018



Upcoming Dates

Wed/Thurs May 2/3 -
Children's Chapel 9:15 am

Fri May 4 - Registration
packets and May 2019
tuition due

Tues May 8 - Tea for Two
(PK)

Wed/Thurs May 9/10 -
Stretch N Grow sessions

Thurs May 10 - Author's
Tea (4's)

Wed May 16 - Children's
Chapel 9:15 am

Wed May 16 - Field trip to
Gateway to Science (PK
and 4's)

Wed May 23 - Crossing
Over Ceremony (PK)

Thurs May 24 - Last day
of preschool

Fri May 25 - All School
Picnic at Ron Beese Park
10-12

Fri May 25 - Extended
ONLY at Salem
(7am-6pm)

Mon May 28 - Memorial
Day - Closed

Tues May 29 - Extended
ONLY at Salem
(7am-6pm)

Wed/Thurs May 30/21 -
Week #1 Summer Camp
9-12:30, extended

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Week of the Young Child celebration in mid-April! This week was a wonderful celebration of our children. I hope you also enjoyed the artwork that filled the halls!

Salem staff attended an inservice in April on Sensory Processing. It included information about what sensory integration is and different types of processing disorders. It was great to have a time for the entire staff to meet and gather new information.

May is a busy month for the preschool. We have caterpillars in the building which are beginning to grow and move into the chrysalis stage. Later this month we will see lots of new butterflies and continue to enjoy more time outside! Please remember as the weather improves to apply sunscreen to your child PRIOR to their arrival at school in the morning.

Just a reminder that paperwork for 2018-2019 and May 2019 tuition is due on or before Friday May 4th. Please turn this in if you haven't done so already. The office will begin to update student files this month.

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the 2017-2018 school year. Where did the year go? I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your children with us, each one is so special! I feel very blessed to have been able to be a part of your child's preschool life.

For those of you going on to kindergarten and first grade, moving, or changing schools, we wish you all the best. For those returning next year, we will look forward to seeing you in the fall. The staff and I would like to say "Thank You" for sharing your children with us this year! Have a safe and

continues

Fri June 1 - Extended
ONLY at Salem
(7am-6pm)

happy summer.

Cindy

**Salem Methodist Preschool &
Extended
2018-2019 calendar
(click here)**

All School Picnic

On Friday, May 25th we will have our annual "All School Picnic" at Ron Beese Park. A parent and/or caregiver must accompany your child to this event. The preschool staff will be at the park from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. There will be picnic tables set up for us in the shelter. You and your child are welcome to stay the entire time or stay however long your schedule permits.

The school will provide water to drink and paper products. During the past, many families have brought a snack, fruit tray, or goodies to share. A delicious spread was created for all! You are welcome to continue this tradition.

Extended Care will still be running at Salem on Friday for the entire day. You are welcome to pick up your child and go to the picnic if this works for your schedule. Watch for a note coming home about this.

Please remember that you will need to be with your child - the staff will be available, but can NOT be responsible for individual children. See you there!

2018-2019 Enrollment Forms

Please remember that the enrollment forms and May 2019 tuition must be turned in on or before Friday May 4th to guarantee your child's placement for next year. The physical forms are due to the office by July 20th. DCFS requires that physical forms are good for two years. Remember to make your appointment EARLY if the forms need to be updated. Mrs. Johnson will be sending out reminders if your child needs an updated physical form. Thank you.

Earth's Birthday Project



The preschool has been participating in Earth's Birthday project. Children all over the world are collecting coins to help protect the Amazon rainforest. Every penny raised purchases and protects one square yard of critical habitat. Please return your "bank" to the preschool office if you haven't done so already! Thanks for helping the earth!

Salem Summer Camp!

Preschoolers are welcome to join us for weekly sessions during the last week of May through July 19th (7 weeks!). The program will be offered on Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm each week except for the last week of May which will be 3 days. Extended Care will also run during this time Mon-Fri 7:00 am - 6:00 pm through the end of July.

Some age groups are full or very close to full, so please check with the preschool office for availability.

