



*We love because
God first loved us*

1 John 4:19

Student Handbook 2025-2026

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This handbook outlines major policy and general program practices. Each parent is given a copy at the beginning of the school year. You can also find this on our website at www.trinityumcaiken.org.

PURPOSE, PHILOSOPHY, PROMISE

The purpose of Trinity UMC Preschool is to serve families of the church and community by providing a program for children ages 6 months through 4K. Trinity Preschool offers an early childhood program that will benefit each child with his/her individual development within a nurturing Christian atmosphere. The staff takes great pride in our program. We are all CPR certified and are continually researching and finding new and exciting ways to engage and teach the children.

We believe that children grow and develop to their fullest capacity when given the opportunity to explore, create, and problem solve with materials which are appropriate to their development age. A child's intelligence and creativity are strongly affected by his/her experiences. Children learn best through play. Their play teaches socialization skills, cognitive learning, physical interaction, emotional release, and aesthetic growth. The pathway of learning through play connects the interest centers, art experiences, and the many other activities encountered in the preschool environment. At Trinity, there will be many hands-on-learning activities.

We promise that your child will always feel welcome and loved here at Trinity. We promise that they will learn something new every day. Some days they will bring it home in their hands. Some days they will bring it home in their heads, and some days they will bring it home in their hearts.

GOALS

- To foster a love of learning at an early age
- To expose the children to developmentally appropriate skills in pre-reading, science, social studies, math, writing, etc.
- To increase language, cognitive, gross, and fine motor skills
- To encourage independence
- To help develop social /emotional skills.
- To encourage creativity and use of imagination
- To provide a loving, safe environment
- To provide each child with the knowledge that God loves them and what it means to be a child of God.

ADMITTANCE

Trinity UMC Preschool welcomes all children and does not discriminate because of race, religious, physical, or mental differences. However, our facilities, equipment, staff training, and

ratio numbers limit our ability to meet the needs of some students. This would include students with learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, hyperactive behavior, or severe visual, auditory, or learning impairments. When special needs are moderate to severe, a learning environment with specialized instructors may be required. Therefore, admittance and continuance in our program will be considered and reviewed on an individual basis by the director and preschool board.

1K students must be 6 months to attend.

2K students must be 2 years old by September 1st.

3K students must be 3 years old by September 1st and potty trained.

4K students must be 4 years old by September 1st.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday -Thursdays 9:00-12:00. There is also the option to stay for lunch bunch until 1:00. You may reach the director in the office between the hours of 8:30-1:30 Monday – Thursdays.

ATTENDANCE

It is extremely important that your child be present at school. Good school routines and habits at an early age will help your child be more successful in the years to come. When children are late or absent from school, they will miss valuable opportunities socially and intellectually. Teachers will not be able to make up for what your child misses. Please try your best to avoid any unnecessary absences.

TOILET TRAINING POLICY

All 3K and 4K enrolled students must be toilet trained at the start of the school year. This means that they must be wearing underwear and not having accidents daily. Please note that wearing pull ups is NOT considered toilet trained.

Why do children have to be toilet trained before they start older preschool grades?

There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers/pull ups and our older classrooms are not equipped for this purpose.

When an adult is busy changing a child's soiled clothing, it is taking away learning time and class interaction for all students. It also removes adults in other areas to help accommodate supervision of the students.

We do understand that even toilet trained children will occasionally have accidents. "Accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the staff will help children change their clothing while encouraging as much independence as possible.

3K students may receive some occasional support for toilet training. 4K students should be fully independent in the restroom. If toilet training issues persist, then a 10-day break will be required for training to be worked on at home. Unfortunately, there may be medical situations that we may not be able to accommodate which may result in dismissal

ARRIVAL

Morning arrival is 8:55-9:10. This year, we are asking all parents to utilize Car Line. We will allow parents to walk their children to class until September 1st. Parents can still park and walk their child/children to the white awning and a staff member will take them to class. The only exception will be 1K. This is an added safety measure, and this also allows students to see where their classrooms/teachers are more clearly. If you need to speak with a teacher, we are happy to set up a conference time. Parents, please be patient as our 1K and 2K friends as sometimes they need some extra help during carline.

