

SAFETY IS SOOOOOOOO IMPORTANT!!!

We request that you list on the “Release Form” ALL possible people who may pick up your child. We will release your child to those people **ONLY!** We will **NOT** accept telephone calls saying that someone else not listed is picking up your child. The forms will be kept on file with your child’s teacher. If you need to make a revision at any time, please see your child’s teacher. Also, make sure everyone who will be picking up your child has the “Safe to Leave with Cards” to show the teacher at the time of dismissal.

Please walk across the parking lot to pick up your child. Children will be taught not to leave the front stoop to go to the car until his or her teacher says their name. If your child runs to you before they have been dismissed, please bring them back to the teacher, as it is imperative we see with whom the children leave.

Other safety tips and rules:

Children are not allowed in the parking lot or on the concrete steps.

Please inform all people on the Release Form and “Safe to Leave with Cards” of these rules. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

WELCOME!

We want to welcome all of you – both parents and students! We hope your summer was enjoyable. The staff here at WNS have been hard at work and looking forward to an exciting year full of personal growth, learning and friendships.

The Whitehall Nursery School was established in 1971 from a desire to serve the children and young families in the Fairmont area ,and is a ministry of the Whitehall Church of Christ.

The curriculum that is used at WNS includes kindergarten readiness skills such as learning and writing the alphabet, spelling and writing a child’s name, colors and shapes, phonics, show and tell, library, Bible stories, singing and so much more!

Each year also includes special events such as field trips, seasonal parties, a Thanksgiving Feast (which is a full lunch shared by the children and parents), a year-end party for the three-year-old classes and a graduation ceremony for the four- year-old classes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 304-368-0300 during the hours of 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM. After hours, you may contact Mrs. Dianne, our Director, at 304-476-8141.

THINGS TO KNOW TO START THE SCHOOL YEAR

We MUST have a registration form, release form, copy of birth certificate, shot record and emergency contact form for your child. **West Virginia state laws require that all children be up to date on required vaccines to attend preschool.** If you have not turned these forms in yet, please do so immediately. This is required by the Marion County Health Department.

Anyone that picks up your child must have a "Safe to Leave with Card". Please give one to each person that you listed on the Release Form. This is very important until we get to know everyone. Also, be prepared to show a photo ID at pick up until we get to know everyone as well.

Tuition is due on the first day of each month - \$90 for the TT classes and \$110 for the MWF classes. Also, please make sure you have paid the \$50 Registration/Fall Supply Fee. You may pay tuition online or in person. All checks need to be made payable to Whitehall Nursery School.

To prevent confusion, all jackets and coats and all backpacks should have your child's name on them. **Please dress your child in clothing THEY can easily undo for the restroom.** PLEASE, PLEASE dress your child in play clothes as we will do lots of messy things, such as play on the floor and outside on the playground. Children should also wear RUBBER SOLES and NO SLIP ON shoes to prevent falls during playtime. Children cannot play effectively if not dressed for it, so do not worry about fashion.

REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Starting in November, we will be accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have a child that will be attending, please be sure to see Mrs. Dianne to register. She will be placing children that are currently enrolled in WNS before accepting other registrations.

If you know of someone who would be interested in attending, please see Mts. Dianne for a registration form.

This is a "first come first serve" basis. The four year old classes tend to fill up quickly, which is why it is important to register in November,

OUR WEBSITE

The website has parent forms and other information posted. Please feel free to visit our website anytime at WhitehallNurseryschool.com

PARTIES AND SNACKS

Unfortunately, Due to COVID-19 we will not be having snack this year.

We will plan to have class parties, but this is subject to change according to CDC requirements on large groups of people together. This could change from party to party so we will keep you informed as we get information.

Please only two parents per room need to sign up as homeroom mothers for holiday parties. Each homeroom mother will receive a party guidelines sheet from their child's teacher. Please post the sign- up sheets approximately 3 weeks prior to the party so that all parents have an opportunity to sign up to bring something. **PLEASE BE SURE TO CONFER WITH THE MOTHERS FROM THE OTHER CLASS TO PLAN THE FOOD, PAPER PRODUCTS, TREAT BAGS ETC.** Please include all parents for item donations. We have several children with severe food allergies. Please be sure to talk with their mothers to make sure there will be food that they can eat. Also, please do not put candy in treat bags since many of them contain nuts, etc. The children love to tell what they brought to a party 😊

As advised by the local health department, we are not allowed to serve lunch meat or other processed meats. It is also advised that milk must be in individual containers. We are not allowed to serve milk from a gallon jug.

The Nursery School teachers will decorate for the parties ahead of time.

Mrs. Dianne will post the Thanksgiving Feast menu and homeroom mothers will monitor the food sign ups.

COGNITIVE SKILLS AND BIBLE SERIES

The TT classes will begin by learning the basic colors and basic shapes, cutting, gluing, writing and spelling their first name.

The MWF classes will be writing and spelling their first names and learning primary and secondary colors. The four-year-olds will also study shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle, diamond, heart, oval, octagon, crescent, snowflake and star).

Each semester, we will teach a Bible series that allows the children to learn the basic Bible stories but also introduces them to important life-skills and teaches them how to apply these skills to everyday situations.

