

Montreat Morning School

2025-2026 Parent Handbook/Calendar

Providing your family a Christ- Centered education; in which the morals and missions of Jesus Christ take on a living form through the daily lessons, crafts and activities; all led by our amazing teachers and loving staff.



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MMS Focus & Philosophy

The focus at MMS is on a Christ-centered education; one where the morals and mission of Jesus Christ take on living form through the teachers and staff, not merely religious rhetoric unsubstantiated by actions.

Our Philosophy of education is to create an educationally balanced, Christ-centered, play based learning environment where the focus is on discovering each child's unique gifts, talents, and learning style. Implementing this focus should, in turn, develop students with a love of learning, and a deeper understanding of themselves and their Creator.

Our commitment, as teachers and staff, to you, the families of MMS, is that we will seek to apply this philosophy of education by:

- Seeking the Lord's wisdom above all else, and loving Him with our whole heart, soul, and mind.
- Striving to build within our students a character that is Christ-centered in nature.
- Developing and maintaining a posture of active listening, which will aid and foster learning.
- To teach accurately and thoroughly the core subjects of: Bible, Character building, Language arts, English Literature, Math, History, Geography, Science, Environmental responsibility, Safety, Physical Education, Art, Cultural Studies, and Foreign Language.
- To model to our children the acts of being responsible, resourceful, and respectful to one another.
- To always be aware and sensitive to the various learning styles of our children and teach, when possible, in the format they understand best.
- To provide tools and practical life experience to enrich and develop a lifelong curiosity and love of learning.

Role of the Parent/Guardians

Just as the teachers are prepared to make a commitment to your family, we ask that you prayerfully and respectfully review this handbook and sign the signature page located in your Brightwheel App. Please know that every guideline is one that furthers the education experience of your child. We believe that you are your child's first teacher, and that no one knows your child more than you do! We would be remiss if we did not take advantage of the wealth of information and dedication that our families have for their children. While you will be asked to volunteer some of your time, you will also be asked for your input and suggestions to improve and grow our school.

MMS Curriculums

At the Montreat Morning School we use a variety of educational theories and philosophies. Most of our student's day is broken into two main curriculums; developmentally appropriate play based and academic. However, we also use some **emergent curriculums** using the child's interest to guide and drive the day's events. We are blessed by the beauty of Montreat every day, taking a group of student's on a nature walk and studying the activities of a tadpole in the lake or bugs on a tree trunk makes room for endless conversation, class wide learning projects, and beautiful art pieces.

Through our emphasis on **developmentally appropriate play based** philosophies, we promote our students to participate in age appropriate activities, such as unstructured hands on play, group story time, or themed activities. Our students are encouraged to learn through play. We believe that children have a natural curiosity to the world around them. Our job as preschool educators is to provide a safe, interactive, and imaginative world for our students where learning through their environment is encouraged and valued.

In addition to emergent and play based approaches, we also value **academic approaches**. Certain times of a student's day are structured more academically where teachers are leading students through a planned activity. This could be through learning shapes and colors in our two year old class, moving towards letter and number recognition in our three year old class to finally putting letter sounds together to begin the initial stages of reading in our Pre K and TK classes. Beginning in 2022, we are implementing Heggerty's phonemic awareness curriculums in our Pre K and TK classes.

Role of the Teacher

Beyond the implementation of the MMS Philosophy, our teachers and staff are committed to being:

- *An example*: modeling peaceful and respectful behavior and words to one another, students, and parents. The teacher creates the environment where ground rules allow the student to flourish.
- *Proactive*: watching the children as they explore the works and materials around them, and creating a teachable moment that resonates with the child's individual needs.
- *Observer and Recorder*: making notes of the child's progress and changes as his/her education progresses.
- *Innovator*: changing the materials and workspaces to emphasize new units of study, and to re-energize the classroom.
- *Active listener*: allowing the children the freedom to express and explain themselves, their interest and their motivations.
- *Communicator*: attempting through conversations, invitation, newsletter and announcement to include and inform parents of events within the classroom.
- *Loving*: the MMS Staff love your children!

