



2021-2022

Family Handbook for 2's

Please also refer to the COVID - 19 Special Instructions Packet

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WELCOME TO STOREHOUSE GROW & GO PRESCHOOL!

Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool, formerly Plymouth Valley Christian Nursery School, has been serving the community for over 64 years, providing an educational experience for children within a Christian environment. Our plan for your child is to provide dynamic environments where kids learn foundational educational, social, emotional and spiritual principles. Our program is developed to encourage wonder, promote discovery, and foster a passion for learning. Creative play, group experiences, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, special events and more are all employed to make Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool one of the area's finest experiences for children. We emphasize independence and self-confidence as well as cooperation and social manners to help equip your child for life. Our school is licensed by the PA Department of Human Services.

Professional Staff

On-going training and development is a priority for our teachers. Every lead teacher holds an education degree and all of our teachers have extensive early-childhood experience. Our director has been a school administrator for over 37 years. It is important for us to provide a high standard of education and care for your child. Our curriculum has been updated to comply with the 2014 PA Early Learning Standards.

Family Environment

Our experienced staff is committed to knowing each of their students personally and providing the support and care that your family is looking for. From the orientations prior to the start of school to the weekly newsletter, our teachers and staff communicate regularly with families.

Spiritual Foundation

There will be a monthly Christian theme through which we will teach the basic principles of Christianity. Our school has always welcomed families from all religious and cultural backgrounds. Our staff continues to be committed to cultivating respect and appreciation for all people. Everyone is welcome here!

Equal Opportunity

Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool admits children and provides services in a nondiscriminatory manner and without regard to an individual's race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, or gender.

SCHOOL TERM

- School will open on Tuesday, Sept. 14th. School will close on Friday May 27th.
Please check the All School Calendar for the date when your child's class begins.
- The three day 2's class is held on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:30-11:30am
The two day 2's class is held on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am
- Lunch Bunch (extended day) is not available for 2's
- Holidays, as far as possible, correspond with the Colonial School District's Calendar.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Classroom activities are designed to provide for your child's physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth in preparation for Kindergarten. Daily routines always include both group and independent learning experiences challenging children to think, reason, remember and experiment. As the children discover themselves and their environment, it is our hope for them to learn to like school, their teachers and other children. Educational programs are designed to meet the varying needs of all students.
- The program includes time for free-play, conversation, singing, rhythms, stories, finger-play, games, creative activities, science activities, dramatic play, field trips, special holiday projects, bathroom and cleanup. Outside play is included when the weather permits.
- Because of the many varied religious and social backgrounds of the children who attend Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool, an attempt is made to cultivate respect and appreciation for all persons and faiths. A non-denominational Christian Chapel Service will be held once a month and a Christian emphasis is included in the curriculum.

TUITION AND FEES

- An Application Fee of \$40.00 per child or \$50.00 per family is required to reserve a spot in the class. This must accompany each year's application, and is not refundable.
- Annual tuition is divided up into 9 equal payments, the first of which is due with registration and counts as the May payment. This payment is non-refundable if you withdraw for any reason after August 1st. The remaining tuition will be due on the 1st day of the month, September through April.

A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged when the tuition has not been paid by the 10th of the month. **Checks should be made payable to "Storehouse Church" with your child's full name written in the memo section.** Tuition may be mailed to Storehouse Church, 1090 Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, OR dropped off in the Preschool office, OR placed in an envelope and given to the teacher. Include a tuition coupon which was provided to ensure that payments are processed correctly.

Please do not put tuition in your child's school bag

- If tuition is two months in arrears, the child will be dropped from the rolls unless mutually acceptable arrangements can be made. Please speak with the director.

CHILD HEALTH REPORT FORM

- The state-required Child Health Report is available for download from the Preschool Website. This report must be signed and dated by your child's physician. This Health Report is good for one year following the date it was signed by the doctor. A new updated health form is required after 12 months from the date it was signed.
- The school reserves the right to withhold the admission of any child for health reasons.
- It is understood that the school is not to be held responsible in case of accident or injury.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

We want all families to be active participants in their child's preschool experience. We communicate with families in a variety of ways to keep everyone informed and involved.