FOLDERS TO TOTE

The children will need to bring a plastic folder that has two pockets inside on the first day of school. Make sure their name is on the front. We will use these to send papers back and forth from home to school. Please be sure to send these with your child each day to class.

PENCIL BOXES

The school will provide pencil boxes filled with supplies for each child. These will be kept in the classroom. You do not need to send in any supplies other than a plastic two-pocket folder.

STAMPS STAMPS STAMPS

When your child comes home from school each day you will notice stamps on their hands. These stamps have a very special significance. When a child has been cooperative in class and at playtime, they will receive four stamps. If they only have three stamps one has been taken away after they have received three warnings to modify their behavior. They receive a “sad face” drawn on the chalk board with each warning. After three sad faces, a stamp is lost and a four minute time-out may occur if the teacher feels it is needed.

During the winter months a fifth stamp is given for putting on their coat by themselves and a sixth stamp is given when they are able to master fastening the coat themselves. This is an expected kindergarten skill.

No matter what happens, all children will ALWAYS receive one stamp. This stamp is given because we love them and nothing they do can change that!

WNS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

We will not always follow the Marion County Board of Education’s schedule for holidays and days off from school.

However, we will follow their snow days, delays and early dismissals due to inclement weather conditions. Please check the local television stations for these closings and delays.

SICK POLICY

If your child has been running a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, please DO NOT send them to school. **They must be symptom free without medication for at least 24 hours to return to school.**

Also, if your child has lice or something that is contagious, please notify the school so that we can alert other parents. Your name will ALWAYS be kept confidential!! Notifying other parents so that they can be aware will help stop an outbreak and help prevent your child from catching something over again.

If there would be an increase in COVID cases, there is a possibility that we would need to close school for a short time. We pray that does not happen! We will go by the guidelines from the CDC on Covid restrictions. Also, if the CDC would make wearing masks mandatory then we would follow these guidelines for teachers, students and parents.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US

Whitehall Nursery School is a place where people are important to us! That is why we want to help make this a wonderful experience for you and your child. Again, if you have any questions or need to discuss something, please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or Mrs. Dianne.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please do not bring your child into school prior to 8:55 AM or 11:55 AM. Teachers are preparing for their classes at that time and may not be able to stay in the classroom. Please wait outside until your child is dismissed. Also, please be on time when picking up your child or call the school to notify them that you are going to be a few minutes late to avoid upsetting your child.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Whitehall Nursery School has a One Call Messaging Service. If you see this number on your caller ID, 877-698-3261, please do not ignore it.

You will receive important messages and reminders from WNS on this messaging system. We will use this to notify you of important reminders, parties etc.

Only two numbers per child will be listed in the system.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME REGARDING:

- Walk-A-Thon (annual fundraiser)
- Picture Day
- Party Lists and Dates
- Other fundraisers

NO TOYS

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school in their backpack. They cause distraction and can be lost at school. Tell them there are plenty of toys at school and they need to keep their toys safe at home 😊

SHOW & TELL

During the months of January and February we will have Show & Tell. Each child can bring in one item to show the class. Please keep that item in their backpack or in a separate bag. No pets due to some children having allergies to animals.

LIBRARY

We will have Library during the months of March and April. The children will be able to check out books from our school library. The MWF classes will choose books on Friday and return them on Monday. The TT classes will choose books on Tuesday and return them on Thursday. If your child has more than two books out, they will not be able to check out a new one until the others have been returned. Please keep these books in a “special” place so that they are not damaged or lost. This is a great way to teach the children responsibility.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

You may order books for your child through Scholastic Book Club online each month. Go to: scholastic.com/bookclub and sign up as a parent. You will then create your password and enter your email. It will walk you through the steps to place your order. Our class code is: M8NMHEM

If you have any questions, please see your child’s teacher. By ordering books it helps the school earn bonus points to receive free items for the classroom. Ordering is optional. Please do not feel that you have to order!

If your order is a gift, please tell your child’s teacher so that we do not put the order in their backpack.

MOPS

We have MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) that meet here at the church building every other Tuesday. More information regarding this will be sent home soon!

This group of ladies will be hosting a “Grab & Go” breakfast on the first day of school for all parents to enjoy!

There will also be a photo booth in the Fellowship Hall so that you can get some first day of preschool pics!

If you have questions regarding MOPS or would like to know more, please see Mrs. Faith.

BATHROOM BREAK

All children must be potty trained to attend. Please practice letting them use the bathroom and flushing at home so that they will be able to do this independently at school.

Please dress them in clothes that they can pull up and down on their own in the bathroom. If they cannot yet button and snap, have them wear pull on pants. No jumpsuits, please!

We will have a bathroom break approximately half way through our classes so that if anyone needs to go potty they can do so at that time. Of course if they need to go at any other time they may do so!

Always make sure they have a complete outfit in their backpack just in case there would be an accident.

PLAYGROUND

We will be going outside on the playground as long as weather permits. Please make sure your child has a jacket to wear outside to play.

CPR & FIRST AID

All of our teachers are certified in CPR and First Aid training and are also trained to use epi pens. Please make sure we are aware of all allergies including bee stings.