Encouraging Positive Behavior

Children often learn by watching and practicing positive interactions. They learn to take responsibility for their own actions and begin to make choices concerning their behavior. Taking these beliefs into consideration, Montreat Morning School employs the following forms of teaching/modeling positive behavior:

- Teachers create boundaries for the children, which allow them to consider their actions before misbehaving.
- Teachers model appropriate behavior and speech with the children, each other and parents.
- Teachers encourage active listening and peaceful conflict resolution; giving each child opportunities to speak and share the reasoning behind his/her behavior.
- Teachers are prepared to modify the classroom at any time if they see that a certain work or item is causing a stumbling block to proper behavior.
- Teachers are adept at offering choices which gives the child an active and responsible role in his/her school day. We reserve "mandates" and "must do's" for safety issues, primarily.
- We are committed to treating the child as a person and respect his/her needs and feelings, even if we don't agree with him/her. We may have to listen attentively and still say that his/her idea will not work within the classroom... but we will hear him/her out completely and respectfully.
- We will utilize REDIRECTION to distract a child who is focused on a behavior that is not conducive to a classroom setting. We will use short periods of time away from others for the child to rest and regroup if needed to get over a "hump" of inappropriate behavior. We are determined to stay consistent with our boundaries to prevent confusion to the child.

In some rare circumstances we may have a situation where a child must be removed from the classroom setting because of persistently dangerous or harmful behavior. In this situation, the child will sit with the MMS Director until they are willing to discuss their behavior or a parent is called.

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<i>Teacher Workday</i>	<i>Teacher Workday</i>	<i>Teacher Workday</i>	<i>Teacher Workday</i>	<i>Teacher Workday</i>	
						
24 <u>Meet the Teacher</u>	25	26	27	28	29	30
Week 1: <u>3-5pm</u> All About Me/ Back to School Bible Theme: What is the Bible?	NO SCHOOL  <i>Teacher Workday</i>	 <i>1st Day of School</i> (M-F & T/Th)	 <i>1st Day of School</i> (MWF)			
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Financial Arrangements & Tuition Payments

- Tuition is based on a September – May school year. Tuition payments must be set up on **automatic drafts** from your bank account or via debit/ credit card through your Brightwheel App. (see the office for assistance on logging into your account). Your first month's tuition is due by **August 15th, 2025**. Beginning October 1st, tuition is due the *FIRST OF EACH MONTH*. If payment is not received by the 10th of each month, there is a delinquent charge of \$30 added to the monthly tuition payment. There will be a \$25.00 service charge on all returned payments. Automatic payments will go through on the 1st of each month. If the 1st falls on a holiday or weekend, it will be drafted (or due) on the preceding business day. You may also pay by a cash or check in the MMS Office. If your tuition checks fall behind more than 30 days, and no arrangements or payment plan have been arranged with the school, the parents may be asked to withdraw their child/children. Application/Registration/Activity fees are not refundable.

Class	Days	Monthly	Bi-Annual Tuition	Annual Tuition
1's,2's & 3's	2 Days (T/TH)	\$210	\$945	\$1,890
	3 Days (MWF)	\$310	\$1395	\$2,790
	5 Days (M-F)	\$510	\$2,295	\$4,590
PreK/TK	5 Days (M-F)	\$510	\$2,295	\$4,590

Enrollment for returning MMS families for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in January of 2026. Open enrollment for the public will begin in February of 2026. You will be required to pay the enrollment fee of \$150 to secure your child's place for the upcoming school year. **Please note the changes to when our enrollment period begins compared to previous years.**

*Please be prepared to make your \$150 enrollment fee in January 2026 when you re-enroll. Class space is tight with our enrollment. The enrollment fee is the only way to ensure your child's placement is saved for the following school year.

