

FAQ: Sonshine Ministry

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Tuition and Fees

What is the cost of tuition?

A \$235 nonrefundable fee is needed for registration and supplies. Tuition starts at \$235 monthly from September, with discounts for additional children: \$225 for the second and \$215 for the third. Payments are due by the second Tuesday monthly.

Is tuition reduced for months with holidays?

No, tuition remains consistent throughout the year, balancing out months with five weeks without charging extra.

Class Structure

How many teachers are in each classroom?

Each classroom has 2 teachers.

What are the class days and times?

We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Will the program expand beyond two days?

No, to emphasize family time and due to other church activities and regulatory considerations.

Teacher Requirements

What are the hiring requirements for teachers?

Candidates undergo two interviews, a background check, Ministry Safe certification, and must provide 3 references.

Class Size and Age

How many students are in each class?

We believe that smaller class sizes are essential for fostering an enriching learning environment. By maintaining a low student-to-teacher ratio, we ensure that each child receives personalized attention and tailored instruction.

What age can children start?

Children must be six months old by August 31 of the current school year.

What if my child struggles to adjust?

We will contact you by lunchtime to decide if they should stay or be picked up early.

School Year**When is the first and last day of the program?**

The first day is the Tuesday after Labor Day, and the last day is in the third week of May.

Safety Measures**What safety protocols are in place?**

Locked doors, key phrases for emergencies, and vigilant staff.

Are there cameras in the classrooms?

No, but cameras are installed in hallways for security.

What if my child has an allergy?

We prioritize student health by adapting our allergy management annually, applying restrictions as needed per allergy type and severity, possibly affecting specific classrooms or the entire program. For instance, a peanut-free policy was enacted in the 2023-2024 school year for five students' safety. Our priority is the health and safety of all children in our care.

Curriculum**Do you follow a specific curriculum?**

No fixed curriculum, but monthly themes guide activities and learning.

Special Activities**What special activities do you offer?**

Activities include chapel, music, nature walks, gym, and various themed events throughout the year.

Naps and Meals**Do younger children take naps?**

Yes, nap mats are required for 1s and 2s.

Does my child need to bring lunch?

Yes, please pack a lunch with foods they can eat independently.

Daily Requirements

What should my child bring each day?

A backpack with clothes, diapers for younger children, a nap mat for 1s and 2s, lunch, and a water bottle. Please label all items.

Potty Training

Is potty training required?

Yes, for children in 3s and 4s classes. Diapers or pull-ups are not allowed.