DEPARTURE

Pick up time is 11:55-12:10 each day or 12:55-1:10 if attending lunch bunch. To ensure safety, no one is allowed to enter the building at pick up time. Every student is required to be picked up using carline. Your child will have a color-coded car line tag with their name and grade on it. We ask that you hang this up in your rear view mirror each day even if we know you/your car. This is an added safety measure for our students.

If anyone other than a parent/legal guardian is picking up your child, the director must be notified in advance. A photo ID will be required if the person picking up is unknown to our staff.

CAR LINE DIRECTIONS

For pick-up, you will enter the car line on Crestwood Drive and pull up to the orange cones labelled A or B. The center lane is a safety lane and is not for loading. Please **WAIT** for the staff person to bring your child to you. A staff member will ensure that all children are safely loaded and will remove the lane cone and direct you to proceed forward. Please **DO NOT** move the cones.

For morning drop-off, you will proceed in a single lane carline. Children are **NOT** allowed to leave their vehicle until the staff person is there. This is **EXTREMELY** important to ensure the safety of the children! You must stay in line while waiting for cars to load and unload ahead of you. **DO NOT PULL AROUND OTHER CARS IN LINE.**

If you need to talk to the teacher, please set up a time for a conference or message them through Brightwheel. Lengthy conversations are not appropriate in car line as they hold others up. If you need **EXTRA TIME** to buckle up your child, please pull forward and park so that you do not hold up the line. Repetitive car line infractions that put the staff, students, and others in danger will result in dismissal from the program. Everyone's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

ENTRANCE AND PARKING

Doors to the church and preschool area always remain locked for the safety of the children. Please ring the top doorbell located at the door under the white awning if you need to enter the building. A staff member will verify everyone before allowing entrance into the building.

When parking, please use the spaces to the right of the white awning. This will prevent car line disruptions or your vehicle getting blocked in during carline time.

TRACKING OF CHILDREN

Upon arrival in the classroom the teacher will document your child being in attendance. Attendance is taken on our Brightwheel App and can be viewed by both the teacher and director. The children always remain under staff supervision. Teachers will do a head count upon leaving the classroom and on arrival at a new destination.

NO-PEANUT POLICY

Peanut allergies are the most serious food allergies because the food does not have to be ingested to have fatal affects. Some patients react to the inhalation of peanut products or even touching an object that has been in contact with the allergen. Therefore, Trinity Preschool does not allow peanut butter or peanut products. Please keep this in mind when sending in lunches, snacks, and treats. Sun butter, granola butter, and coconut butter are great alternatives.

SNACK TIME

Every child should bring a spill proof cup to school each day. We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. It is important to have your child's name clearly marked on their cup to prevent any germs being shared or cups being lost or misplaced. Snacks are provided by the preschool; however, we welcome parents to donate snacks as well. These snacks are great options when choosing what to send in: cheerios, graham crackers, fresh fruit, goldfish, pretzels, etc. Please follow our no-peanut policy when sending items in.

If your child has any special dietary restrictions, please send in an alternate snack option for your child. When teachers are planning a special snack, they will reach out to you so you can provide an equivalent supply so your child can participate.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is an OPTIONAL non-academic part of our program that allows children to enjoy lunch and additional fun activities with their friends. Lunch Bunch is held every day from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The cost for this hour is \$5.00 and will be added to your monthly tuition bill. Every child staying after 12:00 will be charged for the lunch bunch hour and must have some form of lunch. You will be called and charged a late fee if your child is not picked up on time and does not have lunch to stay for lunch bunch.

