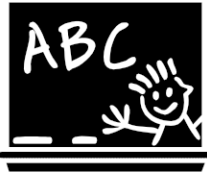


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WELCOME

We are so excited to be working with you and your preschooler and sharing God's love with our school families! We pray that we can all work together to provide a safe, fun and educational year for all. Please do not hesitate to call, email, or ask a staff member if you have any questions or concerns. The school phone number is 342-7083 and Mt. Calvary's Preschool email is preschool@mclcgalesburg.org

ORIENTATION MEETING

Thank you for taking the time to attend the orientation days for preschool. We hope we have answered most of your questions and given you sufficient information. If you have any other questions, please ask. If you haven't already done so, please turn in all paperwork by Friday, Sept. 9th (emergency contact, biographical data, birth certificate, physical, grandparent list, DCFS signature form). Thank you.

CLASS INFORMATION

Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day class (M-F) begins Wednesday, August 30th and meets 8:45am -11:15am.

Tuition is \$230/month.

Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class (MWF) begins Wednesday, August 30th and meets 9:00am - 11:30am.

Tuition is \$165/month.

Mrs. Hunt's 2 day class (Tu/Th) begins Thursday, August 31st and meets 9:00am - 11:30am.

Tuition is \$130/month.

SCHOLARSHIP MONIES

There are partial tuition assistance scholarships available for October through May tuition. The monies are from PTO fundraisers and congregational donations. Any student enrolled at Mt. Calvary is eligible—based on need. Application forms are available in the church office and on our website and should be returned to the church secretary by Friday, September 15, 2023. The Board of Education's Scholarship Committee will review all applications and award the money as they see fit. Scholarship monies do not apply toward September tuition. Recipients will be notified prior to October 1st.



TUITION

Tuition is due on the first school day of every month. For September, please take care of tuition the first week of school. Thank you.

*We are able to take debit/credit card payments. When paying by card: there will be a \$0.45 fee for every transaction and there is a 3% fee if using a credit card. (Fee amounts subject to change). Leah can give you exact fee amounts if you would like the information.

PTO MEETING

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool PTO will have their first meeting at 11:30am in the gym on Friday, September 8th. Those attending 2 day class (Tues/Thurs) are invited to attend as well. We will be choosing fundraisers and making plans for the year. Please bring your ideas for activities and fundraisers for the year. All family members are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please talk to Leah Koch or any teacher about how you can be involved.

COLLECTIBLES/RECYCLING

We recycle ink cartridges at Staples. We are paid \$2 each for up to 20 cartridges per month. This helps with expenses for school supplies.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool is based on units. The units may last one or more weeks. Art activities, games, stories, songs and gross motor activities, etc. are usually related to that theme.

Our curriculum also emphasizes self-help and general readiness skills throughout the year. Each student is encouraged to practice, saying audibly their own name in a sentence, parents' names, telephone number and address. We would encourage you to help your child master these important survival skills.

SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM

2 Day Class

Learning our new friends' names
Exploring the building/Learning procedures & limits
Talking about Creation
Realizing that God has made each of us special
Shapes, #1- #3, C, F, B

3 Day and 5 Day Classes

Aug. 30-Sept. 8	Getting to know our new friends & classroom, Gingerbread Man, Grandparents
Sept. 11-15	"C" is for Creation/Caterpillars, circle, #1
Sept. 18-22	"F" is for Fire Safety/Fall, square, #2
Sept. 25-29	"B" is for Body/Butterflies, triangle, #3



BOOK ORDERS

Mt. Calvary will send Scholastic book order forms home periodically. You are not expected to purchase anything. We offer these as a service only and as an opportunity for our school to earn free books. Please note the "due by" date on each form and return promptly if you do plan to order. You can also order online at scholastic.com. Our online class code is WT64Q.

SNACKS

Please note the attached snack calendar with snack assignments. We encourage you to send nutritious items. Due to licensing regulations, all snacks must be pre-packaged from the store in original, unopened containers. Check the handbook for some ideas. **Please be sure your snack is nut free and has not been prepared in a facility that also processes nuts.** (A handout with nut free snack ideas is available in the office). Please send cookies, donuts, or cupcakes for birthday celebrations only. There are 15 students in Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day class, 15 students in Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class, and 15 students in Mrs. Hunt's 2 day class.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you join us for worship at Mt. Calvary. We meet: Sundays at 8:45am for Sunday school for kids and Bible Class for adult and at 10:00am for our Worship Service. For more information, ask Leah in the office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES/WISH LIST

If you and your child would like to donate school supplies at this time we can use napkins, ziplock bags (any size— snack, sandwich, quart, gallon), Kleenex, disinfectant wipes, postage stamps, and 100% apple juice. Thank you! We will have a tear-off list for donations needed on the sign out stand as necessary.

STAR STUDENT

Each week we would like to feature one of our preschoolers as the "Star Student" of the week. When it is your child's turn, please provide a poster to be displayed on the "Star Student" bulletin board. The poster and any pictures provided will be returned to you.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture Days will be Thursday, September 28th for Mrs. Hunt's 2 day classes and Friday, September 29th for Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day and Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class.

SHOW AND SHARE

Beginning in October, we will have a day each month for students to bring in an item to show the class. On that day, we ask the students to also bring along an item to donate to a local charity. In October, the children may each bring in one item of their choice to show, and we ask, if possible, for them to bring a gently used or new cold weather item that we will take to Lutheran Social Services.