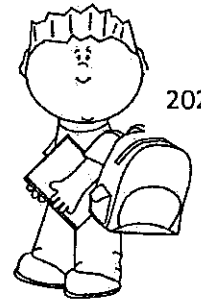


Welcome to Pre-K!



2023-2024

We are so excited that you will be joining us in Pre-K!!

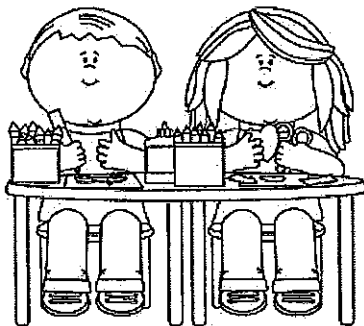
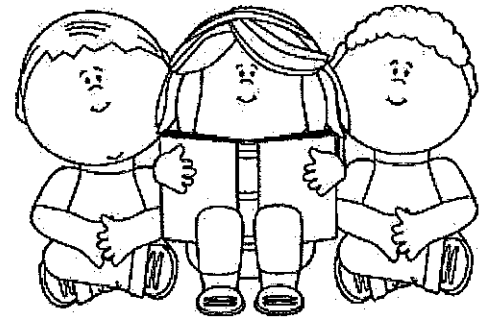
Here are a few things that you will need to start the year off:

What is the Uniform in Pre-K?

Students entering Pre-K do not wear the official SMS uniform. It is very important that the 4 & 5 year old's wear clothing that is comfortable and easy to remove for trips to the restroom. Therefore, we kindly remind all parents of the following clothing regulations for Pre-K:

September-October 31st and again April 1st-June

- Navy blue shorts/skort with an elastic waist or navy blue elastic waist pants/sweatpants (Elastic waist bands help with restrooms)
- White, grey or light blue t-shirt or polo top (SMS logo not required, short or long sleeve)
- Sneakers must be worn *every day* (No sandals, flip flops, shoes, crocks, etc.). Safety is our main concern at all times.



November 1st -March 31st

- Navy blue elastic waist pants/sweatpants
- White, grey or light blue t-shirt, or polo top (Short or long sleeve)
- Navy blue, grey, white, light blue sweatshirts and/or sweaters are encouraged during colder months (no hoods)
- Sneakers must be worn *every day*.

Students will be going outside every day so when the weather cools down, please send in appropriate layers for outdoor play. Maybe leave an extra sweater in your child's backpack, too.

What do you need to bring to school?

Students should come to school each day with a TOTE BAG or BACKPACK that they can open and close on their own. The bag should be able to fit their lunchbox, two snacks, and a water bottle. Students will need their own set of headphones for technology as well. We will provide the rest of the supplies needed! A classroom wish list for basic household items and miscellaneous items will be available at our Pre-K Open House.

What about an extra set of clothes?

Please send in an extra set of clothes for your child in a small plastic shoe box. Please label all clothes you send in as well as the outside of the bin. We would like a full change of clothes including pants, underwear, socks, and shirt. If your child's clothes come home, please send in a new set the following day. These clothes will be stored in your child's cubby from September-June in case of emergencies. You may want to bring your child's extra clothes box on visit day to alleviate heavy backpacks on our first day together!

What should students bring to school for snack and lunch?

We love to see healthy choices every day! Students should bring two snacks and two drinks each day for morning and afternoon snack times. The drink could be a reusable water bottle labeled with your child's first and last name. It helps if snacks are labeled and kept in a separate bag from their lunch. (A gallon sized Ziploc

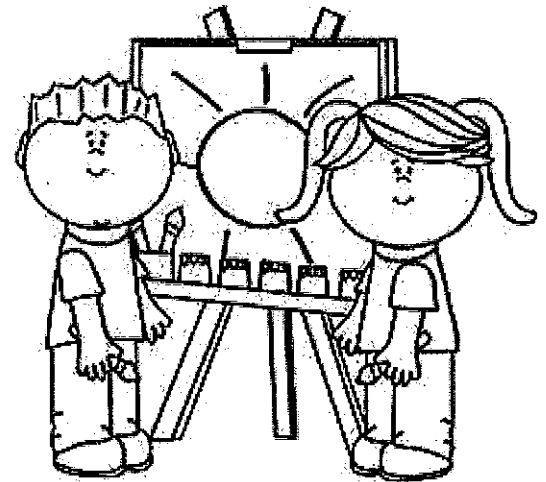
works great.) For lunch, your child can bring a lunch and drink from home or purchase lunch from our lunch provider, Just Like Home. The meals are ordered online in advance and delivered to the classroom. More information about ordering lunches will be provided along with a weekly menu to plan your orders. Please keep in mind that St. Michael School is a *peanut and tree nut free school* when packing snacks. (Tree nuts include products containing *Brazil nuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, walnuts, pecans, and hazelnuts.*) If you send sun-butter we ask that you label it so we can confirm it is peanut and tree nut free. You may begin to practice opening and closing drinks, snacks, containers, and pouches with your child this summer that you plan to send in with them for the fall so they can be almost completely independent when it comes to preparing and cleaning up from snack.

What about toys from home?

We understand that your child may be a little nervous about starting school and they may want to bring their “lovey” to school with them. Instead, we recommend you send a family photo in so they can have it for comfort if needed. We request all toys from home stay at home since we have so many engaging toys and materials to share in the classroom. Plus, we would never want something to happen to a special something from home!

Will the students be able to visit any specialists?

Our Pre-k students will participate in a daily special. This year, the students in Pre-k will attend physical education, music, art, technology and our newest special, STEM! We will send home a schedule at the start of the year with more details.



When is Playground Day?

You are welcome to stop by on Tuesday, August 22nd at 10:15 AM. Check out the playground and meet some friends before we start school. Meet at the playground in the front of the school.

When can you visit your classroom?

You can stop by the school on August 28th between 1:00-2:30 to visit our classroom with your child. This is an informal visit just to get the kids comfortable with the school.

When do regular Pre-K classes begin?

- All Pre-K sessions will start on Wednesday, August 30th with a half-day from 9-12:05 PM. without parents. Thursday, August 31st will also be a half day from 9-12:05 PM.
- Pre-K students will begin their regular 9:00-3:05 schedule on the Tuesday following Labor Day.

What should you do to get ready for Pre-K?

Have fun! Enjoy your summer with friends and family. Play, run, jump, and do all of the wonderful things that summer brings your way so you will be ready to step into our classrooms full of life, wonder, and excitement.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Love,
The Pre-K Team