

Wilmington Island Methodist Preschool

PRESCHOOL



REGISTRATION

Our qualified teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.



- ✓ Ages 6 months-4 years old
- ✓ Play-based learning
- ✓ Outdoor play
- ✓ Age-appropriate instruction
- ✓ Faith-based instruction
- ✓ Accredited with Quality through the Georgia Accrediting Commission



BEGINS IN JANUARY

Visit www.islandmethodist.com/preschool for more information about our registration process.



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Welcome to the Wilmington Island Methodist Church Preschool. We are excited that you are considering enrollment in either our MMO program or Preschool Program. Our preschool is Accredited with Quality by the Georgia Accrediting Commission and a non-profit organization as defined by current state and federal tax regulations.

At the Wilmington Island Methodist Preschool, we have developed a curriculum that encompasses a focus on play-based activities while also utilizing an academic-based approach. We feel this meets the changing needs of our preschoolers as they prepare for the next level. As children play, they engage their imagination, take risks, develop their problem-solving skills, conflict resolution, social skills, and generate friendships while fostering a love for learning. Each day children take part in pretend play, open ended play, and teacher led activities which are purposefully planned to engage students. This variety promotes cognitive development, language, pre-literacy skills, gross/fine motor development.

WIMCP strives to direct attention to the Christian faith by sharing, teaching and modeling values pertinent to Christianity—love, faith, hope, caring, sharing, forgiving, cooperation, and appreciation. The Preschool is a ministry of the Wilmington Island Methodist Church and will teach, model and encourage reverence towards God through introduction to Bible songs, stories, prayer, and chapel experiences.


Our highly trained staff is a very dedicated group of professionals who will provide your child with a warm, caring, and safe environment to ensure that each child can reach his or her maximum potential while they are in our care.

In the following pages you will find more detailed information about the registration process. I also suggest you follow our preschool Instagram account to see all the fun and exciting things we are doing at the Wilmington Island Methodist Preschool. Our account is @wilmingtonislandmethodistprek

If you have any questions, please call or email the preschool. We are always happy to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

Warm Regards,

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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year registration process

For information about our preschool, classes, tuition, fees, potty requirements, and policies, please visit our website at www.islandmethodist.com/preschool. If you are new to our school, please complete the "New Student Form" from our website. We use Brightwheel as our management system.

If you have questions prior to setting up Brightwheel please email preschool@islandmethodist.com or call the preschool at 912-897-2835.

PRE-REGISTRATION EVENTS

- **PRE-K PREVIEW** On January 10th from 12:30PM-1:00PM, we will host a PreK preview for parents with students entering the 4 yr Pre-K class. This is an excellent opportunity to get a glimpse into the wonderful world of the WIMC Pre-K class and all the great things they learn. Childcare will be provided for those attending. Please message the Director on Brightwheel to rsvp to this event.
- **ANNUAL ART SHOW AND OPEN HOUSE** We also host a school wide preschool art show and open house for current and new families on January 23rd, 2025 from 6PM-7PM.

WIMC PRESCHOOL DESIGNATED REGISTRATION DATES

Registering before your window will void your entry and require you to resubmit during your window

January 13th

ACTIVE Wilmington Island Methodist Church members

January 15th

CURRENT Wilmington Island Methodist Preschool students

January 17th

SIBLINGS of current WIMCP students may register

January 27th

OPEN registration



CLASSES WE OFFER

Children are placed in classes based on their age as of September 1st.
Children remain in the same class all year.

MOTHER'S MORNING OUT (Runs last week of August through first week of May)

MMO is a 2-day-a-week program on Tuesdays and Thursdays for ages 6 months to 23 months. This program is a nurturing environment which encourages social, emotional, and creative growth in young children. MMO is often a child's first experience away from family members, so we understand that it sometimes is a hard transition. Tuition for MMO is \$175.00 per month

MMO 1 is 6 months-15 months. To begin MMO 1, babies must be able to sit up without aid and drink from a bottle.

MMO 2 is 16 months-23 months. In MMO 2, we work with the children on basic skills, such as making new friends, cleaning up toys, sitting in a chair to eat, walking up and down stairs, playing on the playground, singing songs, reading books, and sharing.

PRESCHOOL CLASSES (Runs last week of August through first week of May)

Our classrooms are filled with so many wonderful experiences. A typical day in our preschool classes will include circle time for learning our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors, listening to wonderful books, participating in music and movement, exploring learning centers and sensory activities, developing fine motor skills, completing process art projects, playing and exploring with new things, participating in individual and small group work, using math manipulatives, science exploration, gross motor play inside and out of the classroom, developing language and social skills and so much more! Each week the children go into the sanctuary for chapel, music and participate in story time with our mystery readers. Beginning in 3s, all children must be 100% toilet trained by the 1st day of school to attend. Please read the WIMCP Toilet Training Policy in our school handbook on our website.

We offer preschool classes for ages 2-4 with a variety of options.

2s (2 day) Class- Tuesday and Thursday (tuition is 175.00 per month)

2s (3 day) Class- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (tuition is 250.00 per month)

3s (3 day) Class- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (tuition is 250.00 per month)

3s (5 day) Class- Monday-Friday (tuition is 375.00 per month)

4s (5 day) Class- Monday-Friday (tuition is 375.00 per month)

SUMMER MMO SESSION (Runs June & July-Registers in April)

Summer MMO is for ages 6 months-4 years and any exiting students from our 4s class. The summer session runs in June and July on Tuesday & Thursday from 9AM-1PM except for the week of 4th of July. More detailed information will be added to the website in March. Registration for summer MMO begins in mid-April. Please check our preschool website at that time. Tuition is \$400.00 for summer session.

