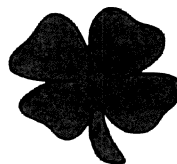


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Dear Parents,

Welcome to March! This new month will bring more fun and exciting events to our classrooms. Many of our classrooms have celebrated Dr. Seuss this week and have read many of his books. Check out the fun on Instagram (chambleemethodistkindergarten) and be sure to become a follower so you can see the great things going on at our school. Around St. Patrick's Day we often see some leprechaun mischief in our classrooms so be on the lookout. We hope to begin our activities related to Easter soon. This month will be another busy time for all of our classes!

Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten is blessed with the best teaching staff around. As the director I could not ask for a better staff. The love, compassion, dedication and attention to the children is so inspiring to watch. CMK teachers are amazing! This month during Chapel on March 30 we will honor and recognize staff members for their length of service to CMK. These teachers have given at least 5 years of service to our school and for that we are so grateful. Join me in recognizing and showing our appreciation to these staff members: Tracy Kester (29), Heather Nortje (20), Patti Payne (17), Yvonne Clemens (14), Ann Council (12), Becky Cooper (11), Anne McGrath (11), Davina Profit (9), Fara Yarbrough (9), Emily Hamilton (7), Beth Williams (7), Camilyn Germann (6) and Brett Mathews (5). Our staff continues to improve by participating in 16 hours of professional development each year. Thank you to these and all our wonderful CMK teachers.

With Gratitude,

Mellie

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, March 8	Chapel 9:15 in the sanctuary
Thursday, March 9	NO SCHOOL, Teacher workday (CMK closed)
Friday, March 10	NO SCHOOL, DeKalb workday (CMK and PMO closed)
Sunday, March 12	Spring Forward; move clocks ahead 1 hour
Monday, March 13	Vision screening for ages 3, 4 and 5
Thursday, March 23	Family Open House; 5:00 – 6:30pm (new time) , details TBD
Thursday, March 30	Chapel 9:15 in the sanctuary
Saturday, April 1	CFUMC Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am sharp
Monday – Friday, April 3-7	NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
Friday, April 7	NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
Thursday, April 13	Chapel 9:15 in the sanctuary
Monday, April 17	Tuition Deposit DUE for rising Kindergarten class
Thursday, April 20	Staff Meeting–NO LUNCH BUNCH, Kindergarten/Art class dismiss 12:45
Wednesday, April 26	Chapel 9:15 in the sanctuary
Tuesday, May 2	Last Cooking class
Wednesday, May 3	Last Game Day
Thurs, May 4 and Fri, May 5	Spring Sing, 11 a.m. (for 3s, pre-k, and K classes)
Sunday, May 7	Preschool morning at church, 10:00 am
Monday, May 8	Last ballet and art days
Monday, May 8	Ballet recitals for both ballet classes; 5:45pm and 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 10	Tuition Deposit due for next year – 2s, 3s, PreK
Thursday, May 11	Last Chapel 9:15 in the sanctuary
Tuesday, May 16	Kindergarten class graduation at 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17	Last day of school – Happy Summer!

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Throughout the school year we are sure to practice safety drills with our students. Yesterday we practiced going outside in the event of a fire or other emergency. We were able to clear the building and secure the classrooms in 2 minutes, 30 seconds. Your children did a great job of listening to the teacher and following directions. Later this month we will practice a tornado drill where we crouch down against an interior wall to remain safe in the event of a tornado. Lastly, we practice an intruder drill which we call "the sleeping bear drill." We tell the children that we are hibernating like a sleeping bear and move children to a corner of the room that cannot be seen at the doorway, lower the blinds over the glass doorway and lock the door from the inside. We are sure to use language that does not scare or frighten the children but let's them think about not waking the sleeping bear. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about these safety drills.

SUMMER FUN AT CFUMC

June 12-16 (M-F)

Vacation Bible School at Chamblee First UMC Church- children (rising K and older); VBS Registration **Opening after March 10th.**

June 19 – 23 (M-F) **AND**

June 26 – 29 (M-Th) **AND**

August 14 – 18 (M-F)

Three weeks of summer camps at CMK 9:00am–1:00pm; registration begins April 10.

CURRENT FAMILIES OPEN HOUSE

On **Thursday, March 23** from **5:00 – 6:30pm (new time)**, we will have our annual current families Evening Open House to give our families and our children a chance to come to school, see the classroom, have your child show you his/her favorite toys/games and activities and meet some parents of children in your child's class. Classrooms who share space will be assigned a time for their class. Details to follow from your child's teacher.

APRIL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

CMK teachers are looking forward to talking with you during spring conferences about the growth and development of your child. Please make attending a priority. It is helpful for teachers to know ahead of conferences if there are specific areas you would like to have addressed, so please email your child's teacher in advance with specific questions or areas of interest you want to discuss. We try hard to begin and end on time so we won't inconvenience those waiting. If you feel that your conversation was limited due to time constraints, please know that the teachers will be glad to set up another time to answer all of your questions fully.

LENT/EASTER EVENTS AT CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, April 1 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt -All families are invited to the Chamblee First United Methodist Church Easter Egg hunt on the front lawn of the church on Saturday morning, April 1. The egg hunt will begin at 10:00 am **sharp** with age groups divided so you may want to come a bit early. Bring your own basket and enjoy fellowship with other CMK families. Find a CMK teacher and say Hi!

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday; 10:00am -All children are invited to participate in the processional, waving a palm frond as they are led in by a live donkey.

Maunder Thursday, April 6; 6:00 pm – Worship Service and Holy Communion

Friday April 7; 3:00 pm – Good Friday online Worship Service

Sunday, April 9; 9:00 am and 11:00 am – Easter Sunday services

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

Your children are having fun making music. We've danced to the Djembe drum, made rhythm patterns with rhythm sticks and learned about jazz and Zydeco music and instruments. Ask your child about the washboards! Over the next 2 months we will celebrate our music program with "Music and Me" for our two year old classes and "Spring Sing" for our older classes. The goal of these two programs is to highlight the enthusiasm and fun our children have in music while showcasing their singing and moving to the rhythm.

"Music and Me" - Each 2 year old class will have a special music time called "Music and Me." We invite parents to this special class as an opportunity for the children to show all the fun things they do in music in the comfort of their music classroom. After a short music time together we invite all the parents to come back to the classroom for cookies and lemonade. **Your child's teacher will send the date and time soon.**

"Spring Sing"- Our 3s, 4s and Kindergarten class will present Spring Sing on Thursday, May 4 (Kahute, Kester, Nortje, Cooper) and Friday, May 5 (Germann, Clemens, Kindergarten). More details about this celebratory event will be in the April newsletter.

For reviewing classic CMK tunes and some seasonal songs, check in with our YouTube page: [YouTube.com/@Weavermusicmakers](https://www.youtube.com/@Weavermusicmakers)

PARENTING CORNER

SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Tuesday, April 18 from 9:15 – 10:30 we will host Kelly Gfroerer, a well-known speaker who gives talks to today's parents that are full of advice, tips to try TODAY and wisdom for raising well rounded kids. Kelly and her husband (pediatrician, Dr. Gfroerer) have researched and developed practical suggestions to implement TODAY to see results TOMORROW. Kelly's information will empower you to make good decisions for your family. Mark your calendar for this event.