



First Presbyterian Church Little Lambs Information 2018/2019

Our Little Lambs program is a ministry to our church members and others in the community. Our purpose is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children ages 6 months through 5 years while teaching them about the love of Christ. We believe it is important to lead children to an early love of learning and sharing with others.

For many of you, this is the first time you have left your child in someone else's care. We want you to feel comfortable participating in our program. Feel free to ask questions and talk to us about any concerns you have. As with anything, communication is the key to clarity.

The following information should help to answer some of our most frequently asked questions:

APPLICATION PROCESS

We will begin accepting applications on Monday, February 5th. Submitted applications must be complete and include a check for the \$75.00 registration fee. We also require a current immunization record at the time of registration. Due to high interest in this program, we are accepting COMPLETE applications only. All applications received will be considered in the following order:

- 1) FPC Church Members
- 2) Current Little Lamb students and siblings
- 3) New Applicants

Notification of acceptance will be mailed out beginning May 1st.

PROGRAM DAYS AND HOURS

Our Little Lambs classes meet from 9:00am until 1:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. You may request one day per week, two days per week or three days per week. This request should be made at the time of application.

We do not accept children before 8:45am. Our staff meets each morning for prayer time from 8:30 to 8:45. We thank you for your patience regarding this.

Our program ends at 1:00pm. Please pick your child up NO LATER than 1:10pm. A late fee will be applied to each child picked up after 1:10!

TUITION

One Day Per Week-----\$70.00 Per Month
Two Days Per Week-----\$130.00 Per Month
Three Days Per Week-----\$160.00 Per Month

Tuition is due by the 10th of each month beginning in August.

**A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to tuition paid after the 10th of each month.

SNACK AND LUNCH

We provide a snack and drink each day. You will need to provide a lunch. Most of our children prefer a lunchbox from home, but hot lunches are available from our lunchroom. The lunches are \$3.00 per day and must be ordered and paid for in advance. Hot lunches should be ordered a week at a time and must be paid by check. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Childcare. The memo line should provide your child's name and the word "lunch".

Lunches brought from home should not contain anything that needs to be warmed.

Any food not eaten will be thrown away at the end of our lunch time. Unopened bags of chips or other unopened food items will be sent back in their lunchbox.

EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please send a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack each day. This should include underwear or diapers/pull-ups and socks. Make sure all clothing items are clearly marked with your child's name.

PLEASE BE SURE EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS EACH DAY IS CLEARLY LABELED WITH HIS OR HER NAME! THIS INCLUDES LUNCH BOXES, BACK PACKS, SIPPY CUPS, BOTTLES AND JACKETS.

ILLNESS POLICY AND GUIDELINES

If your child becomes sick during school hours, you will be notified to pick them up. Please pick-up your child within 30 minutes of being called. If we cannot reach you, we will notify the numbers listed as your emergency contacts.

FEVER -----Cannot return for 24 hours after becoming fever free.

CHICKEN POX---Cannot return until all lesions have dried and crusted.

PINK EYE-----Cannot return until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

VOMITING-----Must wait 24 hours after last episode.

DIARRHEA-----Must wait 24 hours after last episode.

WHOOPING COUGH---Cannot return until 5 days after treatment begins

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A RUNNY NOSE WITH A DARK DISCHARGE, PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN ON AN ANTIBIOTIC FOR 24 HOURS.

PRESCHOOL WALK-OVER

. We also offer a Walk-Over program for siblings enrolled in the FPC Preschool (cost \$7 per day). You must fill out a separate application for this program (no registration fee, supply fee, or blue slip required) Your preschool child can come only on the days their sibling is in Little Lambs. We must limit our walk-over program to 10 children per day, so please let us know ASAP if you will be enrolling your preschool student.

***Please note that enrollment in this program does not place you on the priority list for acceptance to the FPC Preschool. Their application period is in February also. You can reach them at 793-6283.