On Monday and Wednesdays, your child will need to bring a packed lunch. Please send in lunches that do not have to be heated or refrigerated. For your child's safety, please do not send hot dogs, marshmallows, whole grapes, popcorn, or hard candy as these are possible choking hazards. Every child's book bag will be given a silicone Trinity name tag. Please label the outside of the child's lunch box or you can purchase another silicone Trinity nametag for \$2. Some children have the same book bag and lunch boxes, so these tags help ensure that items are sent

home with the correct child. Please keep these tags attached. If your child's lunch box or water bottle is not labelled, a staff member will label it with a sharpie.

On Tuesday and Thursdays your child may bring a packed lunch or purchase pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) for \$2.00 per slice. A cookie will be provided for those that purchase pizza. Payment for the pizza is due on that day. CASH ONLY... no charges or checks will be accepted. Please place your child's payment for pizza **IN** the lunch bunch envelope stapled inside their folder and place the folder in your child's backpack. Failure to put money in your pocket will result in the money not being found and your child will not have anything for lunch. Staff will not check pockets or inside bags for money. We ask that you **do not** combine sibling's pizza money or leave money in your child's folder for future uses or "just in case" situations as this creates confusion for staff. Correct change is appreciated. If you do require change, it will be sent home to you at the end of the school day in your child's folder. Change WILL NOT be made at drop off for any reason.

We place the pizza order at 9:30am. All money and pizza reservations must be in before then. Late orders will not be taken. Refunds and credits cannot be given for pizza should your plans change after the order is placed.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

If Aiken County Public Schools announce that they will be closed or have a delayed schedule after 9:00 due to inclement weather, Trinity Preschool will be closed for the day. Trinity Preschool is independent from the County Public School District and will not be observing the Intercession for Intervention and Enrichment week. Any unexpected closings will be announced on Brightwheel.

WEATHER GUIDELINES

We follow the Aiken County Public School district's weather guidelines for recess. The following document is district policy. Please be sure to note that you must check the wind chill... not just the temperature. This information can be found on www.weather.com. Additionally, if the temperature is close to freezing, students are not to remain outside longer than 15 minutes.

WEATHER AND OUTDOOR PLAY GUIDELINES

Fresh air and exercise are good for children. Students will spend some time outdoors every day if possible. Decisions about when to keep children inside during recess will be dictated both by weather conditions and common sense.

In general, children should not play outside when the heat index is 90 degrees F or above or if the wind chill is 32 degrees F or lower. When the weather is approaching these extremes, they will remain outside no longer than 15 minutes. Air quality, such as pollution and ozone conditions, will also be taken into consideration.

When the weather is cold:

- Even a light breeze will decrease the apparent temperature. On a windy day the windchill can make it seem 10 to 20 degrees colder.
- Students who are not properly dressed for cold weather will remain inside. Children's clothing should be layered and dry.

BIRTHDAYS

Parents are welcome to send in special treats for celebrating a birthday. These plans should be scheduled with the teacher in advance, so that we can avoid multiple celebrations on the same day. This also allows the parents of students with special dietary needs to send in a similar equivalent for their child. Summer birthdays can be celebrated during the month of May. If you send birthday invitations to school to be distributed, you must include one for every child in the classroom as this prevents hurt feelings. We cannot distribute electronic invitations or provide personal information of class families.

HOLIDAYS

We celebrate all the holidays with special activities. Teachers will be letting you know how you can help make each of these events a success. Please check calendars and newsletters for the dates and details. We understand and respect that some families may celebrate certain holidays differently. We will let you know ahead of time, so that you can make alternate arrangements for your child's care on that day if you do not wish for them to participate.

VOLUNTEERING AT TRINITY

Class parties, field trips, and special event days could not happen without the help of volunteers. To protect our children, anyone volunteering at Trinity must sign a Safe Sanctuary Form and pass a background check.

On Field Trips, all chaperones must sign a Safe Sanctuary Form and pass a background check. If a chaperone is driving a child that is not their own, they must have a Motor Vehicle Report in addition.