- Orientation Conference- held in September.
- Emergency Text Alert System - Families will be instructed on procedures to sign up for emergency text alerts from our preschool. These alerts will be vital in communicating instantly with families in the event of a school-wide emergency or last minute schedule change.
- Carline- at dropoff or pickup, parents and teachers can briefly share information.
- Friday email newsletter- an email will be sent each Friday with school news, a report from your child's teacher, and pictures from the week's activities.
- Bag- each week your child will bring home a bag with artwork, crafts and information about the week's learning.
- Phone/email- please call or email the school office if you have a message or a question for the teacher. While teachers do not have their own individual school email account, we will make sure the teacher gets the message and gets back to you promptly.
- Reports- we are required to send home a "Child Service Report" twice each school year. This report will have information about your child's strengths, the next developmental milestones the class will be working on, and some suggestions regarding how you can help your child grow and develop.
- Midyear Conference- an individual conference with your child's teacher will be held in January/February to discuss your child's progress.

- **Preschool Website-** provides valuable information regarding our Preschool program. <https://www.storehousepreschool.com/>
- **Storehouse Preschool Facebook page** – Like and Follow us on Facebook!
- **Monthly classroom calendars**

HEALTH AND HYGIENE-PROCEDURES

Several procedures/policies are in place to promote good health, prevent the spread of childhood diseases, and help our children to learn about good hygiene.

- **Hand Hygiene:** Most agencies report that the most significant step to reduce the spread of childhood diseases is more frequent hand-washing. Teachers will assist children in washing their hands upon arrival, after bathroom use, before snacks/meals, and when soiled from making crafts with glue or paint. Hand Sanitizer will be used when washing is impossible.
- **Respiratory Etiquette:** Viruses are thought to spread when ill individuals cough or sneeze into the air or into their hand. Children are being taught to cough or sneeze into their arm or sleeve.
- **Regular Cleaning of Surfaces:** Our teaching staff and/or custodial staff regularly clean tables, counters, floors, bathrooms, equipment, and toys. We use a commercial disinfectant which is recommended for schools. It kills the most common bacteria (including MRSA and many others), viruses (including HIV, Hepatitis B and C, Influenza, COVID and many others), and common fungi.
- **Hygiene Lessons:** Lessons about hygiene are part of our curriculum. We teach these concepts within the first few weeks of school.
- **Stay home when sick:** Children and staff should stay home when sick. If your child has “Influenza-like Illness” (ILI), s/he should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without fever-reducing medicines. The PA Dept. of Health indicated that the usual duration of fever is 2-4 days.
- **Communication between Caregivers and Teachers:** If your child has a non-flu-related reason for coughing or sneezing, please inform his/her teacher. If a child starts to exhibit flu-like symptoms during class, we will call the caregivers to come pick up their child. Better safe than sorry

STOREHOUSE PRESCHOOL POLICIES

Enrollment

- Your child's teacher will hold small group orientations in September. You and your child will have the opportunity to meet several other families and their children. While the children get acquainted the teacher will go over classroom procedures.
- Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool believes that children of all ability levels are entitled to the same opportunities for participation, acceptance and belonging in a preschool setting. We will make every reasonable accommodation to encourage full and active participation of all children in our program based on his/her individual capabilities and needs. However, in some situations SGGP may not have the support staff necessary for working with physical, mental or emotional needs requiring very specific intervention and expertise, especially when this impacts the safety of all the children. We reserve the right, therefore, to suspend or dismiss any child who (in the judgment of the Preschool Director, after all avenues for support and accommodation have been explored including MCIU and Early Intervention) does not function safely in the preschool setting. In this circumstance, an effort will be made to work with the families to find a more beneficial placement for that child. Unexpired tuition will be refunded.
- Withdrawals: It is understood that enrollment is for the entire school year, September through May. Because it is necessary to make staff commitments in advance, no reduction or rebate of fees can be made in case of absences, illness or voluntary withdrawal from school. Exceptions will be made only in case of moving out of the area.

Confidentiality

Unless we receive your written consent, information regarding your child will not be released with the exception of that required by our regulatory agencies. All records concerning children at our program are confidential.

Immunizations

Immunizations are required according to the current schedule recommended by the U.S. Public Health Services and the American Academy of Pediatrics, www.aap.org. Each year, we check with the public health department or the American Academy of Pediatrics for updates of the recommended immunization schedule. Our state regulations regarding attendance of children who are not immunized due to religious or medical reasons are followed. Unimmunized children are excluded during outbreaks of vaccine preventable illness as directed by the state health department.

