



FAQ

If 2020 has shown us anything, it is that things don't go as planned. This is our current plan for preschool. Please keep in mind this is ever changing and simply our best attempt to protect your children while providing them a meaningful fun preschool education. We also ask that you remember that preschool is an optional opportunity for your child. If you are unsure about our policies, you may wish to sit this year out and return to school next year. We ask that everyone show an extra measure of grace, kindness and patience. We promise to model that as well!

Q: I have yet to enroll my child for preschool. How do I go about doing so?

A: If you are receiving this email your child is enrolled in preschool. They may still be on our waiting list. All of our registration is done online at grabillmc.org. If you have questions about this, please email Shelley at shelley@grabillmc.org

Q: Is there anything that we need to pay at the time of registration?

A: If you paid the \$50 registration fee and received an approval email from our online registration company (EasyReg), you are all set. The first tuition payment is due at Meet the Teacher day, September 1-3.

Q: When and how can I learn who my child's teacher is for the 2020-2021 school year?

A: We will send out class lists over email the week of August 24, 2020.

Q: Will there be an opportunity to visit the school and meet the teacher before the first day of school?

A: Yes, we will be having Meet the Teacher days during the week of September 1-3. Be watching your email for a schedule of your teacher's available day and time. School supplies and tuition will be due at this day.

Q: When is the first day of school?

A: As of now, the first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th. We will email all school updates and put them on our website as we have them.

Q: Will masks be required for staff and students?

A: All school staff will wear a mask during the school day when social distancing is not an option. Students are not required to wear a mask.

Q: Will you be taking my child's temperature daily?

A: Yes, all children will have their temperature checked with a non-contact thermometer daily. If a child registers 99.8 or above, he/she will be sent to the office and we will ask you to pick them up from school.

Q: Will there be hand sanitizer provided?

A: Just as in past years, each classroom will have a hand sanitizer dispenser for frequent use during the school day. As in the past, all classrooms will be disinfected before and after use.

Q: What supplies should I purchase to start the school year?

A: Supply lists can be found on our school website and at the end of this FAQ. Students will NOT be sharing school supplies in the classroom as in the past. So please pay special attention to the list and instructions for this year.

Q: When may we bring school supplies to the classroom?

A: Please bring all school supplies to Meet the Teacher days during the week of September 1-3. Be watching your email for a schedule of your teacher's available day and time. School supplies and tuition will be due at this day. If the schedule doesn't work for you, email Shelley at shelley@grabillmc.org to set up an alternate day to bring these things in before school begins.

Q: Are parents allowed to volunteer, have lunch with a child, or attend a holiday party?

A: No. People other than school employees are not allowed past the office for any reason while school is in session this year.

Q: What do I need to know about drop off and pick up from school?

A: We will operate our drop off and pick up lines as we have in the past, however we will utilize various entrances to keep students socially distanced. There is a map detailing this new procedure at the end of this FAQ. All school staff will wear a mask and gloves during carlines. We ask that any items (snack, tuition, etc) being dropped off to school not be

handed off during this time, but that you come into the church office after carline to drop anything off.

Q: Are there procedures in place if a student or staff member tests positive?

A: If a member of a student's immediate family tests positive, we ask that you contact the school immediately and keep your student home quarantined for 14 days. If a student tests positive, we ask that you contact the school immediately and keep your student home quarantined for 14 days. We will notify parents of all students within the classroom of that student that there has been a potential exposure. As always if your child is exhibiting any behaviors of illness, please keep them home from school.

Q: How will we socially distance at school?

A: Students may be sitting near other classmates during the school day and will be interacting with them throughout play time, which is a vital part of preschool. They will not, however, come into contact with any children not in their class. This would limit their interaction to 10-12 consistent classmates and 1-3 consistent staff members.

Q: Will there be any restrictions in place for items/belongings brought from home to school, Ex. backpacks, water bottles, etc.?

A. We are asking that no personal items other than a coat be brought to preschool. We will not have backpacks at school this year. All students will carry a plastic folder to and from school if needed. If your child is in the full day class, they may bring a lunch pail to school. We ask that any items (snack, tuition, etc) being dropped off to school not be handed off during carline, but that you come into the church office before or after carline to drop anything off there.

