



Mother's Day Out

We appreciate how patient everyone has been the past few months. We have been using this time to investigate how and when to reopen our Mother's Day Out Program. The health and safety of our children and staff is of the utmost importance to us.

In light of Shelby County Schools (SCS) delaying their opening, we will reopen **September 1, 2020**. Besides SCS delaying reopening, our teachers' safety has been considered. Mrs. Ashley is on medical leave per doctor's orders due to an underlying health issue. Also, Ms. Annette is at high risk due to underlying health issues.

The following is information about how we plan to operate once we reopen in September. Please read it all carefully. In order to follow the CDC guidelines, we had to make adjustments to some of our policies and procedures. Please bear with us as we adjust to these new procedures. If you have questions, please contact us.

Thank you,
Mrs. Christy & staff

Our Health and Safety Practices

We are closely following guidance from the CDC, as well as state and local officials and health authorities, as we take extreme care to maintain our safe, healthy school environment for children, families, and staff. Here are ways we have enhanced our already rigorous health protocols:

- **Protective Masks:** Face coverings are required for our staff. We ask that you wear a mask during drop-off and pick-up. At this time, masks for children are optional, barring any new mandates.
- **Taking Temperatures:** We will screen all staff members and children upon arrival at school to check for raised temperatures or evident symptoms (flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, or difficulty breathing, fatigue, or extreme fussiness).
- **Limited Classroom Access:** To curb the spread of germs and control group size, we ask parents and family members to remain at their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.
- **Wellness Checks:** Regular wellness checks will be conducted throughout the day. The parents of unwell children will be notified immediately, to help stop the spread of illness.
- **Enhanced Health Practices:** We've strengthened our existing cleanliness and hygiene practices (including more frequent hand washing; cleaning and sanitizing surfaces and items in classrooms).

Attendance

In general, we are requiring that children and staff stay home from school for 14 days following the last potential exposure, if any member of the household has (or may have) a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. In addition:

- We will observe the children's health throughout the day, and respond appropriately as needed if we detect any potential signs of illness.
- If your child does become ill at school, we will call you immediately so they can be picked up as soon as possible. Should that occur, please be sure to pick up your child promptly for their well-being, and to help us limit the spread of illness.

Overall, the best way to ensure our children have limited exposure to germs is by keeping children at home when they are ill and/or contagious. We ask that you please watch your child closely and contact your physician if your child appears to be feeling under the weather. Please remember your child must be kept home if they display any signs of illness.

We are putting our trust in you all to help protect our teachers, as well. Please do your part to help protect our teachers and all the children.

Drop-off/Pick-up (*Revised 10/6/2020*)

- To curb the spread of germs and control group size, parents and family members are not allowed in the building.
- We ask that you secure your child into his/her carseat, etc.
- All children will enter and exit the main door.
- All children enrolled in our program will have their temperature taken at the main door. Children with a temperature of 100.4°F will not be allowed to stay at Mother's Day Out.
- Parents will be asked whether the child has a fever, shortness of breath, cough, runny nose, diarrhea. Children may not be allowed to enter if the answer is yes to any of these questions.

Drop-off Procedure

- Please park in the parking lot by the main door.
- Then walk your child to the door.
- A staff member, wearing a face covering, will greet you.
- As you sign in your child, a staff member will take his/her temperature.
- A staff member will walk your child to his/her classroom.

Pick-up Procedure - (Same as drop-off.)

- Park in the main parking lot, and walk to the main entrance.
- A staff member will bring your child(ren) to you, as you sign out your child(ren).

Lunch

- Staff members will wear masks and gloves while assisting at lunch.
- Please pack food items in which your child will not need much assistance.
- Children will eat in the fellowship hall (“big room”), but social distancing will be in place.

Nap

- Each class will have its own napping area.
- We will continue to supply nap mats, mat covers, and blankets.
- You may send a blanket with your child, but it must stay at Mother’s Day Out.
- All mat covers and blankets will be laundered frequently.
- No sleep toys or stuffed animals can be allowed at this time.

Other Updates:

- Please send a change of clothes (outfit, socks, underwear) to leave at MDO. Also, put another change of clothes in his/her back pack or diaper bag.
- Children will no longer be allowed to choose a treat at the end of the day. Teachers will find new ways to reward children.
- For now, we ask that you do not send any special treats or prizes. We hope to have a solution for this before our first holiday or birthday.
- We also ask that your child does not bring any toys from home.

Supply List - (all classes)

Due to having leftover supplies from last year, we are only asking for the following items. We may ask for more supplies throughout the year. Please place the supplies in plastic shopping bags with child’s name written on the outside.

- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 package of napkins
- 1 box of facial tissue
- 1 binder (3 ring, 1 inch, any color with clear pocket on cover)
- 1 glue stick
- \$10 craft fee

2020-2021 Calendar

First Day - Tuesday, September 1st, 2020

Thanksgiving Break - Tuesday & Thursday, November 24th & 26th, 2020

Last Day before Winter Break - Thursday, December 17th, 2020

January - First Day Back - Tuesday, January 5th, 2021