# 2025-2026

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# Welcome to the Chippewa UM Preschool

IMPORTANT: Please read this

entire booklet and keep it on hand throughout the year. All important information is in this booklet. Please sign and return the page found at the end of this booklet.

Thank You!

Thank you for attending the Chippewa UM Preschool.

Your child will learn many new things and experience many exciting activities.

Here at the Chippewa UM

Preschool, we work very

hard to prepare your child for

Kindergarten.

Examples of this is by learning to identify their names, putting their coats on independently, cleaning up after their snack, learning to express

themselves in appropriate ways as well as
letter recognition & sounds,
helping others and learning how to get along
with others.

You can help us make your child's preschool experience a positive one by working on these skills at home.

# **Chippewa United Methodist Preschool**

The policies and procedures in this booklet have been determined by the the Chippewa United Methodist Church

Phone # for Preschool - 724-843-4828 Leave a voice mail message after hours.

### PRESCHOOL INFORMATION:

### **STAFF:**

Director/Teacher: Mrs. Chris Wilson

Head Teacher: Mrs. Bev Evans

Teacher: Mrs. Lauren Domitrovich

Teacher: Mrs. Rachel Lemley

Teacher: Ms. Natalie Foster

Aide: Mrs. Chris Miller

Aide: Mrs. Tara Hardie

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# **Preschool Calendar**

September 2 2 Day 1st Day

September 3 3 & 5 Day 1st Day

October 30 & 31 Fall Festival Parties

November 11 No School - Veteran's Day

November 26, 27, 28, No School - Thanksgiving Break

& December 1

December 18 & 19 Christmas Parties

Dec. 22 thru Jan. 2 No School - Christmas Vacation

January 19 No School

February 16 No School

March 30 & 31 Easter Parties

April 1, 2, 3 & No School - Easter Break

April 6

May 8 No School

May 19 2 day Last Day

May 20 3 & 5 Day Celebration

<sup>\*</sup>This Calendar Subject to change.

<u>SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS:</u> Snow cancellations will be announced on television and if announced early, an email update will be sent out.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\* - Watch for Blackhawk School District virtual or emergency days not Chippewa UM Preschool. If Blackhawk cancels or goes virtual, preschool will be canceled. If Blackhawk has a 2 hour delay morning Preschool classes will be cancelled. So PLEASE watch the AM news if the weather seems bad.

ILLNESSES: If your child has a fever, please do not send them to school until 24 hours after fever is gone. If your child is ill and will miss a day, you do not have to call the preschool. Whatever your child misses will be sent home the day they return to school. If your child has a contagious illness, such as chicken-pox, please call and notify the director so a warning note can be sent home to other parents. If your child misses school for an extended period of time, please let the staff know.

#### **DOJO APP:**

All emergency information and class announcements will be sent out via the Dojo App. Please turn on your notifications so you don't miss any information. You can send private messages to the preschool via Mrs. Wilson the Director who will then forward the messages to each teacher.

# PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES: TUITION:

- 5 Day Pre-K Tuition—\$1395 for nine months
- 3 Day Pre-K Tuition—\$1125 for nine months

2 Day Tuition—\$990 for nine months

Tuition is due at Orientation. Payment arrangements must be set up at Orientation. Payments must be made on the 20th of the month and if a payment is not received by the 31st, your child will not be allowed to attend class until payment is made.

\*If paying online, you will be assessed a processing fee.

FEES: Bounced checks - \$20. fee

Late fee - \$1. per day late, \$5. for every week late

These fees will be enforced. After 2nd bounced check, all remaining payments must be made in cash only.

**EARLY WITHDRAWALS** - Your child is enrolled in the Pre-School for 9 months. If you withdraw your child before that time without due cause you will be charged 1/2 of the remaining balance of total tuition.

#### **ARRIVAL TIMES:**

Arrival to class should be no more than 5 minutes before class begins. The classroom doors will not be opened until the times listed below:

Pre-K 5 DAY AM - 8:40 AM Pre-K 3 DAY AM - 8:55 AM

2 DAY - 9:25 AM Pre-K 3 DAY PM - 12:25 PM

#### **DISMISSAL TIMES:**

Students will be dismissed after parents sign child out on the clipboard. If you will be more than 10 minutes late and the staff may charge you a \$5 late fee. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

#### **UNITS OF STUDY:**

- 2 Day Classes Colors, shapes, numbers, social development are the primary emphasis in this class.
- 3 & 5 Day Classes All of the above and alphabet letters: recognition of upper and lower case and sounds; and printing names in the proper way. Fine motor skills including using scissors.

All Classes - Safety, health, manners, seasons, along with many other seasonal activities.

**SNACKS:** The Preschool encourages healthy snacks. **PLEASE NO DRINKS.** We have a refrigerator in the room and access to a freezer. Snack items should all be the same. PLEASE send in the # listed on your students snack calendar, we need extras in case of accidental drops or spills. We will provide cups, **water** and napkins. The students enjoy the water we provide for them and it does not hurt anything if spilled. Student snack days are posted on your calendar.

#### **SPECIAL DAYS:**

**SHOW & TELL:** - Each student will be asked to tell about something. Topics will be noted on the calendar. \*This is subject to change.

**EARLY INTERVENTION SCREENINGS:** - Will be done by Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. Speech, Behavior, OT and PT services available based on need. If your child needs any of these services please follow through with the evaluations. It is very important to get these services prior to Kindergarten as your child may not need them after preschool. The earlier they get services the easier it is to help them. This is a free service, done within our classrooms and we love our support staff!

**PHOTOS:** - Professional photos will be scheduled. Please watch for info.

**PRESCHOOL PURPOSE:** For the children to learn to interact socially and to learn readiness skills necessary for Kindergarten.

**SCHOOL YEAR:** 9 month program - September 2nd-through May 20.

**PRE-K CELEBRATION FOR 3 & 5 DAY STUDENTS**- To be determined at a later date. We do not have a graduation as some of our students return for another year.

**DRESS CODE:** Please have your child wear comfortable clothes. Please no face paint or makeup. No swims suits, swim trunks or costume/dress up clothes. Shoes should be comfortable, no high heels please.

**BATHROOM:** Our facility has a small child size bathroom and sink. All students should be able to use the bathroom independently and wash their hands. Accidents do happen and the preschool keeps extra clothes for this. If your child has an accident please wash and return the clothes that we will send your child home in. Pull ups are not permitted in 3 and 5 day classes.

**HEALTH & HYGIENE:** The preschool works very hard to keep our students healthy. We need your help with this by teaching your child to keep their hands out of their mouths. We teach coughing into arms and using a tissue for our noses and washing hands afterwards.

<u>PROGRESS REPORTS:</u> Progress reports will be done in January & May. However, we will notify you if there are any problems prior to the progress reports.

<u>WEEKLY READER</u> - Mini newspapers for the students. **Let's Find Out** for Pre-K students and **My Big World** for Toddler students.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** along with monthly calendars will be distributed to parents.

**MONTHLY BOOK ORDERS** —The Preschool places an order once a month for books at discounted prices. This is optional but it does help the pre-school get free books and classroom items.

LIBRARY—Pre-K classes will enjoy checking books out from the Preschool Library cart. Wednesday is Library Day. Students are encouraged to independently remember their library books each Wednesday with a special book mark. The student will get a sticker each time they return their library book. After receiving five stickers the student will be able to pick a prize out of the treasure chest. Please let your child forget their book once to reinforce this lesson. It is better to learn now before they are older and the consequences are more severe.