

Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool

VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) Information for 2021-2022

VPK is a state-mandated and funded program for all children who will be four years old as of September 1, 2021.

REGISTRATION: Once you have registered for our program, you will go online to apply for VPK. You will be sent a Certificate of Eligibility by e-mail to bring into our office. Please sign in box 18 and date box 19 on the certificate and provide us with your original signed copy.

VPK HOURS:

- **VPK Plus** Five days a week from 9:00-1:00
- **VPK Plus** Four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00-1:00
- **Straight VPK from 9:00-12:00.** This option does not allow use of after school enrichments, early drop off or extended day. No exceptions.

PROGRAM: We use the *Kindergarten Letter People Curriculum* and *Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum*. Our VPK program also includes math, science, music, art, writing, literacy, social studies, library visits, free choice activities, daily playground time (weather permitting), hands-on activities, Chapel and much more. We are preparing our VPK students for kindergarten and the emotional demands of further schooling and life. WPPP scored 92 out of 100 on the most recently reported Kindergarten Readiness Rate.

RATIO: Each class has a maximum of 16 children with two teachers, or 11 children with one teacher.

TEACHERS: All have their required credentials (Bachelor's Degrees or higher in Early Childhood Education or Bachelor's Degree in an unrelated field with six hours or more in early childhood education, or a Child Development Associate Certificate/CDA).

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE SHEETS: In order to verify your child's attendance, you will be asked to sign a form at the end of each month. This form also reconfirms that we are your VPK provider. We ask that you do not sign this form before the last day of attendance of any given month.

ABSENCES: DCF requires that you call the preschool office before 10:00am to inform us if your child will be absent. Please review, sign and return our VPK Attendance Policy by Friday, August 13, 2021.

VPK PAYMENTS: VPK payments are calculated based on attendance. If you withdraw your child from school the VPK payment for your child is immediately discontinued. We require 30 days written notice if you will be withdrawing your child so that we may fill the spot from the waiting list. We also encourage families to send their children to school through the final day, Wednesday, May 25, 2022.



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VPK Attendance Policy 2021-2022

For a child to receive the most benefit from the VPK program, it is necessary that they are present at school regularly and arrive on time. VPK instructional time begins promptly at 9:15. Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool has the right to dismiss a child from their program for frequent or prolonged absences without prior notification.

As disclosed at Registration, Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool will charge a predetermined amount for the time a child attends over the 540 hours provided by the State of Florida.

Parent signature _____

Child's name _____