

Expectations for Preschool and Elementary Parents During Sunday School Hours

Please read DUMC's Safe Sanctuary Policy for detailed instructions about the safety of your child at Davidson United Methodist Church.

- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Teachers will be ready to receive children when two unrelated adults are present in the room - no earlier than 9:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. If only one adult is present, you will be asked to stay until the second teacher arrives or wait in the hallway.
- A full lesson will be planned for each hour. Please make the effort to arrive on time. If your children are "late," please have them enter the classroom quietly.
- Sunday School concludes at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Please pick up your child promptly - by 10:40 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. - at the latest. If you are a teacher who will be waiting on children to leave from your classroom, please alert your children's' teachers or make arrangements for pick-up by an authorized adult.
- When worship concludes earlier than Sunday School, parents should wait quietly in the Sunday School halls.
- Only authorized adults, parents, or grandparents may drop off/pick-up children at the door of the classroom. Older siblings may not pick-up younger children. This applies for every classroom of infants through 5th graders. Sixth graders may travel in pairs or threesomes to meet parents on our campus.
- The staff and Sunday School Committee of DUMC have certain expectations for behavior in the classroom. The guidelines for behavior are designed to be age-appropriate. Essentially, the teacher will discuss the action in question with the student inside the classroom. If two episodes of misbehavior occur within the morning, the child will be asked to sit in time-out inside the room. The teacher will alert Ellen Johnson or Menita Mercuri who will talk with the parents. An approach will be negotiated, which may include having the parent stay with the child in the room for one or several weeks.
- Classroom rosters will be available to teachers who will occasionally call on parents to assist. One person from the teaching team will take the lead. Many of our teams have from 4 to 6 teachers. At times, only one person is available and parents who are willing to assist can help us "keep the door open" for that class on that particular Sunday. Cheerfully take a turn when the request suits your schedule!
- We need to know if your child has allergies, including foods and the need for an epi-pen or asthma apparatus. Infants through 4 year-olds have detailed cards at the classroom door for this information. A simple form is provided at the door for school age children. Snacks served during Sunday School are always peanut-free. We also have a gluten-free option. Feel free to bring an appropriate snack if your child has a special diet.