Physicals

Routine physical exams for children are required according to the current recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, www.aap.org. Additionally, the PA Department of Human Services

requires that we have a signed copy of the current physical in your child's folder. A signed and dated Child Health Report from your child's doctor must be received no later than 4 weeks after your child begins to attend our preschool program. Parents/Caregivers are responsible for assuring that their child's physicals are kept up-to-date and that a copy of the results of the child's health assessment is provided to our office. The blank "Child Health Report" is available on our preschool website.

Illness

We understand that it is difficult for a family member to leave or miss work, but to protect other children, you may not bring a sick child to school. The school has the right to refuse a child who appears ill. You will be called and asked to retrieve your child if your child exhibits any of the following symptoms. This is not an all-inclusive list. We will try to keep your child comfortable but he/she will be excluded from all activities until you arrive.

- Illness that prevents your child from participating in activities.
- Illness that results in greater need for care than we can provide.
- Fever accompanied by other symptoms.
- Diarrhea – stools with blood or mucus, and/or uncontrolled, unformed stools that cannot be contained in a diaper/underwear or toilet.
- Vomiting – green or bloody, and/or 2 or more times during the previous 24 hours.
- Mouth sores caused by drooling.
- Rash with fever, unless a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- Pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, until on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment.
- Strep throat, until 24 hours after treatment.
- Head lice, until treatment and all nits are removed.
- Scabies, until 24 hours after treatment.
- Chickenpox, until all lesions have dried and crusted.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough), until 5 days of antibiotics.
- Hepatitis A virus, until one week after immune globulin has been administered.
- COVID - 19 and variants.

Children who have been ill may return when:

- They are free of fever (without fever-reducing medication), vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours.
- They have been treated with an antibiotic for 24 hours.
- They are able to participate comfortably in all usual activities.
- They are free of open, oozing skin conditions and drooling (not related to teething) unless:
The child's physician signs a note stating that the child's condition is not contagious, and; the involved areas can be covered by a bandage without seepage or drainage through the bandage.
- If a child had a reportable communicable disease, a physician's note stating that the child is no longer contagious and may return to our care is required.

Allergy Prevention

Caregivers are expected to notify us regarding children's food and environmental allergies. Caregivers of children with diagnosed allergies are required to provide us a physician's letter and Allergy Action Plan detailing the child's symptoms, reactions, treatments and care. A list of the children's allergies will be posted in the classroom. We are trained to familiarize ourselves and consult the list to avoid the potential of exposing children to substances to which they have known allergies.

Each year, several of our children have severe food allergies. These allergies can be life-threatening. Since some children can have a contact nut allergy, we are suggesting that children who eat peanut butter before coming to school wash their hands with soap & water and brush their teeth after consuming peanut butter. Hopefully, this will lessen the possibility of cross-contamination.

While the parents of these children take an active role in managing these allergies, we do need your help in ensuring the health and safety of all our students.

Medications

All medications should be handed to a staff member with written, specific instructions for administration. Medications should never be sent in the child's bag or with the child to administer on their own. Our staff will ensure that the medication is recorded along with the directions and will dispense the medication as directed.

- Prescription medications require a note signed by the family and a written order from the child's physician. The label on the medication meets this requirement. The medication must include your child's name, dosage, current date, frequency, and the name and phone number of the physician. All medications must be in the original container (you may request pharmacies to fill your prescription in two labeled bottles). Please specify the dosage and time(s) to be administered for each medication.
Prescription medications should be delivered by the caregiver to the school office. Written records will be kept of the administration of the medication.
- Non-prescription medications require a note signed by the caregiver. Non-prescription medication should not be administered for more than a 3-day period unless a written order by the physician is received.
- Non-prescription topical ointments (e.g., diaper cream) require a note signed by the caregiver, specifying frequency and dosage to be administered.