WHAT TO DO PRIOR TO REGISTRATION DAY

- If you are new to our school, please complete the **NEW STUDENT FORM** on our website.
- If you are new to our school, please download the Brightwheel app.
- If you are new to our school, please set up bill pay on our Brightwheel system.
- If you are new to our school, please familiarize yourself with the Brightwheel messaging system
- If you are a current student, you do not have to do the previous items. You are already in our system.

Completing the Brightwheel items above IS EXTREMELY important because it gets you set up in our Brightwheel system and allows us to send you invoices, messages, and assures proper class placement. If you are not in our Brightwheel system when we receive your registration form on registration day, we will skip over your registration and go to the next person until we see have completed these items.

WHAT TO DO ON YOUR DESIGNATED REGISTRATION DAY

- Be ready at 9:30 for the registration Google Doc to go live on our preschool website
- Click the registration link and complete a Google doc for each student
- PLEASE make sure all info is correct before submitting. We use this info as you have entered it.
- When complete, hit "SUBMIT" at the bottom of the Google form. You will get a notice that says, "Your response has been recorded" If you don't get this message, please resubmit your form. We would rather have a duplicate than no submission.
- Once your registration Google Doc has been submitted, watch for your registration fee invoice to appear in your Brightwheel account within the next 24 hours for you to pay. Please be patient with this step. This is not an automated process and will take time to send out invoices. Please be assured that Google entries are time/date stamped.
- Pay your registration fee invoice. This is required to confirm spot. If you end up on a waitlist, this fee will be refunded.
- If you have questions on registration day, please communicate through the Brightwheel app under messaging. Please don't send emails. It is not reliable because some items go to spam folders.
- If your registration comes in on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Please be patient. Your process will be delayed until the following week.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU HAVE SUBMITTED A REGISTRATION FORM & PAID A REGISTRATION FEE INVOICE

- Be patient =) All submitted forms are time and date stamped for placement, so they are taken first come.
- A confirmation for your spot will be sent via a message in Brightwheel.
- If you are accepted and placed in a class, you will not need to do anything further until August 1st when the supply fee of \$100.00 is due. You will see an invoice in mid-July on your account.
- A Brightwheel message will be sent out in July with a school calendar and back to school information. Please make sure to check your Brightwheel messages during the summer.
- If a class is full and there is a waitlist, you will be notified via Brightwheel messaging your spot # and will need to confirm that you wish to stay on the waitlist. If we don't hear back, we will take you off the waitlist.

FAQS

What time is drop off and pick up? Drop-off is 8:50AM-9AM and pick up is at 12:50 PM-1PM.

What is considered late? After 9AM and after 1PM is considered late.

Is lunch provided? No, parents pack lunch each day in a plastic bento style box or paper sack. No traditional lunch boxes allowed.

Can we use our own backpack? No, traditional backpacks are not allowed. Each child will be given a branded preschool tote to use each day.

How many teachers will be in my child's class? Each class has 2 teachers. Our ratios never exceed 1: 5/MMO and 1: 7/preschool

What type of training does WIMCP staff have? All staff are trained in adult, child/infant CPR and first aid, Ministry Safe, and LifeVac. Preschool staff must complete 12 hours of staff development each school year in the field of early childhood education.

Do you do criminal background checks? Yes, all staff undergo criminal background check every 12 months

How do we create our school year schedule? We follow the Chatham County School System calendar for holidays and closures. On some voting days or religious holidays, we may be closed.

Do you require parents to volunteer? We encourage all parents to volunteer at least 4 hours each school year in some capacity. It can be substitute teaching, playground workdays, special events, or helping in the office with special projects.

How do you communicate with parents? We use Brightwheel as our main source of communication since email is unreliable. We send a schoolwide newsletter each Wednesday and teachers send weekly communications to classes each Sunday for the week ahead.

Can parents participate in school events? Yes, we believe in a strong school-to-home connection. Almost every month, we have a schoolwide event to help build community in the preschool. Some of the events include our Trunk or Treat, the Thanksgiving program and Feast, Cookies and Carols, Very Merry Market Shopping night, our art show and open house, making Valentine cards for Summer Breeze, and our spring family picnic.

How do you give back to the community? Each month the preschool has a monthly mission where we encourage our students to support and help a local organization.

Do you have an open house? Yes, the first open house is in August and is for current students so they can get acquainted with the classroom and teachers. The second open house is in January during our art show and happens before open registration begins. We invite new families to this event to experience what the WIMC Preschool has to offer.

Are there any special fees you require? We require a \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee due the day you register and a \$100.00 supply fee due August 1st for all preschool students.

How much is tuition? Tuition is based on number of days and type of classroom. Updated fees for the upcoming school year will be posted with registration information in December each year. Some years there is a slight increase. Here is our current school year tuition amount. Range \$160.00-\$350.00

How do I pay tuition? Tuition is due on the 1st of every month. Tuition is paid September-April. We use Brightwheel as our online payment source. Fees will apply. 2.75% on credit card transactions and .05% (min \$.25/max \$1.50) on ACH transactions. You may also pay in cash or checks to WIMC without additional fees. Tuition is late after the 5th of the month and subject to a \$25.00 late fee. Returned checks will be charged a processing fee of \$30. Tuition 30 days past due will result in withdrawal from the WIMC Preschool program. A 30-day written withdrawal notice is required to avoid being charged for the upcoming month's tuition.