Late Pick ups and Late Fees

ALL LATE FEES begin at 12:30pm.

A late fee of \$1.00 per minute past 12:30pm will be charged to your account up to 10 minutes (\$10.00). After 12:30pm, you will need to send a message through the Brightwheel App or call the MMS office to have your child brought to the first floor lobby for pick up. If you have not contacted us by this time, we will attempt to contact those listed on the approved pick up list. It is our hope that you are "en route" and will safely arrive to pick up your child(ren) soon.

After the first 10 minutes, the office will begin to charge a flat \$10 for the next 11-20 minutes and so on in \$10/10 minute increments. Failure to pay the charge will result in suspension from all programs until this fee is paid. You will receive a late fee invoice the following day. Payment of this invoice must be received by the MMS office by the end of the week.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Week 2: Where Do I Live?/ North America Letter: A,a Number: 1</p>	<p>1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day </p>	<p>2 Weekly Bible Theme: "God's Creation: Genesis 1"</p>	3	4	5	6
<p>7 Week 3: 5 Senses Letter: B,b Number: 2</p>	<p>8 Weekly Bible Theme: "Adam and Eve: Genesis 3"</p>	9	10	11	12	13
<p>14 Week 4: Apples All Around Letter: C,c Number: 3</p>	<p>15 Weekly Bible Theme: "Noah: Genesis 6-9"</p>	16	17	18	19	20
<p>21 Week 5: Transportation Letter: D,d Number: 4</p>	<p>22  First Day of Fall Weekly Bible Theme: "Abraham: Genesis 12-21"</p>	23	24	25 <i>Picture Day</i> 	26 <i>Picture Day</i> 	27
<p>28 Week 6: Community Helpers Letter: E,e Number: 5</p>	<p>29 Weekly Bible Theme: "Isaac: Genesis 24-25 & 27"</p>	30		Notes 	  Shape of the Month: Circle Color of the Month: Yellow	

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Detailed information on topics below will be provided at our meet the teacher event and will be included in the Welcome Packs during your first week of school.

Volunteering and Substituting

We ask each family to volunteer 10 hours per school year in support of your child's classroom. Opportunities to sign up will be provided at the beginning and throughout the school year.

We have a full time floater this year to, first and foremost, act as a substitute when a teacher is out. However, we expect there will be times when additional support is needed. Substitutes are on a paid basis. We offer a required orientation for those interested. The purpose of this orientation is to share information concerning daily schedules and procedures as well as to collect the proper information on all adults serving in your child's classroom. **Please notify the MMS office if you are interested and we will provide you with all needed forms.**

Daily Schedules, Teaching & Preparing for a Successful Year

Each day brings new adventure into the life of a child. We will provide you with a sample of each age group's daily activities and curriculum in their welcome packets and via our website. We will also provide you with a list of ideas and information to prepare your child for a great start to this upcoming year!

MMS Tote Bags

We are pleased to offer each first time MMS student enrolled in the 2025-2026 School Year a Montreat Morning School Tote Bag. These bags should be used to bring items to and from your house each day. The bags are not required but are a safer option than plastic grocery bags. The 2 year olds and 3 year olds have limited space in their cubbies/hooks. They will hang their tote bags on the hooks in the hallway.

For PreK/TK- if you choose to bring other bags/or bags in addition to the provided tote bag, we ask that all items fit neatly on a hook. For safety reasons, we will not be able to house items on the hallway or classroom floor that do not fit on the hooks properly.

For returning students who would like to order a new bag, you can order one for a charge of \$10. Please contact the office to order.

Please do not allow your child to bring any personal items from home, i.e.: stuffed animals, dress up, toys, jewelry, pacifiers, etc.

