

# Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten

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Dear Parents,

What a pleasure it was to see so many of you at Open House in February! Our staff enjoyed the chance to visit informally with you and to watch your proud and excited children show you some of what their school day involves and introduce you to their friends. Seeing all of you at Open House reminds me of what a blessing it is to be a part of the "Chamblee Methodist Family." We hope that you feel that every day at school is "open house"---you are welcome anytime to visit, come to Chapel, attend a birthday celebration, volunteer, or share your talents.

This new month will bring more fun and exciting events to our classrooms. Our 2 year old classes will have our Music and Me event, and the 3, 4 and 5 year classes will host "Muffins for Moms." Around St. Patrick's Day we often see some leprechaun mischief in our classrooms so be on the lookout. We will also have speech & language screenings again in March for those who would like follow-ups to the fall screening or for those who would like to have the screening done now. This month will be another busy time for all of our classes!

With Gratitude,

## **UPCOMING DATES**

Monday, March 4	Free Vision screening-age 3-5 (return form to opt out)
Wednesday, March 6	Chapel 9:15
Thursday, March 7	NO SCHOOL, Teacher workday (PMO still meets)
Friday, March 8	NO SCHOOL, DeKalb holiday (CMK and PMO closed)
Thursday, March 21	Chapel 9:15
Thursday, March 21	Kindergarten field trip to Center for Puppetry Arts
Tues. Mar 26/ Wed. Mar. 27	Optional Speech screening – see teacher for form
April	Parent/teacher conferences (dates/ times TBA)
Monday – Friday, April 1 – 5	NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
Wednesday, April 10	Chapel 9:15
Thursday, April 11	Staff Meeting–School closes at NOON (no lunch bunch)
Friday, April 12	Tuition Deposit DUE for rising Kindergarten class
Saturday, April 13	Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn, 10 a.m.
Tues/Wed April 16-17	Class Pictures – times TBD
Friday, April 19	NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
Monday, April 22	The Puppet Guy – in house field trip
Thursday, April 25	Chapel 9:15
Monday, May 6	The Reptile Guy – in house field trip
Week of May 6	Last Enrichment classes
Thurs, May 9/Fri, May 10	Spring Sing, 11 a.m. (for 3s, pre-k, and K classes)
Friday, May 10	Tuition Deposit due for next year – 2s, 3s, Pre-K
Monday, May 13	Ballet recitals for all 3 classes Times TBA
Wednesday, May 15	Chapel 9:15
Thursday, May 16	Kindergarten class graduation at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21	Last day of school

June 10–14 (M-F)

June 17–20 and June 24–27 (M-Th)

Vacation Bible School at Chamblee First UMC Church

Summer camp at CMK 9:00 – 1:00

## **STAFF RECOGNITION**

Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten is blessed with the best teaching staff around. As the director I could not have asked for a better staff to help guide, advise and support me in my role as director. The love, compassion, dedication and attention to the children is so inspiring to watch. CMK teachers are amazing! Last month during Chapel and to celebrate Kindness month we honored and recognized staff members for their length of service to Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten. These teachers, listed in order of longevity, have given at least 5 years of service to our school and for that we are so grateful. Join me in recognizing and showing our appreciation to these staff members: Tracy Kester (25), Dianne Wheeler (21), Nancy Kelly (18), Heather Nortje (16), Patti Payne (14), Nancy Bethany (12), Lauren Cortese (12), Patty Cottle (10), Yvonne Clemens (10), Julia Sellers (9), Becky Cooper (8), Traci White (8), Ann Council (8), Christy Archibald (7), Anne McGrath (7), Davina Profit (6) and Fara Yarbrough (6). Our staff continues to enhance their preparation by attending a minimum of 16 hours of professional development classes each year and by participating in the Georgia Preschool Conference in March.

## **APRIL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

CMK teachers are looking forward to talking with you during conferences. We hope you will make attending a priority. We will do everything we can to accommodate your schedule. It is helpful for teachers to know ahead of conferences if there are specific areas you would like to have addressed, so please email your child's teacher in advance with specific questions or areas of interest you want to discuss. We try hard to begin and end on time so we won't inconvenience those waiting, so if you feel that your conversation was limited due to time constraints, please know that the teachers will be glad to set up another time to answer all of your questions fully.

## **HOLY WEEK EVENTS AT CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

All families are invited to Chamblee First United Methodist Church Easter Egg hunt on the front lawn of the church on Saturday morning, April 13 at 10 am. The egg hunt will begin at 10:00 am sharp so you may want to come a bit early. Bring your own basket and enjoy fellowship with other CMK families. Be sure to find Mrs. O'Keefe and say Hi. The church would also like to invite you to join them for worship and Easter services during Holy Week. Special services will begin with Palm Sunday, April 14 followed by Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 18, Good Friday Mission Event on April 19 through Easter Sunday services on Sunday, April 21. Also, each Wednesday during Lent the church is offering a special prayer time in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm. We hope you will be able to join us for some or all of these special events.

## **MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS**

Over the next 2 months we will celebrate our music program with "Music and Me" for our two year old classes and "Spring Sing" for our older classes. The goal of these two programs is to highlight the enthusiasm and fun our children have in music while showcasing their singing and moving to the rhythm.

**"Music and Me"** - Each 2 year old class will have a special music time called "Music and Me." We invite parents to this special class as an opportunity for the children to show all the fun things they do in music in the comfort of their music classroom. After a short music time together we invite all the parents to come back to the classroom for cookies and lemonade. Your child's teacher will send the date and time soon.

**"Spring Sing"** - Our 3s, 4s and Kindergarten class will present Spring Sing on Thursday, May 9 (Payne, Sellers, Kiely, Nortje) and Friday, May 10 (Cooper, Clemens (3s), Kester and Cottle.) I wanted you to have the dates early, but be on the lookout for more details in the April newsletter.