

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. We use this approach because we believe that kids learn best through play. As children play they engage their imagination, take risks, develop their problem-solving skills, conflict resolution and social skills, and generate friendships while developing a love for learning. Children take part in pretend play, open ended play, and teacher led activities which are purposefully planned to engage our students. Each day is a balanced structure, ensuring many opportunities to explore and participate in learning and lessons around a schoolwide theme.

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 will teach, model and encourage reverence towards God and faith in His son Jesus Christ through introduction to Bible songs, stories, prayer, and chapel experiences. The WIMCP is a ministry of the Wilmington Island Methodist Church. The Preschool recognizes each child as a child of God and is committed to enabling children to live life in the fullness that Jesus proclaims. Through the ministry of the Preschool, we extend the nurturing ministry of the church to our community.

Our Preschool is a qualified non-profit organization as defined by current state and federal tax regulations and is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission.

- Our school year runs from the last week of August through the 1st week of May
- Children are placed in classes by age as of September 1st
- Children remain in the same class for the entire school year
- Drop off each day is 8:50AM and pick up is at 12:50 PM
- Lunches are provided from home
- Each class has 2 teachers and our ratios never exceed 1: 5/MMO and 1: 7/preschool
- All staff are trained in CPR, first aid, Safe Sanctuary, and undergo background checks
- We follow the Chatham County School System calendar for holidays and closures.
- We believe in a strong school-to-home connection and communication through our family events, monthly missions, classroom calendars, weekly newsletters, Wednesday Words, and our Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- We host an open house twice each year. The first open house is in August, just before school starts so that students can get acquainted with the classroom and teachers and one in January before open registration begins so new families can experience the preschool.
- Registration begins in January each year for the upcoming school year
- Tours may be scheduled by emailing the preschool at preschool@islandmethodist.com.

CLASSES WE OFFER

Mother's Morning Out (during the school year)

MMO is a 2-day-a-week program for ages 6 mons to 2 years. Children must be able to sit up without aid. This program is a nurturing environment which encourages social, emotional, and creative growth in young children. At MMO we work with the children on basic skills, such as making new friends, cleaning up toys, sitting in a chair to eat, and sharing. MMO is often a child's first experience away from family members so we understand that it sometimes is a hard transition.

Preschool Classes (during the school year)

We offer preschool classes for ages 2-4 with a variety of options. 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 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! All activities are carefully planned and developed with purposeful play in mind.

Each week the children go into the sanctuary for chapel and music, and participate in story time with our mystery readers. Beginning in 3s, all children must be 100% toilet trained. No Pull ups and must be able to tell an adult they need to use the restroom as we as completing the toileting independently.

Summer MMO Session (June & July)

Summer MMO is for ages 6 months-4 years and any exiting student from our 4s class. The summer session runs in June and July on Tuesday & Thursday from 9 AM-1 PM 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. Summer session is \$375.00 and paid in April at registration.

TUITION & FEES

- The \$150.00 registration fee is non-refundable and due at registration
- Tuition is due on the 1st of every month beginning September 1st
- Tuition is paid September-April
- 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 may be paid in cash or checks to WIMC without additional fees.
- Tuition may be paid online through Brightwheel after July 1, 2024. Fees will apply. 2.75% on credit card transactions and .05% (min \$.25/max \$1.50) on ACH transactions
- The supply fee of \$75.00 is due August 1st for all preschool students
- MMO does not pay a supply fee
- The registration fee and supply fee is not included in the yearly tuition
- A 30 day written withdrawal notice is required to avoid being charged for the upcoming month's tuition
- Tuition 30 days past due will result in withdrawal from the WIMC Preschool program

Classes	Registration Fee (Paid at Registration)	Supply Fee (Paid Aug 1)	Monthly Tuition (Paid Sept-April)	Yearly Tuition
MMO Classes (Tues/Thurs)	\$150.00	N/A	\$160.00	\$1280.00
2s-2day (Tues/Thurs)	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$160.00	\$1280.00
2s-3day (Mon/Wed/Fri)	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$235.00	\$1880.00
3s-Flex (Mon/Wed/Fri)	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$235.00	\$1880.00
3s-Flex (Mon-Fri)	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$350.00	\$2800.00
3s-5day (Mon-Fri)	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$350.00	\$2800.00
4s-5day (Mon-Fri)	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$350.00	\$2800.00

More detailed information can be found in our school handbook and is available on our website.