OCTOBER 2025

Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

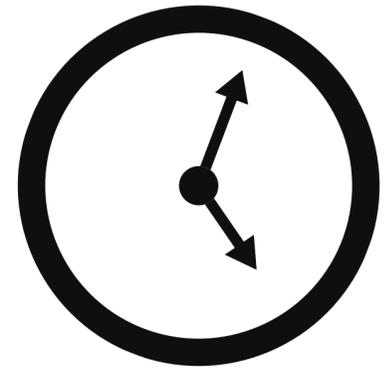
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Notes Shape of the Month: Square Color of the Month: Orange		Week 6: Community Helpers/ Letter: E,e Number: 5	1 Weekly Bible Theme: "Isaac: Genesis 24-25 & 27"	2	3	4
5 Week 7: Fire Safety Letter: F,f Number: 6	6 Weekly Bible Theme: "Jacob: Genesis 28-33"	7	8	9	10	11
12 Week 8: Pumpkin Patch/Leaves Falling Down Letter: G,g Number: 7	13 NO SCHOOL  Teacher Workday	14 NO SCHOOL  Teacher Workday	15 Weekly Bible Theme: "Joseph: Genesis 37-46"	16	17 Harvest Fest 	18
19 Week 9: Long Ago & Far Away Letter: H,h Number: 8	20 Weekly Bible Theme: "Moses: Exodus 3-40"	21	22	23	24	25
26 Week 10: Bats, Spiders, Snakes, Oh My! Letter: I,i Number: 9	27 Weekly Bible Theme: "Joshua: Joshua 2 & 6"	28	29	30	31 Trick or Montreat 	

Day to Day Information



Hours of Operation:

Montreat Morning School is open for operation
Monday-Friday from 8:15am-12:30pm



Carline Information (Morning Drop Off & Afternoon Pick Up)

SAME ROUTINE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Morning Drop Off is offered through the car line and will begin on the 1st day of school. Please refer to the carline map that has been provided to you.

Morning drop off begins at 8:15am and ends at 8:30am

If you arrive after 8:30am, you will need to park in front of the MMS (the Henry Building) and walk your child into the school building. You can either call the MMS office, message via Brightwheel, or use the intercom to be let in.

We also will now be requiring all approved pick up and drop off individuals to enter a 4 digit code to check-in/check-out a student. This code can be set up and changed in your Brightwheel app. See the office for assistance if needed.

Afternoon Pick Up also takes place via our carline.

Afternoon Pick Up begins at 12:15pm and ends at 12:30pm

1. During regular pick-up times, an MMS Staff member will stand outside and radio classrooms as families arrive for pick-up.

- Shared teachers will escort children to their family waiting outside/in their car.

2. If a family wishes to pick up before the scheduled pick-up time, they can send a message through the Brightwheel App or call the office to let them know they are there to pick-up.

- MMS Staff member or shared teacher will escort the child to their family waiting outside/in their car



NOVEMBER 2025

Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Notes  Shape of the Month: Triangle Color of the Month: Brown						1
2 Week 11: Down on the Farm Letter: J,j Number: 10	3 Weekly Bible Theme: "David: 1 Samuel 16-17"	4	5	6	7	8
9 Week 12: Kitchen Fun Letter: K,k Number: 11	10 Weekly Bible Theme: "Daniel: Daniel 6"	11 	12	13	14	15
16 Week 13: Thanksgiving/ Pilgrims Letter: L,l Number: 12	17 Weekly Bible Theme: "Esther: Esther 4"	18	19	20	21	22
23 Week 14: Thanksgiving/ Giving Thanks Letter: M,m Number: 13	24 Weekly Bible Theme: "Jonah: Jonah 1-4"	25	26 NO SCHOOL 	27 NO SCHOOL 	28 NO SCHOOL 	29
30						

Need Based Scholarships

From time to time we all run into periods of financial hardship. Whatever your situation, we are here for you and your children. Please contact the MMS office or MMS Director to confidentially inquire about any funds that may be available and/or volunteer options for a % of tuition discount. These are extremely limited and are strictly need based.

The financial aid application including your most recent tax documents, must be complete, to include the W2 forms prior to any awarding of assistance. Applications are available upon request and award letters will be sent no later than July 15th.