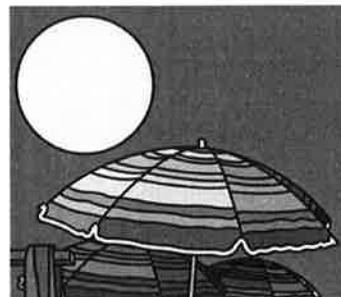
Each week will be a special summer theme and will include water-based activities! The cost is \$125 per week. Registration materials are attached to this newsletter and sign up is going on now! A \$20 nonrefundable registration fee is due at the time of registration with the remaining tuition amount due prior to the start of the program week.

Wed 5/30-Thurs 5/31 - Pete the Cat!

Mon 6/4-Tues 6/5-Wed 6/6-Thurs 6/7 - Super Heroes

Mon 6/11-Tues 6/12-Wed 6/13-Thurs 6/14 - Jurassic Park

Mon 6/18-Tues 6/19-Wed 6/20-Thurs 6/21 - Outdoor



Adventures!

**Mon 6/25-Tues 6/26-Wed 6/27-Thurs 6/28 -
Red/White/Blue (PARADE/PICNIC on Thurs 6/28)**

**Week of July 2 - 3 - Extended Care ONLY
(closed 7/4 - 7/6)**

Mon 7/9-Tues 7/10-Wed 7/11-Thurs 7/12 - Wet 'N Wild

Mon 7/16-Tues 7/17-Wed 7/18-Thurs 7/19 - Medieval Times

Week of July 23-27 - Extended Care ONLY

We are VERY excited!!!!

Summer Camp 2018 Forms

2018 - 2019 School Year

The preschool office will be open through the end of July while summer camp and Extended Care is running. The office will be closed July 30-August 12 and reopen on Monday, August 13th.

Extended Care will begin again on Mon 8/13. We will again offer "Ready Set Preschool" starting Mon 8/27-Wed 8/29 from 9-12:30.

Our Parent Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm. At this time parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, see classrooms, pick up paperwork, attend general orientation, and a class specific information session.

Classroom visitations will take place on Thurs 8/30 and classes, enrichment and Stay 'N Play will begin on Tuesday 9/4. A summer reminder letter will be sent out in late July to all 18-19 families. A copy of the 2018-2019 school calendar is attached above.

A Place to Park your Bikes!



We have a wonderful bike rack located on the south part of the building. If you need to leave a bike here for the day, please use this space!

Thank you!

Friendly Reminders!

Please help us with reminding the children to **NOT** walk along the retaining wall or sidewalk curb by the playground. We reinforce this as classes come and go to the playground.

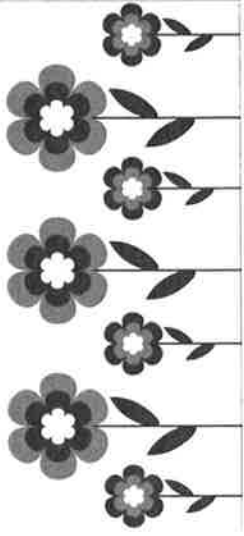
Also, please remember to send your child in tennis shoes. It is nice to begin wearing sandals and flip flops in the spring, but they are slippery and can be difficult to run in on the playground.

Please apply sunscreen to your child **PRIOR** to their arrival at school each morning.

Thank you!

May 2018 Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 29	April 30	1	2	3	4	5
		Children's Chapel 9:15 am	Children's Chapel 9:15 am	Children's Chapel 9:15 am	Paperwork and May 2019 tuition due	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Tea for Two (Pre K)	Stretch N Grow	Stretch N Grow	Author's Tea (4's) Stretch N Grow		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	12/2 to Citizen Park	Field Trip Gateway to Science (PK & 4) Children's Chapel 9:15 am				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Crossing Over Ceremony (PK)	Last Day Preschool	All-School Picnic at Ron Beese 10-12 Extended at Salem	
27	28	29	30	31	June 1	June 2
	Memorial Day CLOSED	Extended ONLY (7am-6pm)	Week #1 Summer Camp 9-12:30 Pete the Cat Last day of 220		Extended ONLY (7am-6pm)	