Please see the director to receive the link to these forms and pay the fees. It is \$26 for both the background check and the motor vehicle report. These reports are good for up to 3 years!

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are only taken by 3K and 4K children. A permission form must be signed before each individual field trip. Staff and parents chaperon each field trip. All students must wear their Trinity Preschool Spirit Day t-shirts unless instructed otherwise by the Director. A child without a shirt will be given one and an invoice will be sent through Brightwheel. This is an added safety measure that helps our group stay together. Due to safety, siblings of any age are not permitted to attend field trips. If you do not wish for your child to attend a field trip, you will need to make alternate arrangements for the day.

Each child MUST have a car seat labeled with their name if they will be riding with a chaperone. If a child does not have a car seat, the Director will call the parents to pick up their child.

Field trips cannot happen without the help of chaperones, however if we cannot get enough chaperones or drivers for a field trip, we will have to cancel the event.

CAR SAFETY

Seat belts are required by law for all persons in vehicles. Car seats are expected for all children meeting car seat requirements. Parents are required to buckle and unbuckle their child each day. Staff cannot help with this for liability reasons.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

We will have several special programs throughout the year that parents can attend. Please be sure to check the calendars and newsletters for the dates and details of these events.

COMMUNICATION WITH OUR PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

The director and teachers of our program strongly believe in parent participation and open communication. Open communication is a key component for the effective care and education of children; therefore, we have several different ways we use to communicate with you. In the event of an issue regarding your child the Director will call you directly. Please make sure that you update any phone number changes throughout the year.

Our most important form of communication is through the Brightwheel App. This platform allows us to message, send photos, and incident reports directly and promptly to parents.

Teachers are not allowed to be on their phones when they are on duty and therefore cannot accept phone calls or messages after 8:50 a.m. However, the director is available during school hours to take your call and give a message to a staff member. We will make every effort to help you promptly. You may reach the director on the Brightwheel App or at (803) 648-4990. You may also email the director at trinityumcpreschoolaiken@gmail.com. Email is checked throughout each day including on the weekend. Brightwheel is the best way to receive a response quickly. We are aware that parents may know our staff through other extra-curricular activities and have access to their personal accounts including social media and phone numbers. Please all Preschool related communications within the Brightwheel app. This protects privacy for the students and staff and facilitates clear communication channels.

We understand that not all emergencies or important questions will arise during school hours. Please understand that messages sent during non-preschool working hours may not be returned until the next working day. We want to ensure that our teachers and staff have time to relax, take care of their own families, and prepare for the next day. The preferred method of communication is Brightwheel.

BRIGHTWHEEL APP

Trinity Preschool uses the Brightwheel platform for all forms of communication. On this App, you can message teachers or administrators, look at the school calendar, pay tuition, and update your child's health or approved pick-up information.

In your child's profile on Brightwheel, you can upload a cute photo of your child. The profile has an area for messaging, calendars, and documents. On the "All Activity" roll, you will have access to attendance, any uploaded potty breaks, naps, and incident reports. When in the messaging center, you will see two message threads for your student(s). One thread is for communications between you and all staff assigned to your student's classroom, including staff and admins. The other thread is for communication between you and Admins only – teachers won't see this message thread. Approved Pickups/Emergency Contacts have no access through Brightwheel.

To view invoices on Brightwheel, you must log into your child's account and click on the "View Account" button. From there you can add a payment method and view any active or past due invoices.

It is very important that you check your child's profile daily.

TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences may be arranged whenever a parent, director, or teacher sense the need. Please don't hesitate to let the director or your child's teacher know if you would like to schedule a conference. If you have any speech, behavioral, or any other concerns about your child, please reach out to your child's teacher or the Preschool Director. The Director can make a referral for free testing, and should your child qualify, they can receive free services at the preschool or outside the school.

