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Thank you for your interest in our preschool. We look forward to offering outstanding and unique experiences for your child this year.

## Mission Statement

Growing in faith and love by spreading the Word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by providing a Christ-centered experience for young children.

## Philosophy

- Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool is a joint ministry that involves the congregation, community, staff, family and child(ren).
- Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool provides a warm, loving Christ-centered environment where children can develop spiritually, socially, intellectually, emotionally, physically and creatively.
- We believe that each child is a unique and special child of God.
- We believe that learning is done best through developmentally appropriate activities and play.

## School Curriculum

Our curriculum is continually and carefully planned to provide up-to-date, research-based learning opportunities for all children. Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool students learn to achieve success and build a positive self-image and a life-long love for learning.

The curriculum includes:

- Bible Stories and Faith Building Activities, including weekly chapel for 4-year-olds
- Language Development (Visual, Auditory)
- Reading and Mathematics Readiness
- Science Exploration
- Art Activities
- Motor Coordination



# Classes Offered

## 2019-2020

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### Two-year-old Class

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until noon

The two-year-old class focuses on learning how to sit through circle time (calendar, weather, etc.), how to function in a group and how to follow directions. Colors, shapes, counting and zoo-phonics are taught in this class. Learning songs and poems through repetition are integrated throughout the curriculum. The children also learn Bible Stories that teach them about God's love for them. The class includes free-play, craft time, playground and big room time as well.

### Three-year-old Classes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon

The backbone of our curriculum is Zoo-Phonics into which we integrate math, science and social studies. This class also has an Eric Carle theme that is woven in throughout the year. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Brown Bear, Brown Bear among many others give us lots of inspiration for learning plus the fun of crafts, games and songs. The children also learn Bible Stories that teach them about God's love for them. The class includes circle time, small group instruction, free-play, craft time, playground and big room time.

See videos of zoo-phonics in action at [www.zoo-phonics.com](http://www.zoo-phonics.com), the parent side.

### Four-year-old Class

Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon  
Lunch/Enrichment on Tuesday until 1:00 p.m.

We offer a rigorous class for our four-year-olds, designed to prepare them for Kindergarten. We want our students entering kindergarten confident and capable. We achieve this through mornings full of learning that just happen to be fun! The backbone of our curriculum is Zoo-Phonics. We integrate excellent literature as well as science, social studies and math and extend the literature with crafts, games and songs to bring the stories to life. As part of the program we teach proper letter formation for which kindergarten teachers are grateful. We also offer many pre-reading opportunities such as learning book-handling and reading skills with paper copies of easy readers.

There is also plenty of time for the important work of childhood – play. Both unstructured (free play) and guided play time (small group activities and dramatic play centers) are offered each day. The children get daily playground time as well.

Throughout all of these activities, the children learn about God's creation and His love for them. The children have a bible memory verse and hymn to learn each month in addition to attending weekly chapel services.

### B.A.M! (Bible, Arts, Music)

Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until noon, Available only to 3- and 4-year-olds

Separate from our regular age-level classes, B.A.M! (Bible, Arts and Music) is offered to our 3- and 4-year-olds as a once a week activity option. It will include Bible stories, arts exploration, crafts, music and free-play. The goal of this time will be to reinforce child-appropriate skills learned in the classroom and provide a time of multi-age level play.

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# Registration Information and Program Fees

2019-2020

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## Calendar and Classes:

- ◆ Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool will follow Lexington/Richland School District #5 calendar for in-service days, holidays, winter and spring breaks.
- ◆ Student letters will be sent out the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> to inform parents of each child's classroom teacher.
- ◆ On Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm, parent orientation will be held.
- ◆ On Wednesday, September 4, we will have a meet the teacher drop-in for students.
- ◆ On Thursday, September 5, school will begin for the 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds.
- ◆ On Friday, September 6, school will begin for the 2-year-olds.
- ◆ B.A.M! (Bible, Arts, Music), the optional Friday class for 3- and 4-year-olds, will begin on Friday, September 13.

## Required Forms for Enrollment:

- ◆ Each child must have the registration form completed and submitted along with the non-refundable registration fee to be enrolled.
- ◆ A S.C. Health/Immunization certificate must be on file by September 1, 2019.

Registration Fee (non-refundable) \$125/year (\$75/siblings)  
This fee is payable at the time of registration and is your financial commitment to hold your child's place until school begins.

## Supply Fees

Paid once yearly (due September) or split into two payments.

2-Year-Olds	\$130/year	or	\$65 in Sept. and Jan.
3-Year-Olds	\$130/year	or	\$65 in Sept. and Jan.
4-Year-Olds	\$160	or	\$80 in Sept. and Jan.

## Monthly Tuition

Tuition payments are due on the first of each month, made payable to: Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool. A full month's tuition is due regardless of the number of days attended, September through May.

2-Year-Olds	3 days, M/W/F	\$175
3-Year-Olds	3 days, T/W/Th	\$175
4-Year-Olds	4 days, M-Th	\$200
B.A.M!	Friday only	\$50

Returned Check Fee/Late Fee \$25  
The tuition payment is considered late after the tenth of the month.

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