



SUNSHINE

— PRESCHOOL —

at
Broadway Christian Church

2017-2018 **Parent Policy Handbook**

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Sunshine Preschool Staff

Jenny Camfield, Preschool Coordinator
Kyla Zastrow, 4 year old Teacher
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Allie Adair, 3 year old Teacher

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Marla Chrisagis, Family Life Minister
Jacob Daughtery, Youth Worship Minister
Donna Flight, Early Childhood Director
Brad Himes, Involvement Minister
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Cheryl Lee, First Impression Director
Greta Manolis, Office Admin Assistant
Anna Percival, Communication Director
Ian Stamps, Lead Minister
Jessica Sharp, Family Life Admin Assistant
Mark Trueblood, Facilities Coordinator
Kevin Wolfe, Pastoral Care Minister
Todd Zastrow, Worship Minister

Purpose:

The purpose of Sunshine Preschool is to provide a safe Christian environment for the children to grow, and to prepare them for a good start for their years ahead in school.

The children learn and play in a rich and stimulating environment with a well-balanced, structured program. We believe that a Christian program in a loving atmosphere can make a major impact on a child's confidence, sense of identity, personal worth, and spiritual growth.

ADMISSION:

Classes Available:

3 year olds

Monday & Wednesday 8:30a-11:00a
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30a-11:00a
 **Tuesday & Thursday 12:00p-2:30p

4 year olds

Monday – Thursday 8:30a-11:00a
 **Monday – Thursday 12:00p-2:30p

***We will offer these sections if we have enough students*

Admission:

In service to Broadway members and current students attending Sunshine Preschool, there will be an early registration period in which members/students will be allowed to register their children for the following school year. This will be based on a first come, first serve basis. Once the early registration period has ended, all available spots will be opened up to non-members/non-students.

Qualifications:

Children should reach the appropriate age for their class by the school cut-off date, September 1st, unless special arrangements for your child have been made with the Preschool Coordinator. Children must be potty trained; pull ups must not be required during class time.

Tuition:

3-year-old program.....\$900 + registration fee
 4-year-old program.....\$1350 + registration fee

See chart below for payment options & discount incentives for different payment plans

PAYMENT OPTIONS	SAVINGS	TUITION PRICE (WITHOUT REG. FEE)	
		3-year-old program	4-year-old program
Year in Full	\$10/per month	1 payment of \$810	1 payment of \$1260
Trimester	\$5/per month	3 payments of \$285	3 payments of \$435
Monthly*	\$0/per month	9 payments of \$100	9 payments of \$150

**Monthly payments require an automatic withdrawal for all tuition payments. These payments are due by the 10th of each month, starting in September and ending in May.*

Registration fee:

There will be a \$95 registration fee to help cover the cost of materials, field trips, and special events. Payment of the registration fee will guarantee your child's spot for the school year. **Should you decide not to keep this spot, this fee will not be refunded.**

Tuition Assistance:

Forms for financial assistance are available upon request. Assistance will be given based on family income. There is a limited amount of funding available. Forms need to be received by August 1st.

QUICK GUIDELINES:

Rules:

These are some of the rules in the classroom. The child may not:

1. bring harm to others
2. bring harm to self
3. destroy property
4. interfere with the rights of others

Discipline Procedures:

The staff shall use disciplinary measures designed and carried out in such a way to help individual children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions. (No child shall be subjected, under any circumstances, to corporal punishment.)

This includes:

1. Simple rules that the class can understand.
2. Discipline shall be related to the child's act and shall not be out of proportion to the inappropriate behavior. The teacher will be sure the child is aware of the relationship between the act and the consequence.

Our goal at Sunshine Preschool is for every child to learn, grow, and succeed. We want each child to reach their full potential. However, we are not equipped and staffed for children who have needs beyond what we can provide. We have the right to terminate enrollment of a child that is not succeeding in our preschool environment or is disrupting the success of other students.

First Day of School:

We realize that the first day can be a big change for your child and for you. Please let your child's teacher or assistant know if your child is having a difficult time. Your child's teacher and assistant will help you and your child with this big transition.

Arrival and Pick Up:

The Preschool has its own entrance at the west doors of the church. Preschool begins at 8:30a/12:00p. Please, no arrivals before 8:25a/11:55a. Parents will drop off and pick up their child at their classroom door. Upon arrival in the classroom, your child needs to hang up their backpack and coat on the hook with their name. There is a place near your child's classroom door to sign your child in and out each day. Preschool ends at 11:00a/2:30p, so please pick up your child no later than 11:05a/2:35p.