NEWSLETTERS/CALENDARS

A school calendar is posted on our website: www.trinityumcaiken.org. You will also receive a newsletter each month from your child's teacher that is specific to their grade level. This will include reminders and special happenings within your child's classroom. Please be sure to read over these carefully, so that you do not miss out on any important information.

FACEBOOK AND PHOTO PERMISSIONS

The director will post pictures at the end of each week to allow everyone to see what exciting things are happening within the classrooms. Children can only be posted with signed parental permission. If you choose for your child not to be posted, your child will be cropped out or their face will be blurred, and you will not receive weekly pictures. By signing "NO" for the photo permissions your child's image cannot be used on Brightwheel, websites, social media, Trinity Preschool Memory Books, crafts or any marketing materials. Please be sure to "like" us on Facebook, so you don't miss out on the fun!

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

Parental permission must be obtained for the preschool to use photographs of children on the internet and in all publications. Children's records are accessible to the director, owners of the facility, the child's teacher, parent approved therapist that come to the school to work with your child, the child's parent or legal guardian, and authorized employees of the Department of Social Services. Staff files are accessible to the Director, owner, and authorized employees of the Department of Social Services. All files are kept locked in the director's office when not in use.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Your child's safety and health are of the utmost importance to us. All teachers and preschool staff are infant/child CPR and First Aid certified. They are also required to attend a Blood Borne Pathogen/Infection Control class annually. Trinity Preschool teachers are required to achieve continuing education credits each year as well.

EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN

Trinity Preschool is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our children and staff. In pursuit of this endeavor, all preschool employees are required to annually attend a Blood Borne Pathogens/Infection Control class.

If a student has a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, or tests positive for COVID , they will not be allowed to return to school until they have been symptom free without using symptom/fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

When a child has diarrhea twice in a school day they will be required to be picked up and follow the above guidelines.

HAND, FOOT, and MOUTH DISEASE

While its name sounds scary, hand, foot, and mouth disease is a common, contagious illness caused by a virus. It affects infants and children under the age of 5 but can affect older kids and adults.

It can take 3-6 days after exposure to the virus for the first symptoms to show. Symptoms include fever, sore throat, runny nose, rash, and blisters. Blisters are common in and around the mouth, fingers, palms of hands, feet, and the buttocks.

It is most contagious in the first week of illness, but children may shed the virus for up to 1-3 weeks. Children can not return if they have a fever, excessive drooling, or have any open blisters.

REQUIRED FORMS

Each child is required to have a copy of their birth certificate and current immunization form/exemption form on file in the director's office. These should be turned in for registration to

be complete. Should your child receive any immunizations during the school year, please submit an updated copy to the director.

ILLNESS

If your child is sick, please keep him/her home and do not expose the staff and other children. We cannot accept a child with fever, diarrhea, vomiting, rashes, or green or yellow discharge (infection) from the nose or eyes. A child must be fever-free with no vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Please notify the director if your child has been diagnosed with any communicable disease. If your child has chronic sinus problems, seasonal allergies, or asthma, we must have a physician's statement so that we know that your child is not contagious to the other children and staff. Wounds must be treated and always covered.

MEDICATION

Only emergency medicine, such as inhalers, epi-pens, and Benadryl will be administered by the Director or teachers. If a child is diagnosed with an allergy that requires an epi-pen or inhaler, one must always be kept on the premises. All medicine must be in the original containers and labeled with the child's name. A medical form must be filled out with the exact instructions. If a child requires any other medication during school hours a parent must come to the school to administer the medication.

We provide a medication release for Tylenol, Benadryl, and Hydrocortisone Cream. Unless there is a dire emergency, the Director will call before administering any of these medications. If you chose to not approve the preschool's use of these medications, we can not give your child anything in an extreme emergency until medical personnel arrive. Due to liability reasons, we cannot administer medications even with verbal permission.

EMERGENCY PLANS

We conduct fire drills throughout the year that teach the children the correct way to exit the building during a fire. The children exit the outside door closest to their classroom. Children on the playground will exit through the big gates located by the basketball goals. Then they will be led to a secure area outside of the danger zone.