**SALEM METHODIST PRESCHOOL & EXTENDED CARE
2018-2019 CALENDAR**

AUGUST

Monday	Aug 13	Extended Care Program begins
Thursday	Aug 23	Staff Meeting 9:00am – 2:00 pm, Extended Care in session
Mon-Wed	Aug 27-29	Ready, Set Preschool Camp 9:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday	Aug 28	Parent Orientation Meeting 7:00 pm (parents only)
Thursday	Aug 30	All-School Visitation (9-11:30 am)

SEPTEMBER

Monday	Sept 3	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	Sept 4	All classes, enrichment classes and Stay ‘N Play begins
Mon-Thurs	Sept 17-21	School Pictures
Mon/Tues	Sept 24/25	Vision and Hearing Screening (3 yr + students)

OCTOBER

Tues/Wed	Oct 30, 31	Fall Festival celebrations – during class time
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NOVEMBER

Mon-Wed	Nov 5-7	Pre-K Fall Conferences – school in session
Mon-Thurs	Nov 12-14	4’s Fall Conferences – school in session
Mon/Tues	Nov 19/20	All School Thanksgiving Feasts
Wed	Nov 21	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
Thurs/Fri	Nov 22 & 23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

Tuesday	Dec 4	Gingerbread Celebration (PK class)
Wed/Thurs	Dec 19/20	Christmas Programs
Fri	Dec 21	Last day of preschool/extended before break, All-School PJ Day!
Mon-Fri	Dec 24-Jan 1	Christmas Vacation – NO SCHOOL OR EXTENDED

JANUARY

Mon/Tues	Dec 31/Jan 1	CLOSED – New Year Holiday
Wed-Fri	Jan 2-4	Extended Care in session
Wed-Thurs	Jan 2-3	Winter Camp (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)
Mon	Jan 7	Preschool classes resume
Mon	Jan 21	NO SCHOOL – Martin L. King Holiday

FEBRUARY

Wed/Thurs	Feb 13/14	Valentine’s Day parties
Mon	Feb 18	NO SCHOOL – President’s Day
Mon-Fri	Feb 25-Mar 1	Book Fair
Thurs	Feb 28	No classes - Parent-Teacher Conferences (Extended Care ONLY in session)

MARCH

Fri	March 1	No classes – Parent-Teacher Conferences (Extended Care ONLY in session)
Wed	March 13	Donuts With Dad (8:30-9:00 am)
Thurs	March 14	Donuts With Dad (8:30-9:00 am)
Fri	March 15	Donuts With Dad (8:30-9:00 am)
Mon-Fri	Mar 25-29	Spring Break

APRIL

Mon	Apr 1	Classes resume
Mon-Fri	Apr 8-12	Week of the Young Child
Fri	Apr 19	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Mon	Apr 22	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

MAY

Tues	May 7	Tea for Two – Pre Kindergarten class
Thurs	May 9	4's Author's Tea
Wed	May 22	Crossing Over Ceremony - PK
Wed/Thurs	May 22/23	Last Day of preschool classes
Fri	May 24	All School Picnic Day – Ron Beese Park
** Each student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian **		
Mon	May 27	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
Tues	May 28	Extended Care continues
Tues	May 29-30	Salem Summer Camp – Week 1

JUNE

June	June 3-28	Extended Care continues through July 26 th
June	June 3-27	Salem Summer Camp! (Mon-Thurs)

JULY

Thurs	July 4	4 th of July Holiday – NO EXTENDED CARE/Camp
Fri	July 5	4 th of July Holiday- NO EXTENDED CARE/Camp
July	July 1, 2, 8-26	Extended Care continues through July 26 th
July	July 8-18	Salem Summer Camp! (Mon-Thurs)

AUGUST

	July 29-Aug 9	Summer Break – NO EXTENDED CARE
Mon	Aug 12	Extended Care program continues

Specific information on Picture Day, parties, field trips, etc. will be given in monthly newsletters.

School will be cancelled only for inclement weather making it dangerous and/or unsafe to travel. Listen to radio stations WMAQ 670, WGN 720, or WBBM 780 for information regarding school closings. Information is also posted on www.emergencyclosingcenter.com

Extended Care Dates

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