Weather Cancelations:

Our school schedule generally follows the Mattoon Public School System with regards to school closing due to weather. Please listen to the radio, watch television, or check the Mattoon website to see if Mattoon schools are closed. Our final day of school will remain the same regardless of how many snow days occur.

Health and Emergencies:

Sunshine Preschool makes every effort to ensure safety for all children. We ask parents to keep their child home if they show signs of illness. This includes vomiting, diarrhea, fever, redness of the eyes or throat, nagging cough or rash. If your child becomes ill at school, he/she will be isolated and must be picked up at once. Please do not bring your child back to school until 24 hours have passed after the illness.

In case of an emergency or accident, a parent will be contacted immediately. If your child gets head lice, please notify your child's teacher immediately. In order for your child to return to school, parents must use the proper treatment to ensure your child is nit-free.

Absences/Early Pick-Up:

Parents are asked to call the preschool if the child will not be in attendance. If a child is to leave with someone other than a parent, a verbal or written notification is necessary and a picture ID must be shown by the person picking up the child for the first time.

Immunizations:

All children must be up-to-date for all immunizations to enter Sunshine Preschool. A copy of your child's physical is needed on file by the first day of school.

Vision and Hearing:

The Illinois Public Health Department will do a Vision and Hearing testing at the school at no charge in the fall semester.

Preschool Screening:

For your convenience, the Early Childhood staff screening team from Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education Department will come to our school to do preschool screenings in the spring semester.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Clothing:

Children should wear comfortable play clothes. Paint and glue are used regularly. Even though we have paint smocks and use washable paints, accidents happen. Tennis shoes are recommended for active play, which occurs daily.

We ask that you bring a change of clothes for your child that the teacher can keep in the classroom. You will need to exchange outfits as the seasons change. We ask that you dress your child according to the weather outside. We will try to take the children outside as often as possible. Please be sure they are dressed accordingly, especially during the colder months.

Snacks:

We ask that parents bring in snack items once a month. The preschool will provide snacks for the additional days. You will receive more information from your child's teacher to designate your snack day. If your child has any food allergies, please be sure that the teacher is aware of these.

Birthdays:

We will reserve a day close to your child's birthday for your child to bring the snack for that day. If your child has a summer birthday, we will designate another day of the school year to celebrate your child's birthday. Homemade treats are allowed.

Parties/Special Events:

We have several parties throughout the school year (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter). Parents/grandparents and siblings are welcome to attend. There will be class sign-ups for parents wanting to bring items for these special days. We will have an evening Christmas Program in December in our auditorium. Parents, siblings, relatives, and friends are invited to join us.

We will have an evening Preschool Graduation Program for the 4 year old classes in May. Parents, siblings, and relatives are invited to join us. The children will be wearing caps and gowns for the program. The children will get to keep their caps. The cost for the cap is included in the child's registration fee.

Zaner-Bloser Handwriting:

Sunshine Preschool uses Zaner-Bloser handwriting. Zaner-Bloser is also the style used at the elementary schools in Mattoon. This makes an easy transition into Kindergarten. As your child begins learning to write their name, please remind them that only the first letter of their name is capitalized.

Toys brought to school:

To eliminate loss, breakage, or disagreements, we request that no toys be brought to school. Gum and candy are not permitted.

Field Trips:

We will take a few field trips throughout the year. On some field trips, we will use our church bus. As confirmed by the Illinois Secretary of State's office, due to the size and type of bus, it is not necessary for your child to be in a car/booster seat. For some field trips, we may use our church van, at which time your child will require a car/booster seat. Parents may also be asked to help transport on field trips as needed. Please have your child at school and ready to go on field trip days so we may leave at the designated time.

Sunshine Preschool T-shirts:

Your child will receive a class t-shirt. The cost of the shirt is included in your registration fee. The children will wear their class shirts for field trips and special events.

Religious Teaching:

Bible stories are an important part of our daily curriculum. Prayer also occurs at various times during the school day, including before snack.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you join us at Broadway Christian Church. Our church services are at 8:30a, 9:45a, and 11a. We offer classes for children of all ages during all three services.

Contact Information:

During the school year as questions, concerns, or issues arise, we ask that you please contact your child's teacher. At the beginning of the school year, your child's teacher will provide you with their contact information. You may also speak with the teacher prior to or immediately following your child's class. If the teacher is unavailable or the issue is not resolved, please contact the Preschool Coordinator, Jenny Camfield.

For questions regarding registration, please contact
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