Medical emergencies that require immediate medical care by a health professional are as follows: semi or loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding, seizure, neck, or back injury, repeated forceful or bloody vomiting, possible broken bones, and shock. Staff have been trained in basic first aid and will provide treatment until medical personnel arrive. Parents will be called immediately following the call to 911. If deemed necessary, the director will accompany the child to the emergency room at Aiken Regional Medical Center and stay until the parent/guardian arrives. All medical/contact information of the child's will be taken along with the child.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline at Trinity Preschool will be provided in a manner consistent with our philosophy. Each situation is an individual one and is addressed in a manner which considers the child's age, developmental stage, and individual needs. Acceptable behavior is encouraged through redirection and positive reinforcement. If negative behavior continues, removal from the group will be our next step. After an age-appropriate supervised thinking/cool down time, the child will be allowed to rejoin the group.

Corporal punishment is never used at Trinity Preschool. Likewise, we cannot allow a child to be violent with other children or staff. If the staff has exhausted its options with a child's negative behavior the parent/guardian will be called to remove the child from the school for the remainder of the day. If a child's behavior continues and is a safety concern for the other children or staff, they will be dismissed from the program. The safety of all children and staff is our number one priority.

HARMFUL BEHAVIOR POLICY

Unfortunately, there are times a child struggles with biting, scratching, pinching or other harmful behaviors. This can be normal behavior for this age range because a child hasn't had the opportunity to develop certain social skills. Our goal is to help identify the needs of the students and help them learn to communicate their needs.

If these struggles continue, this policy is in place to protect the children that have been harmed. When an incident occurs, the parents of both children involved will be notified with an Incident Report in Brightwheel. The names of children will not be shared in the report. The job of the teachers and staff is to keep the children safe and help a child that hurts others to learn better communication skills. When there is an established pattern of harmful behavior, the teacher and director will meet with the family to put an action plan in place to work on behaviors.

Persistent harmful behaviors could result in permanent dismissal from the program.

CLOTHING AND BACKPACKS

Please dress your child in comfortable, play clothes that can get dirty. Please also make sure that their clothing is weather appropriate and send a jacket if the weather is cold. Put closed-toe shoes on your child. The playground has wood chips and open-toe shoes are not safe. Children's clothing should be easily accessible for the bathroom. Remove or secure strings on all clothing as a safety precaution. Teething beads are not allowed to be worn. All coats should be labeled with your child's name.

All children should keep a complete change of clothes in their book bag. This change of clothes should include seasonally appropriate shirt, short/pants, underwear, and socks. An extra pair of shoes is optional but encouraged but in the event your child saturates their shoes you will be called to bring an extra pair. Recommended extra shoes are Crocs or flip-flops. Children in

diapers should have wipes and their own diapers (at least 5) daily. Please do not send umbrellas or rolling book bags as this is a safety concern.

Backpacks should be able to hold a standard size folder, extra clothing, and we will provide a silicone Trinity nametag. Please keep this tag on the backpack as it ensures the correct item goes home.

SPIRIT GEAR

Trinity Preschool has its own line of t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and hats in our royal blue with our logo. Students, teachers, and chaperones are encouraged to wear our Spirit Gear to show our Trinity pride on Thursdays. All 3k and 4k students are required to wear these shirts on field trips to help us group together for safety. Our Spirit Gear is on sale year-round in the Director's office and will be out on display at special events.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

A non-refundable, non-transferable \$100.00 registration fee is required to enroll each child in the program. To keep your child's placement for the next school year, all accounts must have a zero balance at the end of the current school year in May. If your family is experiencing a hardship, please speak with the director.

