

Dear Prospective Parents:

Thank you for your interest in the Parents' Morning Out Program at Smyrna First United Methodist Church.

At the Smyrna First United Methodist Parents' Morning Out program, our mission is to provide a Christ-centered, loving, and safe environment for all of God's children, where they are encouraged to explore in developmentally appropriate ways. Our goal is not to rush early academics. Rather, it is our goal to foster within these young learners—whom we call our Early Explorers—a sense that school can be a safe and fun place, that there can be trusted adults outside of primary caregivers. We hope to teach—and model—to our students the very things that all good citizens of the world should know: to share, to love the person in front of you, to leave things better than you found them, to have courage and be kind, and, above all else, to know that you are loved by God. We love our school and hope you and your child will feel that love.

The materials within this folder will provide an overview of our registration process. Available spaces will be filled and a wait-list created based on a lottery system. To be eligible for the lottery, registration materials along with a **\$25 non-refundable application fee** must be received by February 8th. **If your child is selected to receive placement for the next year, you will be notified by phone no later than Friday, February 15th, and we must receive the \$300 non-refundable registration fee within 48 hours of your verbal acceptance to secure your spot.** If your child is placed on a wait-list, you will be notified.

If your child is wait-listed, please do not despair. It has been our experience that spaces always become available before school begins in August, and these openings will be filled from the wait-list. We will place your enrollment application on file, but we will not require a registration fee until we have a space for your child. We will continue to accept applications after February 8, 2019. Although these applicants will not be a part of the initial lottery, they will be placed on the wait-list in the order in which they are received, and no application fee will be required.

Please remember that children will be registered in classes based on their age as of September 1, 2019, and **there will be no exceptions to this policy.**

Please also note that there are three payment dates for next year: May 31, August 31, and November 30. **If the first tuition payment is not received by June 9, you will forfeit your spot.** All tuition payments must be up-to-date/current to continue for the second semester. Birth certificates and immunization forms must be received by August 19. Also, note that our school calendar reflects Cobb County's balanced calendar. You can find a copy of our school calendar in the back of the School handbook.

We are looking forward to a successful and rewarding year with your child.

Blessings,

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