Communicable Diseases

When an enrolled child or an employee of the school has a (suspected) reportable disease, it is our legal responsibility to notify the local Board of Health or Department of Public Health. We will take care to notify families about exposure so children can receive preventive treatments. Included among the reportable illnesses are the following:

- Bacterial Meningitis
- Botulism
- Chicken Pox
- Diphtheria

- Hemophilus Influenza (invasive)
- Measles (including suspect)
- Meningococcal Infection (invasive)
- Poliomyelitis (including suspect)
- Rabies (human only)
- Rubella Congenital and Non-congenital (including suspect)
- Tetanus (including suspect)
- H1N1 Virus
- COVID- 19 Coronavirus
- Any cluster/outbreak of illness

SAFETY POLICIES

Clothing policies

Please dress your child in practical clothing that allows for freedom of movement and is appropriate for the weather. Your child will be involved in a variety of activities including: painting, outdoor play, sand, water, and other sensory activities. Our playground is used as an extension of the school, and daily programs are conducted outside whenever weather permits. Please NO snow boots, we will not go to the playground in the snow.

One particular aspect of concern is the risk associated with children's clothing that may become entangled with climbing or sliding equipment that could lead to choking or other serious harm. All drawstrings from children's clothes should be removed as a precaution.

Sandals, flip-flops, and boots are not appropriate for school play and make it difficult for your child to participate in some activities.

Extreme Weather and Outdoor Play

Outdoor play will not occur if the outside temperature is greater than 95 °F or less than 37 °F degrees. Additionally, outdoor play will be cancelled if the air quality rating is 50 or below.

Injuries

Safety is a major concern in child care and so daily safety inspections are completed inside and outside the school area in order to prevent injuries. First aid will be administered by a staff member in the event that your child sustains a minor injury (e.g., scraped knee). You will receive an incident report outlining the incident and course of action taken. If the injury produces any type of swelling or needs medical attention, you will be contacted immediately. Each classroom is equipped with a first aid kit meeting the state regulations.

In the event of a serious medical emergency we will call 9-1-1 and the child may be taken to the hospital immediately by ambulance, while we will try to contact you or an emergency contact.

Biting

Biting is a normal stage of development that is common among infants and toddlers – and sometimes even among preschoolers. It is something that most young children will try at least once.

When biting happens, our response will be to care for and help the child who was bitten and to help the biter learn a more appropriate behavior. Our focus will not be on punishment for biting, but on effective behaviors that address the specific reason for biting.

Notes will be written to the family of the child who was bitten and the biter's family. We will work together with the families of each to keep them informed and to develop strategies for change.

Respectful Behavior

All children and caregivers will be treated with respect and dignity. In return, we expect the same from all of our families. We will not tolerate hostile or aggressive behavior. If this occurs, we reserve the right to ask you to control your behavior or to remove your children from our care.

Smoking

The poisons in secondhand smoke are especially harmful to infants and young children's developing bodies, therefore the indoor and outdoor school environment are non-smoking areas at all times. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on the school's premises while school is in session.

Prohibited Substances

The use of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited on the school's premises. Possession of illegal substances or unauthorized potentially toxic substances is prohibited.

Any adult who appears to be inebriated, intoxicated, or otherwise under the influence of mind-altering or polluting substances is required to leave the premises immediately.

Dangerous Weapons

A dangerous weapon is a gun, knife, razor, or any other object, which by the manner it is used or intended to be used, is capable of inflicting bodily harm. Families, children, staff or guests (other than law enforcement officers) possessing a dangerous weapon will not be permitted onto the premises.

In cases that clearly involve a gun, or any other weapon on our premises, the police will be called and the individual(s) involved will be immediately removed from the premises. This policy applies to visible or concealed weapons.

Child Custody

Without a court document, both parents/guardians have equal rights to custody. We are legally bound to respect the wishes of the parent/guardian with legal custody based on a certified copy of the most recent court order, active restraining order, or court-ordered visitation schedule. We will

not accept the responsibility of deciding which parent/guardian has legal custody where there is no court documentation. Please inform the director of any special custody situations.

Suspected Child Abuse

All staff members of our preschool are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse. We are required by law to report all observations of child abuse or neglect cases to the appropriate state authorities if we have reasonable cause to believe or suspect a child is suffering from abuse or neglect or is in danger of abuse or neglect, no matter where the abuse might have occurred. The child protective service agency will determine appropriate action and may conduct an investigation. It then becomes the role of the agency to determine if the report is substantiated and to work with the family to ensure the child's needs are met. Our school will cooperate fully with any investigation and will maintain confidentiality concerning any report of child abuse or neglect.