Teacher requests will be considered but cannot be guaranteed. Class rosters are determined by gender ratio, birth date, individual and overall best interest of the classroom. To request a specific teacher, you must submit a formal request in writing with the name of the teacher and reasons why this teacher would best benefit your student. This must be attached to your registration form. Class placement of all children is left to the discretion of the Director. You will receive Brightwheel confirmation regarding your child's placement in mid-July.

Emergency medical permission is included on the registration form on file. Please note any allergies, regular medication, developmental delays/concerns, therapies, and any other special instructions. Please be sure to update this form throughout the year if changes occur.

SUPPLY FEES

1K: 2 days per week will be charged a \$75.00 supply fee due in August at Meet the Teacher and again in January.

1K: 4 days per week will be charged a \$100.00 supply fee due in August at Meet the Teacher and again in January.

2K: 2 days per week will be charged a \$75.00 supply fee due in August at Meet the Teacher and again in January.

2K: 4 days per week will be charged a \$100.00 supply fee due in August at Meet the Teacher and again in January.

3K and 4K: A \$100.00 supply fee will be due in August at Meet the Teacher and again in January.

TUITION GUIDELINES

The monthly tuition fee is due on the 1st of each month. All payments received after 1pm on the 5th will be charged a \$35 late fee. There are no deductions made in tuition for holidays, family vacations, or illness. Additionally, there are no deductions made in tuition for days closed due to inclement weather or unusual conditions. Tuition can be paid by credit card using our Brightwheel App and is the preferred method. The preschool also accepts cash when sent in a labeled and sealed envelope. The Preschool can no longer accept personal checks.

A 5% discount will be given if the entire school year is paid in full. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Preschool. A monthly statement will be sent home at the beginning of each month through Brightwheel. If your bill is not paid by 1 o'clock on the 5th, your child will not be allowed to return to school until your bill is paid in full. During this time your child's spot can be filled. Failure to pay tuition in a timely manner on multiple occasions could result in permanent dismissal from the program.

We understand that hardships can and do arise and we can offer some assistance in the form of a payment agreement plan. If you need assistance, please contact the Preschool Financial Secretary, Laura Aucott, through Brightwheel.

Trinity UMC Preschool Payment Agreement is offered to families that are enduring a time of financial hardship. A financial hardship that applies is loss of employment, illness or injury, natural disasters, or loss of a family member. Due to the Preschool being a financially independent institution, we can only offer a limited number of payment agreements per month. These agreements must be made before the first of the month and be signed in person. Failure to complete these payments will result in no further payment agreements being made available for the remainder of the school year. Until all balances are paid, the student associated with the account cannot return to school and is at risk of being released for non-payment by the Financial Secretary.

Tax Statements can be printed from your child's Brightwheel Account.

MONTHLY TUITION FEES

1K/ 2 days per week.....	\$150 per month
1K/ 4 days per week	\$215 per month
2K/ 2 days per week.....	\$150 per month
2K/ 4 days per week	\$215 per month
3K/ 3 day class	\$200 per month
3K/ 4 day classes	\$200 per month
4K / 4 day classes	\$200 per month

Lunch bunch fees are added to your monthly tuition bill. This cost is \$5.00 for each day that your child attends.

LATE FEES

A late fee of \$10 is required if your child is not picked up by the designated pick-up time. An additional \$10.00 will be added for every 10 minutes that you are late after that. PLEASE BE ON TIME SO WE NEVER HAVE TO COLLECT A LATE FEE. We want to respect our staff members' time and allow them to finish their duties and leave on time. A \$35 late fee is charged on all tuition not paid by the 5th of each month. This fee can be avoided if you make other arrangements with the director before the tuition's due date.

DROP-INS

We feel that it is important to keep small teacher to child ratios and to keep routines the same for the children; therefore, we do not accept drop-ins.

LEAVING THE PROGRAM

If a child moves or drops out of the program for any reason, please notify the Director as soon as possible so that we may fill the vacancy. Registration fees, the current month's tuition, and supply fees will not be prorated or refunded. Any student's belongings that are not picked up after two weeks will be donated to charity.