Q: What will bathroom use at preschool look like?

A: Obviously little people at times need assistance in the bathroom. Like in past years, any staff will verbally prompt students as needed in the bathroom, and will wear gloves and a mask when offering physical assistance. Classes will use the bathroom separately from other classes during the school day to keep your child socially distanced to only their classmates.

Q: How do teachers and staff communicate with parents?

A: Teachers will share contact information once school begins. Teachers send home their weekly newsletter over email. Additionally, the school sends an all student email each week during the school year with information. You may email Shelley at any time at shelley@grabillmc.org. Our website and Facebook page are good places to see info. We

also utilize the REMIND app. You can sign up to get on the list by texting @elc-20-21 to 81010.

Q: The school calendar on the website says there is no school on Thursday, September 10th, due to the Grabill fair. IS this still the case?

A: No, the fair has been cancelled, so we will have school on Thursday, September 10th. We will update our school calendar on the website soon.

Q: How is tuition handled?

A: Tuition may be paid online using the payment link on our website or by bringing a check/cash into the church office. Tuition for the ½ day classes is \$900.00. This amount may be made in installments with a payment in September of \$200.00 and 7 monthly payments of \$100 thereafter. Tuition for the full day classes is \$1800.00. This amount may be made in installments with a payment in September of \$400.00 and 7 monthly payments of \$200 thereafter. There is a \$10 per month discount for additional siblings in a family. Tuition is always due on the 1st school day of the month if paid by check/cash and the 10th day of the month if using online payments. After the 7th day of the month, a late charge will accrue. If there are any questions or concerns about tuition, they must be addressed with the Director before the due date of the payment.

The September tuition payment may be made online September 1-10th or is due at Meet The Teacher day September 1-3 if paid by check/cash.

THIS YEAR PARENTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION AT ANY POINT DURING THE YEAR TO WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL WITH NO FINANCIAL PENALTY. WE DON'T WANT FINANCES TO BE A PART OF DECISIONS YOU MAKE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF YOUR FAMILY. ANY TUITION THAT HAS BEEN PAID AHEAD AT THE TIME OF WITHDRAWAL, WILL BE REFUNDED TO YOU. EMAIL SHELLEY WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



Car drop off and pick up lines:

If you have a Beginner or Early Learner student, please use the **YELLOW** line and Entrance I.

If you have a Pre-K student, please use the **BLUE** line and Entrance E.

If you have a Pre-K II full day student, please use the **RED** line and Entrance A.

If you have students in multiple classes, please use the line and door of your **YOUNGEST** student.

Please line up prior to 9:15, 12:00, and 3:15. We will make every effort to begin carline promptly at 9:15, 12:00, and 3:15. If you have something to give to your teacher or the office, please do this by completing carline, and then parking near door A, entering the office through the doorbell buzzer system there. If you arrive at school after the carline is complete, please park at door A, entering the office through the doorbell buzzer system there to drop off your student.

2020-2021 Supply List

Your child will need to bring the following supplies to school on Meet the Teacher day and give them to your classroom teacher.

Please have all the below items in a standard size school supply/pencil box and label the outside of the box with your child's name. It is not necessary to label each individual school supply.

- 1 large glue stick
- 1 large primary pencil, sharpened
- Washable Crayola markers—primary colors only--8 pack
- Pair of blunt tip scissors
- 8 large beginner crayons (2s and 3s) or 24 count crayons (4s and 5s)

Please have all the below items in a grocery sack with your child's name on the outside of the bag. Please do not label individual supplies with names unless noted.

- 1 container of Play-doh any color
- 1 Crayola water color paint set-primary colors only with your child's first and last name printed on it
- 1 plastic 2 pocket folder with your child's first and last name printed on it
- 1 plain color single subject spiral bound notebook with your child's first name printed on it
- Box of 5-7 oz. disposable cups
- Container of disinfectant wipes (80-100 count)
- roll of paper towels
- package of napkins
- box of Kleenex
- Change of Clothes (pants, underwear, socks) in gallon size Ziploc bag—labeled with your child's name to keep at school

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