EMERGENCIES

Lost or Missing Child

In the unlikely event that a child becomes lost or separated from a group, all available staff will search for the child. If the child is not located within minutes, the family and the police will be notified.

Fire Safety

Our school is fully equipped with fire alarms, emergency lights, automatic sprinklers, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide detectors. Our fire evacuation plan is reviewed with the children and staff on a monthly basis.

Emergency Transportation

In the event your child needs to be transported due to a medical emergency, if no other authorized person can be contacted and the need for transportation is essential, an ambulance will be called for transportation. A staff member will accompany and remain with the child until a family member or emergency contact arrives.

SKILLS

Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards

Our Curriculum is designed to accomplish the educational goals established by the current (2014) version of the PA Early Learning Standards. We also consider the specific expectations of local school districts for entrance into kindergarten. Our goal is for every child to be well-prepared for kindergarten in every way.

The "Key Learning Areas" included in the PA Standards are:

1. Approaches to Learning through Play: Constructing, Organizing and Applying Knowledge
 2. Language and Literacy Development: English Language Arts
 3. Mathematical Thinking and Expression: Exploring, Processing and Problem Solving
 4. Scientific Thinking: Exploring, Inquiry and Discovery
 5. Social Studies Thinking: Connecting to Communities
 6. Thinking and Expression: Communicating through the Arts
 7. Health, Wellness and Physical Development: Learning About My Body
 8. Social and Emotional Development: Student Interpersonal Skills
 9. Partnerships for Learning: Families, Learning Environments and Communities
- The complete PA Early Learning Standards document is available at the website of the PA Department of Education:

<http://static.pdesas.org/content/documents/PreKLearningStandards-WEB.pdf>

Throughout the school year we will provide families with more information about the PA Early Learning Standards through our preschool website, our weekly newsletters, and family meetings. Your child's teacher will provide information about your child's progress by the "Child Service Reports" which will be sent home in December and May, and at the family conference which will be held in late January.

Preschool Staff Professional Development

Our staff participates in Professional Development each year in the following areas:

- Pediatric First Aid/CPR
- Fire Safety
- Emergency Plans/Procedures
- Child Health/Safety/Nutrition
- Childhood Illness and Allergies
- Curriculum/Standards/Instruction
- Assessment of Learning
- Inclusion and accommodations for children with special needs
- Collaboration with Families
- Effective Communication
- Other topics as needed.

Individualized Education Plans (IEP) & Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP)

Because of the diverse set of needs of the children in our program, it is important to gather information about the best ways to educate each child. IEP's and IFSP's are created by service providers working with children with special needs and include this information. Therefore, we request copies of IEP's and IFSP's for the children in our care. Your child's growth and development is measured with developmental assessments.

If your child currently has an IEP/IFSP, it would be beneficial to share a copy of this plan with us so we can work together to ensure that the guidelines are put into practice. You do not have to provide this information if you do not wish to do so.

TRANSITIONS

Transition to another Educational Setting/Classroom

Going to a new class or a new school is an important life event. Preschoolers can feel excited—and a bit worried, too. Preschool teachers want the children in their classrooms to be ready for the move to the next preschool class or to kindergarten. Near the end of the school year, teachers will talk with the children about their feelings about the change. Children should have many opportunities to talk about their fears and concerns. We want them to be prepared for the transition and to know that we will miss them and are also proud they are growing up and moving on.

Transfer of/Access to your child's Records

Parents may review their child's records at any time. Contact the school office to make arrangements.

School records are private documents that we will only share with your permission. To allow someone to view your child's records (academic, development, health) you must sign a release. If you want to transfer your child's records to his/her next school, the new school should ask you to sign a release which they will mail to us.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Websites

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)-
http://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#.VehOc_IViko

PDE Early Learning Standards
<http://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/Early%20Learning/Early%20Learning%20Standards/Early%20Learning%20Standards%20-%20Prekindergarten%202014.pdf>

Pennsylvania's Promise for Children
<http://papromiseforchildren.com/>

PA Department of Human Services (DHS) <http://www.dhs.pa.gov>

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Early Intervention
<http://www.mciu.org/offices/office-of-student-services/early-interventionpreschool/>

