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# Celebrating Childhood

Heart, Body & Mind

Our purpose is to provide each child with planned experiences in living and growing with others, as well as to serve the community by offering parents a safe, educational environment in which to leave their children. We believe every child is a very special person, and it is our goal that each one leaves our program with a feeling of self-worth.

The Day School program is a ministry of Brentwood UMC to the children and parents of the church and community.

The BUMC Day School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally agreed or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and other school administered programs.

### Goals

- create a warm creative, nurturing atmosphere for everyone involved.
- facilitate each child's natural growth through interest centers, play experiences and enrichment activities.
- provide opportunities for meaningful play based on the child's individual needs, interest, and abilities that will build important foundations for future academic skills.
- develop small motor skills, large motor skills, language skills, eye-hand coordination, social skills, emotional control, and self-esteem. At each age level, these will be refined to a higher degree.
- provide parents support in all areas of chills rearing.

### Registration

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the BUMC Day School, please email the Day School office at <a href="mailto:dayschool@bumc.net">dayschool@bumc.net</a> to schedule a tour. We conduct tours Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 AM. At that time, you will receive an application form to complete and submit with a \$50 non-refundable fee. This places your child in our waiting pool.

Registration is held in January for the upcoming fall/spring semesters. All currently enrolled children are first to register for the upcoming year and must pay \$100 enrollment fee.

To be considered for enrollment in the Pre-K 3- and 4-year-old classrooms, new students will need to make an appointment for a readiness assessment in January. A \$150 enrollment fee is required from students who are offered a placement for the upcoming year. Children who are not admitted at registration time will remain in the waiting pool. We work from our waiting pool year-round.

All registration fees are non-refundable once paid.

If a placement is available, someone from Day School administration will contact you by phone; a follow-up email will be sent. Families have 24 hours to accept or decline the placement before we move on to the next person in the waiting pool.

Students are considered for enrollment (based on date of application) in the following order:

- Current students
- Siblings of current students (must have application on file)
- BUMC church members in waiting pool
- Waiting pool

### 2025-26 Tuition

Age	Days/wk.	Tuition
Ones	Two	\$334
Twos	Two Three	\$334 \$467
Threes	Three	\$470
Pre-K	Three	\$477
	Four	\$618

Tuition payments are paid monthly beginning in June (supply fee) and then continuing September – May for a total of 10 monthly payments. Sibling #1 will have a \$15 discount per payment. Sibling #2 will have a \$30 discount per payment.

# Parent Participation

Parents are important to our school. We depend on you to:

- bring your children on time
- support your children by reading our newsletters and calendars
- help your children get to school with the supplies needed
- participate in activities planned during the year

The use of the term "Day School" is used intentionally instead of "Parents Day Out." While we recognize the importance of parents having time away from children, we regard our school as a special place for your child to learn those things appropriate to the child's age. We strive to provide a stimulating learning environment where children can explore in social and academic settings in a spirit of acceptance.

#### FAQ

- Our hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- We operate between the last week of August & the middle of May.
- We are closed for major holiday vacations, like the Williamson County School System.
- We have classes for children ages 1(by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>) to 5 years.
- 1 year olds attend 2 days per week.
- 2 year olds may attend 2 or 3 days per week.
- 3, 4 & 5 year olds may attend 3 or 4 days per week
- We do not offer drop-in classes.
- The Summer Program runs for 3 weeks in June. The number of days open per week will be determined by demand.

### Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on the philosophy that a child will learn best when he is developmentally ready to learn. It is our goal to recognize each child's individual level and to help prepare them for the next level. We do this by organizing our program in a way that allows for individual progression. Each classroom has separate centers for related activities.

- Home Living Center: promotes social interactions.
- **Block Area:** promotes imagination, dramatic play, self-esteem, coordination, creativity as well as math and science concepts.
- Book Area: provides a quiet, cozy spot for being alone or with others. Books stimulate vocabulary and expose children to the large word around them
- Science Area: may simply consist of a nature shelf, but it may also include experiments with colors, gravity, floatation, basic chemistry (baking soda & vinegar) and sensory experiences.
- Art Activities: develop coordination, creativity, responsibility, imagination, self-expression, exploration, small motor control, etc. Here the process is more important than the product.
- Manipulative Area: consists of table games that develop manual dexterity, creativity, spatial relationships, eye-hand coordination, classification, patience, etc.
- **Music:** essential to our program, it develops language, teaches a child group participation, rhythm and leads to large motor activities. A special music class is held every week for 2-, 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds.
- Large Motor: each class has time daily for large motor activities either outdoors or in our indoor play space. A special movement class is held every week for the 4 & 5 year olds.

## Discipline

Our main goal for discipline is to help the child develop selfcontrol. We use positive reinforcement and redirection of a child's attention whenever possible to modify behavior. In some cases, a brief "time out" may be used. Corporal punishment will never be used. Above all, we want the children to have a feeling of self-worth and acceptance.

### Child Evaluations

Each child will be developmentally evaluated twice a year by their teacher. These checklists will not be judgmental; they will only be an aid to us in recognizing the developmental level of the child.