



Mission Bell Preschool Parent Orientation

General Information

Pre-K PM Class Color - Red

(Students must be 4 by November 2, 2011 be fully potty trained, with current immunizations)

Classes are Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 11:45am - 2:15 pm

Tuition: \$205.00 monthly ----- Due dates: 9/2, 10/3, 11/2, 12/2, 1/9, 2/3, 3/2, 4/2, 5/2

Accounts will incur a \$20.00 late fee if not paid on above due dates

In case of inclement weather, Mission Bell follows the Westside School District announcement of "No School", or Early Closing. Tune in to our local TV and radio stations.

School Telephone Numbers: Mission Bell – 802-6375. Blessed Junipero Serra Parish office - 943-9314

Parish Website: www.fatherserra.org - Click on SITE MAP to Mission Bell Preschool

Marking of belongings: Please label **everything**, including backpacks, H2O bottles, jackets and coats, Mission Bell t-shirt, etc.

Clothing/Shoes: Please send your child in clothing that is "easy off", "easy on"! Do not send them in their Sunday best! We are a Preschool and we will partake in Preschool activities. Please do not tell your child "not to get that dirty"! We will do our best to communicate messy art days so that you can assist your child in picking out the appropriate attire for the day. Remember they come here to "experience" Preschool. You are welcome to bring a change of clothes at pick up and change them once you have signed them out. Do not allow your child to wear pajamas, super hero or otherwise to class. We will have a "PJ" day during the year in which we all will wear our pajamas. Please ensure that your child wears **closed-toed, rubber soled shoes each day.**

Bathroom Skills: Students are expected to be toilet trained by the first day of school. Pull ups are not permitted. Please don't sneak them...the teachers monitor the restrooms during the bathroom break and pull ups will be seen! The parent will be called to take their child home for that day.

If a bowel accident occurs, the parent will be called to take their child home for that day. Please teach your child to wipe themselves and to wash their hands. Our Licensing Agreement with Department of Social Services does not allow us to assist in this process.

Classroom Celebrations: To encourage your child's independence, parents will not be invited to classroom celebrations. This includes birthdays. However, we do invite your assistance with providing treats, etc. Sign ups for each class party will be posted on the table in the reception area throughout the year.

Illness/Injury at School: If your child becomes ill or is injured at school, parents will be notified. If the parents are not available, the person designated to be called in an emergency will be contacted. Be sure to keep the school notified of any changes in telephone numbers, addresses, places of work, and emergency contacts.

Absence from school: If your child must be absent, please call the Preschool stating the reason for the absence.

School Calendar/Newsletter: A school calendar is available on line. Please keep the calendar in a place where you can check on school holidays, special events, etc. Updated information will be communicated through a monthly newsletter. These newsletters will be posted on line.

Snack/Food/Water: Please ensure that your child eats breakfast prior to arrival. Snack/drink will be provided to your child every day. Due to allergies, we are a peanut-free environment. Therefore on Pre-K lunch days, food items containing nuts of any kind will not be allowed. You are invited to send a small water bottle (one that will fit in your child's cubby) with your child each day. We do have a water fountain, and a water dispenser while on the playground. However, having their own is a good idea.

Safety, Outside Arrival and Dismissal: During arrival, all students are expected to remain with their parent. We appreciate all families teaching their child this important goal. Garden rocks have been added to the beautiful rose garden. Do not allow your child to be in the garden. Please do not allow them to play on or near the steps. Please do not allow them to climb on the lamps, wall, or run up the ramp towards the church (Our Father's House). We will be teaching them about the importance of showing reverence in and around the church, and that the **playground** is for climbing, running, hopping and jumping.

Welcome to Mission Bell Preschool

We are excited to offer a class for three year old children. Our goal is to support families in teaching faith and skills to prepare the children for success in the Pre-K Class and ultimately Kindergarten. We welcome your child to a class that will introduce a wonderful tradition of learning, discipline and faith.

First Day of School

When you bring your child to school the first day, *your child's fears and tears will best be overcome if you do not linger.* (Most times the first day of school is more difficult for **parents!**) This is an important time for children to mature and separate from their families and join our community of faith learners.

Typical Schedule for the Pre-K Class

Arrival: Meet and greet Center Choice Time Activities (play dough, puzzles, creation station, science-observe, compare and contrast, dramatic play & dress up)
Art Activities/Religion/Clean up

Opening Circle: Includes prayer, pledge, calendar, weather, etc.

Transition: Children wash hands to get ready for snack

Exercise : Outside play (weather permitting) or movement activities in the Parish Hall

Transition: Song time/Music & Movement

Closing Circle: Story/Blessings and prayers

Departure: Children remain on carpet squares until called by teacher once she sees his/her parent/Student checks cubby and departs

Pre-K Supply List

All students should bring a spare set of clothes - 1 pair of socks
1 pair of underpants
1 pair pants
1 shirt *These will be returned at the end of the year*

1 pkg. wipes
1 box of Kleenex
2 glue sticks
\$10.00 for auction project donation
Foam Pump Hand Soap

What to bring to Popsicle Party – 2 photos of your child's cutie patootie face: 1 wallet size (2x3) for cubbies
And one 3 x 5 for hallway height chart. When you arrive that day, you will measure your child with
calculator tape to see

How tall they are, help them cut their strip and tape to the display and add their photo. Parents, when we
go outside for popsicles, please return to our classroom for a few minutes to attach the 2x3 photo above
your child's name on their cubby with tacky. As new students join our class, the cubbies will need to be
rearranged each time. Tacky makes for easy on and easy off

Do not allow your child to bring any toys to school. Sometimes it may become necessary for you to frisk them☺