American Academy of Pediatrics <https://www.aap.org/en-us/Pages/Default.aspx>

Jeanes Library <http://jeaneslibrary.org/>

Elmwood Park Zoo
<http://www.elmwoodparkzoo.org/>

Merrymead Farm <http://www.merrymead.com/>

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD & CHILD SAFETY:
safekids.org
http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/little-kids-1%E2%80%934-years

CAR SEAT LAWS in PA:
<http://www.dmv.org/pa-pennsylvania/safety-laws.php>

Parenting Info from Montgomery County: <https://www.montcopa.org/1323/Parenting-Tips>

Immunization Information: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4016.pdf>

Montgomery County- Health <http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=2228>

WebMD
<http://www.webmd.com/>

Food Allergy Site <https://www.foodallergy.org/>

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CLASSES OFFERED

TWO YEAR OLD PROGRAM

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30-11:30 AM

Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-11:30 AM

THREE YEAR OLD PROGRAM

Two days a week: Tuesday/Thursday, 9:15-11:45 AM; 12:30-3:00 PM

Three days a week: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday, or

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 9:15-11:45

Extended hours available for AM classes until 3:00 PM

THREE DAY PRE-K PROGRAM

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:15-11:45 AM; 12:30-3:00 PM

Extended hours available (for AM classes) until 3:00 PM

FIVE DAY PRE-K PROGRAM

Monday through Friday

9:15-11:45 AM, 12:30 - 3:00 PM

Extended hours available for AM class until 3:00 PM

TOT-N-ME TIME

Six-week Program for incoming Three's - Friday mornings in March/April

SUMMER CAMP FOR 3's and Pre-K's

Monday-Friday mornings – 2 or 3 weeks starting in late May, 9:15 – 11:45 AM

KINDERGARTEN PREP for graduating Pre-K's

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

Eight week program starting in June, 9:15 – 11:45 AM

SUMMER SPROUTS for 3's

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

Eight week program starting in June, 9:15 – 11:45 AM

TWO YEAR OLD PROGRAM

Providing for your child's growth is a rewarding experience for all involved at Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool. From the onset of the year, classroom activities contribute to the development of physical, intellectual, social and emotional skills. Daily routines always include both group and independent learning experiences that challenge children to think, reason, remember, and experiment. We are looking forward to working with your children, guiding them in discovering themselves and their environment. It is our goal for them to learn to like school, their teachers and other children.

Hopefully, our year at Storehouse Grow & Go Preschool will accomplish this.

REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

Please put your child's name on any clothing item that he/she brings to school (coat, hat, mittens, sweaters, etc). Dress your child in self-help garments with zippers and large buttons he can manage himself when possible. Mittens are preferred over gloves. Please do not send your child in boots. They are too difficult to get on and off and we will not be going outside in the snow. Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor play. Weather permitting, children will be taken outdoors daily.

Dress your child in play clothes. No watches, jewelry, money or valuable toys should be brought to school. Sandals, flip-flops and dress shoes are not suitable.

Notify us promptly if your child has contracted any contagious disease. Please keep your child home if they have a fever, runny nose or other symptoms. We reserve the right to send for you to take your child home if they appear ill. We appreciate a call if your child will not be at school.

On the first class of the week, please send a large shopping bag with a handle and your child's name on it. It will be sent home with handiwork and "treasures", along with an occasional communication from the school.

Feel free to arrange for a personal talk with the teacher or Director concerning your child at any time outside class hours. Midyear conferences will be scheduled in January/February. Phone or email the school office any time you have questions.

*****SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE*** 2's**

ARRIVAL and SCREENING: Car line only, NO WALK UPS

- Arrival- note: may be adjusted for the Pandemic
- Classes begin at **9:30 AM**
- Child, driver, and all passengers should wear masks.
- Please leave all pets at home or have them in a cage or pet carrier.
- Please display your Name Card (supplied by the school) in your passenger side window so that it is clearly visible to the teachers
- Drivers should stop the car at your designated entrance (Preschool door or Church lobby door) and place your car in "Park."
- Both driver and child should remain masked, and buckled in carseat and seat belts. Please do not allow children to unbuckle themselves and move around in the car.
- **Teachers will not get your child out of the car. Parents should stop the car at the correct entrance. Wearing your face mask, get your child out and pass him/her off to a teacher (out on the entrance patio).** At the door, the teacher will put sanitizer on the child's hands and take his/her temperature with a no-contact thermometer (only takes a few seconds). If the temp is OK, the teacher gives a thumbs-up to the parent (still by the car) and the parent may leave while the child goes inside.
- Please share this procedure with grandparents, sitters, etc who will also be dropping off your child.
- Carline may take a bit longer at first, but if we all follow these procedures, it should get faster as people adjust. We thank you for your cooperation to keep all the children and staff safe!
- When exiting the driveway, please turn right. It is easier and safer to turn right and helps to alleviate traffic backing up in our driveway.

