

# Salem Methodist Preschool

## May 2019



### Upcoming Dates

Wed 5/1 - Music Classes

Fri/Sat May 3/4 - Salem  
UMC Rummage Sale

Tues 5/7 - Pre K Tea for  
Two (10:30 am)

Wed/Thurs 5/8 & 5/9 -  
Stretch N Grow

Thurs 5/9 - 4's Spring  
Fling (10:15 am)

Tues 5/14 - Hough  
Street Kindergarten  
Screening in Welcome  
Center

Wed 5/15 - 4's and Pre  
K field trip to Gateway  
to Science

Thurs 5/16 - Children's  
Chapel

Tues 5/21 - Music  
Classes

Wed 5/22 - Pre K  
Crossing Over Ceremony  
(Sanctuary)

Thurs 5/23 - Last day  
of preschool classes

Fri 5/24 - All-School  
Picnic at Ron Beese Park  
10am-12pm

Mon 5/27 - Memorial  
Day (closed)

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Week of the Young Child celebration in mid-April! This week was a wonderful celebration of our children filled with an excellent concert and theme days. I hope you also enjoyed the artwork that filled the halls! Pastor Laura asked me to pass along a BIG thank you for families who were able to attend and sing at the Salem UMC service this past weekend!

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 (soon, I hope) to apply sunscreen to your child PRIOR to their arrival at school in the morning.

Just a reminder that paperwork for 2019-2020 and May 2020 tuition is due on or before Friday May 3rd. 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 2018-2019 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 your 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 happy summer.

## 2019 - 2020 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 29-August 11 and reopen on Monday, August 12th.

Extended Care will begin again on Mon 8/12. We will again offer "Ready Set Preschool" camp starting Mon 8/26-Wed 8/28 from 9-12:30.

Our Parent Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th 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 8/29 and classes, enrichment and Stay 'N Play will begin on Tuesday 9/3. A summer reminder letter will be sent out in late July to all 19-20 families. A copy of the 2019-2020 school calendar is attached above.

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### 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!

## Salem UMC Rummage Sale



The Rummage Sale will be in  
Fellowship Hall.

CASH ONLY

Friday, 5/3 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Saturday, 5/4 9:00 am-1:00 pm

### 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. Soon, it will be nice enough to begin wearing sandals and flip flops, 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!

# Salem Summer Camp!

Preschoolers are welcome to join us for weekly sessions during the last week of May through July 18th (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 2 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 5/29-Thurs 5/30 - Wide World of Sports!

Mon 6/3-Tues 6/4-Wed 6/5-Thurs 6/6 - Spy School

Mon 6/10-Tues 6/11-Wed 6/12-Thurs 6/13 - Baby Shark

Mon 6/17-Tues 6/18-Wed 6/19-Thurs 6/20 - Down on the Farm!

Mon 6/24-Tues 6/25-Wed 6/26-Thurs 6/27 - Red/White/Blue (PARADE/PICNIC on Thurs 6/27)

Week of July 1 - 3 - Extended Care ONLY  
(closed 7/4 - 7/5)

Mon 7/8-Tues 7/9-Wed 7/10-Thurs 7/11 - Rainforest

Mon 7/15-Tues 7/16-Wed 7/17-Thurs 7/18 - Under the Start

Week of July 22-26 - Extended Care ONLY

We are VERY excited!!!!



## All School Picnic

On Friday, May 24th 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!

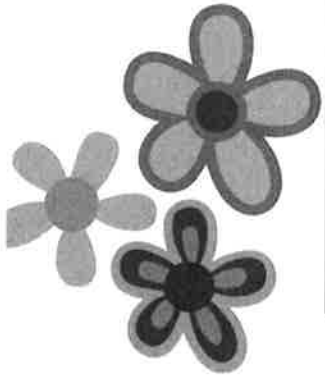
## 2019-2020 Enrollment Forms

Please remember that the enrollment forms and May 2020 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 19th. 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.

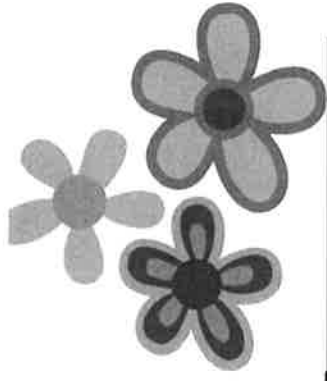
## Earth's Birthday Project


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!





