



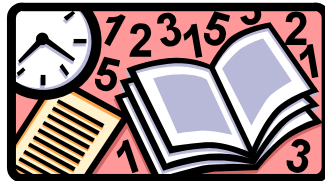
Welcome to First United Methodist School Kindergarten

This year will be exciting! Our class will be surrounded by love as we work, play and grow together throughout this school year.

As we work together and seek God's help for this school year, we will keep our school theme verse in mind:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

- * We want our students to understand that Jesus loves them! He died so that their sins might be forgiven, and that they might receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.
- * We want to establish positive self-esteem by helping each student in areas of weakness and challenging in areas of strength.
- * We desire to train students to be independent by teaching them how to follow directions, and guiding them in making good decisions.
- * We shall strive to give students a strong academic foundation in order for them to be successful in first grade.
- * We shall strive to give our students a firm spiritual foundation so that they will be prepared to fulfill God's plan for their lives.



School Hours

School hours are 8:20 am – 3:00 pm. Classrooms are open at 8:00am. You may come in with your child in the mornings, but please remember our day begins promptly at 8:20 am! Tardy students are not to come to the classroom without reporting to the school office first. The time before class starts is when the students are to prepare for the day. They will use this time to put away book bags, lunches and other supplies. Please allow them to execute these simple tasks on their own. Independence is a key to your child's success in their education.



Absences from School

We will follow the guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook. Please familiarize yourself with them. Please note that you may not send your child to school if they are visibly ill or have had fever/vomiting in the past 24 hours. Call the school office by 8:30am for the absence to be recorded as excused (you may leave a recording if you call before 8 am)



School Uniforms

Students are required to wear the school uniform with belt to school each day. On Fridays, the school t-shirt may be worn with uniform bottoms. We suggest that you purchase a school sweater, jacket or sweatshirt. Only Sir Walter Uniform clothes and outerwear may be worn on school grounds. Please be sure to label your child's sweater/jacket; they can easily get lost or left behind. On P.E. days, please be sure your child is wearing shorts/pants, tennis shoes and has a water bottle. P.E. days will be posted at Open House.



Weekly Newsletter

Each week we will message the Friday Letter on SchoolWorx which will include news and information from our classroom. Please read and keep this information to help you be informed on class events.



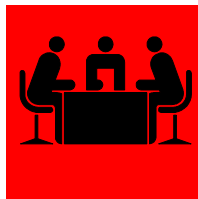
Playground Rules

The mulch side of the playground is open to pre-school and kindergarten. Students should not be on standing on top of the equipment. If students are on the playground after school, they **MUST** be supervised by an adult!



Lunch

Students bringing their lunch should print their name clearly on the outside of the lunch box. Lunch boxes are not kept in a refrigerator; you may want to include an ice pack. Hot lunches are also available. Lunchroom rules will include good manners, no sharing or trading food, no soda and quiet talking. Please limit sugar and candy. Parents are allowed to eat with their child and bring outside food (no soda, please). Please limit these visits to two a month and wait until after the first several weeks of school when your child is comfortable with the new routines and environment.



Conferences

We believe that conferences work to keep parents and teachers informed, enabling us to work as a team (parent + child + teacher). There will be a scheduled parent-teacher conference at the end of the first nine weeks. If you need any additional conferences, please let us know and we will arrange it. Problems are best handled when they are small.



Birthdays

We would be delighted to help celebrate your child's birthday. Please feel free to bring in a snack for the class and kindly give a few days notice. Please do not send in piñatas. Please refrain from sending birthday party invitations to school with your child unless he/she is inviting the whole class. This is to ensure that no feelings are hurt. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Classroom Rules

Our goal is to create a safe and positive environment which allows all children to learn and grow. During the first weeks of school your child will be learning our classroom procedures and routines. Our philosophy of discipline is that when children know what is expected and are encouraged through positive reinforcement, they are more likely to respond with appropriate behavior. We will be learning that we are a team or family and that we will be working together throughout the year as a group.



Chapel

Chapel is usually held each Tuesday morning at 8:30am in the church sanctuary. Students are encouraged to demonstrate a reverence for God, bow their heads during prayer, sing and listen attentively to the speaker. Parents are always welcome to attend chapel. Younger siblings may also attend with parents. Students are required to sit with their class during chapel.



Backpacks

Please send your child's backpack to school each day. Your child will be given a take-home folder to help transport information and class work home each day. No toys or snacks are allowed in backpacks!



Take Home Folders

All correspondence/class work sent home will be placed in a take-home folder with your child's name on the front. Please remove any correspondence/class work each day. Give this folder back to your child daily to return to class. It will be his/her responsibility to take it home and return it the following day. It is important for you to check it each evening because it gives the student daily responsibility regarding schoolwork. You can use the folder to send in any notes or information for the teacher or school office. Folders will be checked daily upon their return.



Field Trips

We will be taking field trips during the year. All chaperones must have a background check on file in the school office along with a copy of a current insurance card and driver's license. Chaperones also are required to complete a Child Protection Class. We rely on parental help to transport students on field trips and your help is appreciated.