PICK-UP PROCEDURE: Car line only, NO WALK UPS

- Departure- note: may be adjusted for the Pandemic
- Classes dismiss at **11:30 AM**
- Driver and all passengers should wear a mask.
- Please leave all pets at home or have them in a cage or pet carrier.
- Please display your Name Card (supplied by the school) in your passenger side window so that it is clearly visible to the teachers
- Stop at the designated entrance, place your car in "Park", and get out of the car.
- The teacher will send your child across the patio to you. After buckling your child into the car seat, you may exit the parking lot carefully.
- Please make every effort to be on time. If you are unavoidably late, please let us know by calling the office at 610-277-1690. (See Tardiness Policy for Late Pick up fees)
- If you are carpooling, check with the teachers involved to determine where to pick up the children.
- Please share this procedure with grandparents, sitters, etc who will also be dropping off your child.
- Carline may take a bit longer at first, but if we all follow these procedures, it should get faster as people adjust. We thank you for your cooperation to keep all the children and staff safe!
- When exiting the driveway, please turn right. It is easier and safer to turn right and helps to alleviate traffic backing up in our driveway. .

Child Pick-Up Tardiness Policy

Teachers will document tardiness. The third incident and any subsequent tardiness will be subject to the following fine schedule:

\$5.00 for anyone arriving 15 minutes after dismissal time; \$5.00 for each additional 5 minutes or portion thereof; (School clocks will be the determining factor.) Consideration will be given to those who call and are detained by unusual traffic or emergency situations.

PENNSYLVANIA'S "LAW OF LOVE"

ALL CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE 8 MUST BE IN AN APPROVED CHILD SAFETY SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT.

VIOLATORS OF THIS PRIMARY LAW ARE SUBJECT TO FINES.

For additional information go to: <https://www.penndot.gov/PennDOTWay/pages/Article.aspx?post=50>

If your car is not equipped with an approved child safety seat or booster seat you will have to park and come to the door to pick up your child. The SGGP staff will not put them in the car.

CAR LINE INFORMATION

**** Preschool Entrance ****

Mrs. Flood's Two-year-old classes

Mrs. Culp's MWF Pre-K AM & PM classes

Mrs. Shultz's Mon - Fri Pre-K AM & PM classes

Mrs. Uzdzienski's TTh Three's AM class

Mrs. Patruno's TTh Three's PM class

2:00 PM Lunch Bunch (Come to Preschool entrance to pick up your child, no car line)