# May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Music Classes	2	3	4
5	6	7 Pre K Tea for Two 10:30 am	8 Stretch N Grow	9 4's Spring Fling 10:15 am Stretch N Grow	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 Hough Street Kindergarten Screening	15 4's and Pre K Field trip to Gateway to Science	16 Children's Chapel	17	18
19	20	21 Music Classes	22 Pre K Crossing Over Ceremony Last day MWF classes	23 Last day preschool classes	24	25
26 Week #1 Summer Camp W 5/29, TH 5/30 Wide World of Sports	27 Memorial Day Closed 	28 Extended ONLY	29 Summer Camp begins 9-12:30 Extended continues	30 Summer Camp 9-12:30 Extended continues	31 Extended ONLY	

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Fri 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am—1:00 pm



**SALEM METHODIST PRESCHOOL & EXTENDED CARE  
2019-2020 CALENDAR**

**AUGUST**

Monday	Aug 12	Extended Care Program begins
Thursday	Aug 22	Staff Meeting 9:00am – 2:00 pm, Extended Care in session
Mon-Wed	Aug 26-28	Ready, Set Preschool Camp 9:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday	Aug 27	Parent Orientation Meeting 7:00 pm (parents only)
Thursday	Aug 29	All-School Visitation (9-11:30 am)

**SEPTEMBER**

Monday	Sept 2	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	Sept 3	All classes, enrichment classes and Stay ‘N Play begins
Mon-Fri	Sept 23-27	School Pictures
Mon/Tues	Sept 30/Oct 1	Vision and Hearing Screening (3 yr + students)

**OCTOBER**

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

Mon-Wed	Nov 4-8	Pre-K Fall Conferences – school in session
Mon-Thurs	Nov 11-14	4’s Fall Conferences – school in session
Tuesday	Nov 12	Pre K Harvest House
Mon/Tues	Nov 25/26	All School Thanksgiving Feasts
Wed	Nov 27	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
Thurs/Fri	Nov 28 & 29	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday

**DECEMBER**

Wed/Thurs	Dec 18/19	Christmas Programs
Fri	Dec 20	Last day of preschool/extended before break, All-School PJ Day!
Mon-Fri	Dec 23-Jan 1	Christmas Vacation – NO SCHOOL OR EXTENDED

**JANUARY**

Mon-Wed	Dec 30-Jan 1	CLOSED – New Year Holiday
Thurs-Fri	Jan 2-3	Extended Care in session
Thurs-Fri	Jan 2-3	Winter Camp (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)
Mon	Jan 6	Preschool classes resume
Mon	Jan 20	NO SCHOOL – Martin L. King Holiday

**FEBRUARY**

Thurs/Fri	Feb 13/14	Valentine’s Day parties
Mon	Feb 17	NO SCHOOL – President’s Day

### MARCH

Mon-Fri	Mar 2-6	Book Fair
Thurs	Mar 5	<b>No classes</b> - Parent-Teacher Conferences (Extended Care ONLY in session)
Fri	March 6	<b>No classes</b> – Parent-Teacher Conferences (Extended Care ONLY in session)
Mon-Fri	Mar 23-27	Spring Break
Mon	Mar 30	Classes resume

### APRIL

Wed	Apr 1	Donuts With Dad (8:30-9:00 am)
Thurs	Apr 2	Donuts With Dad (8:30-9:00 am)
Fri	Apr 3	Donuts With Dad (8:30-9:00 am)
Fri	Apr 10	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Mon	Apr 13	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
Mon-Fri	Apr 20-24	Week of the Young Child

### MAY

Tues	May 5	Tea for Two – Pre Kindergarten class
Thurs	May 7	Spring Fling – 4's class
Wed	May 20	Crossing Over Ceremony - PK
Wed/Thurs	May 20/21	Last Day of preschool classes
Fri	May 22	All School Picnic Day – Ron Beese Park
<b>** Each student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian **</b>		
Mon	May 25	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
Tues	May 26	Extended Care continues
Tues	May 27-28	Salem Summer Camp – Week 1

### JUNE

June	June 1-30	Extended Care continues through July 31 <sup>st</sup>
June	June 1-30	Salem Summer Camp! (Mon-Thurs)

### JULY

Fri	July 3	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday – NO EXTENDED CARE/Camp
July	July 1, 2, 6-31	Extended Care continues through July 31 <sup>st</sup>
July	July 6-23	Salem Summer Camp! (Mon-Thurs)

### AUGUST

	Aug 1-14	Summer Break – NO EXTENDED CARE
Mon	Aug 17	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](http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com)