

March 1, 2021

STP families,

We know times are still uncertain, but we are moving forward with registration for Fall 2021! We plan to offer programs for all of our children ages 2 to 5.

The positives that came from this pandemic was seeing the value of smaller class sizes and the utilization of our beautiful outdoor campus. All the teachers have shared with me how they can be more attentive and offer more to their students with smaller class sizes. They also love the flexibility of learning outside and utilizing our beautiful 48 acres to the fullest!

With this in mind, we are offering smaller class sizes and plan to continue to do as much outdoor learning that allows. This fall we are opening a third Pre-K classroom, which gives us the ability to keep our Pre-K classrooms no larger than 15 students. In years past we have had 20 students in each of our Pre-K classrooms. Our 2-year old's will be a class size of 10 instead of 12 and 3's will be 12-15 students, depending on class. We are also planning to open a T/Th 3-year-old class in the Purple Owls classroom. This allows for us to spread our students out and be able to offer more students the 3-, 4- or 5-day option in our Red Pandas classroom.

We know a longer day is desired by many families and we hope we will not be in the pod system this fall and can offer that to all of our families. Please see the offerings for this fall on our registration form. ***We are trying to plan our afternoon programming for all students. Please mark on the registration form if you are interested in having the ability to lock in a longer day with a set monthly price, either a 9-1(traditional lunch bunch, eat and play), 9-2 or 9-3 option (with age-appropriate enriching activities throughout the afternoon i.e., science, movement, art, math, language arts, music). These offerings would be for all the days your child attends school and would not be a flexible daily offering. We listened to families that wanted a longer day without the hassle of filling out a lunch bunch form each month, and this will help us with staffing our afternoon programs in advance. We will still offer early bird (8-9 am) on a daily basis. We are gathering this information for planning purposes only. Your responses are not a commitment at this time but will help inform our decision-making process.***

Tuition prices reflect our smaller more individualized class sizes. Our tuition increase is also with the intent of not having to ask for any additional fees from our families. We so appreciate all the support from our STP families. *All of our prices are for the entire school year, divided into a monthly offering. Monthly prices do not change due to holidays. You can pay in full or by month for your convenience.*

Registration for current families is from March 3-19. You may turn in your form at drop off/pick up or scan and send in an email. Please send registration forms to stpreregistration@stthomaswhitemarsh.org. **First month tuition is not due until June 1, 2021.** The only cost due at registration is the registration fee of \$75.00 per child or \$125.00 per family. Registration fees will be taken out of Tuition Express when we receive your form.

Registration forms will not be accepted until Wednesday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Forms will also be available on our website at www.stthomaspreschoolpa.com starting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Thank you and we look forward to Fall 2021!

Shari Petrakis, St. Thomas' Preschool Director