**** Church Entrance ****

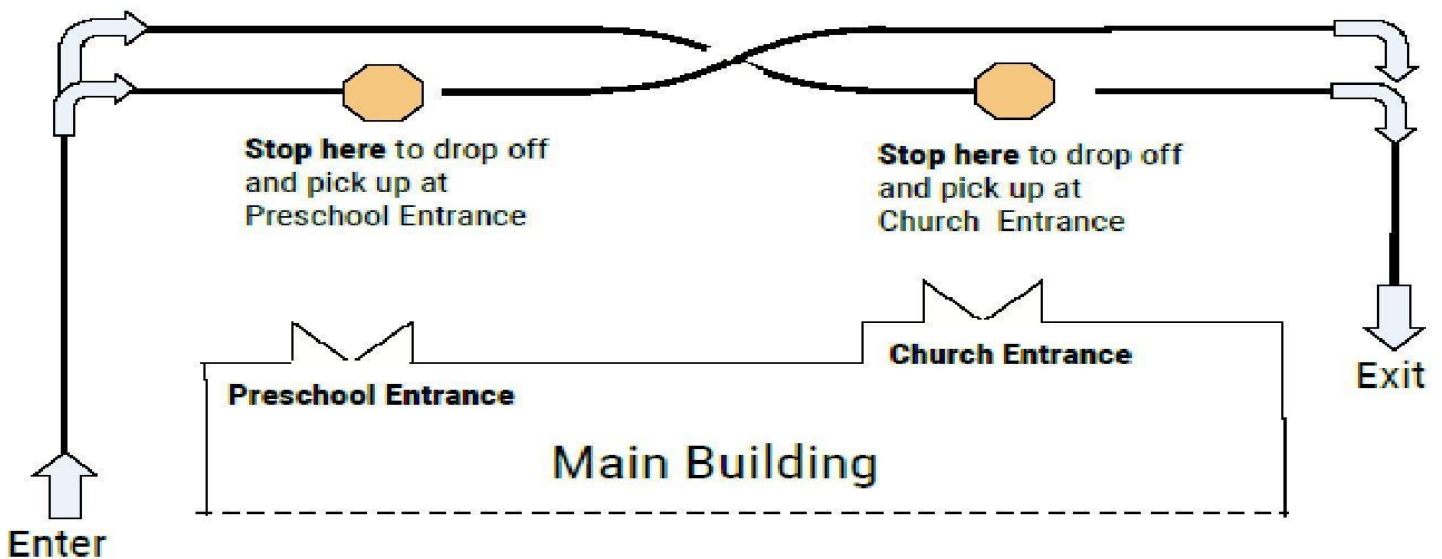
Mrs. Patruno's TWTh Three's AM class

Mrs. Uzdzienski's MWF Pre-K AM class

Mrs. Suh's MTTh Three's AM class

Lunch Bunch 3:00 pick up

For the safety of your children: The speed limit on our property is 15mph. Please hold children's hand at all times while in the parking lot. Be prepared to stop at any time!



EMERGENCY TEXTS AND ALERTS

In the event of a school-wide emergency or power outage, you will be notified via TEXT message using Twitter. You will be required to either follow us on Twitter (if you already have a Twitter account) or sign up for Text-only alerts on a cell phone. This is to ensure that all families are notified immediately if an emergency should occur, so it is very important that each family have at least one cell phone in our Emergency Text Alert system.

Here are 3 options for signing up for our Emergency Text Alerts:

For those already using Twitter, simply follow us at “SH_Preschool”.

For those who are not using Twitter, but would like to sign up:

Go to Twitter.com and find the sign up box

Enter your full name, cell phone number, and a password

Click “Sign up for Twitter”

In order to verify your phone number, you will get a text from Twitter, with a code. Enter the code in the box provided

Select a username (this name will be your name in Twitter that followers will see)

Double check your information

Click “Create my Account”

Follow us at “SH_Preschool”

For those who just want to receive text alerts without joining Twitter:

Compose a new text message to “40404”

Type this in the message area “follow SH_Preschool”

SNOW DAYS/DELAY DAYS

If the Colonial School District is closed due to inclement weather, WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

If the Colonial School District is on a Two-Hour Delay, we may be closed OR we will have the option of going to a MODIFIED SCHEDULE (see below). The decision will be made by 6:30 AM about our status for the day. If at 6:30 AM we can project that the roads will be reasonably clear by 10:30 AM, that our parking lot and walkways will be reasonably clear, and that more snow will not arrive before 3:00 PM, we would then contact KYW Radio/TV to post that we are on a Modified Schedule (see below). However, if it is not likely that the roads, parking lot and weather will be OK, we will be closed. It will be on a case-by-case basis.

Families will need to check KYW 1060 AM, our number is 3089, or watch CBS3-TV or CW57-TV for our school name. Many families will also find it easier to go to the KYW website:

<http://www.kyw1060.com/>

Go to the School Closings section and look for our school number 3089 to check our status.

In planning the Modified Schedule we could not begin any earlier than 11:00 AM since many families have older children who need to be in school which often takes to about 10:30 AM. We do understand that some families will choose not to attend that day but we would open for those who are able to come.

SGGP MODIFIED SCHEDULE

AM Classes (Threes, Pre-Ks): Drop-off at 11:15 AM - Pick-up at 12:45 PM

AM Classes (Twos): Drop-off at 11:00 AM - Pick-up at 12:30 PM

PM Classes (Threes & Pre-Ks): Drop-off at 1:30 PM – Pick-up at 3:00 PM

Lunch Bunch: Will begin at 1:00 with lunch eaten at 1:30.

You can pick your child up at either 2:00 or 3:00 (your choice).