It is expected that any child receiving financial assistance participate/attend at least 90% of the enrolled days each month. The only exception of this would be illness or emergency.

The MMS reserves the right to decrease the %, or remove scholarships based on the availability of the funding.

We ask that those receiving financial assistance as well as our other parents attending the MMS (without scholarship) agree to volunteer for our school and/or related activities a minimum of 10 hours per year.

MMS Policies

Placement of Students and Registration & Transition Kindergarten Class (Transition TO Kindergarten)

- MMS places students according to age but reserves the right to interview a child to determine academic or social readiness for placement. Parents can also request an assessment of their child's progress. The PreK and TK classroom are both kindergarten preparatory . Students are expected to attend a full school year. Like most PreK/TK programs, we are aligning our academics to a M - F (5 day) program.
- Registration for returning families and siblings of current students will be in January. New student registration will begin in February. There is a \$150.00 enrollment fee for both new and returning students. Once paid, this fee guarantees placement for your child and later is considered your child's consumable fee. These fees will cover the cost of bringing "field trip" style activities/events to our center throughout the year and enrollment costs. This fee is non-refundable.

Insurance

- We recommend that you carry your own medical and accident insurance on your child(ren). MMS does carry Nursery School Accident Protection Program Insurance. The policy is \$5.50 per child with a maximum medical benefit of \$25,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment of \$10,000.00 with a \$25 deductible. The cost for this is included in your tuition and is primary coverage insurance.

Withdrawal Notifications

- Families needing to withdraw their child from the Montreat Morning School must provide the school office with a 30 Day Advance WRITTEN notification of withdrawal. We will accept email, Brightwheel, or handwritten notices. We do not accept text notification, messages via social media, or in-person conversations as formally withdrawing your student. It is also asked that withdrawal notifications come from the parent/guardian of the child. Notifications from a grandparent or other paying party-will not allow us to make changes to a child's enrollment status.

Current monthly tuition and fees are not prorated or refundable.

DECEMBER 2025

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Week 15: Music to my Ears Letter: N,n Number: 14	1 Weekly Bible Theme: "Mary & Joseph: Luke 1"	2	3	4	5	6
7 Week 16: Christmas Letter: O,o Number: 15	8 Weekly Bible Theme: "Jesus is born: Luke 2:1-7"	9	10	11	12 Christmas Concert 	13
14 Week 17: Christmas Letter: P,p Number: 16	15 Weekly Bible Theme: "The shepherds visit Jesus: Luke 2:8-21"	16	17	18	19  Christmas Break Begins! See you in January!	20
21	22	23	24	25  Happy Birthday Jesus!	26	27
28 First Day of Winter 	29	30	31	Notes  Shape of the Month: Star  Color of the Month: Red 		

MMS Policies Continued

Transitional Kindergarten Class (Transition TO Kindergarten)

Started in 2015, the MMS opened a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom that provides an additional setting where younger five -year-olds can thrive and have the gift of time to develop in accordance with their natural pace. MMS admits children to this program “who would benefit from an additional year of growth- be it for academic, social/emotional or birth-age before entering Kindergarten.” Therefore, it is the policy for transitional kindergarten students to turn five between August 31st and December 31st or have completed the PreK classroom the year before. The class size for TK classroom is set at a maximum number of 15 students.

**If there are families that desire for their child to proceed to first grade from the MMS TK Classroom - it is their responsibility to register as a homeschool program and follow the path of the NC Standards for Kindergarten and/or other academic requirements.*

***The MMS TK Classroom is Kindergarten Preparatory and a “more formalized” extension of the PreK program offered at MMS, while still observing the importance of learning through play- based thematic lessons.*

Entrance Requirements

Our students span the age of 12 months to TK (usually 5 ½ old.) Children will be placed in classes based on the age they will be as of August 31st. Parents will need to fill out their registration form, medical facts, and emergency forms PRIOR to the first day of school on brightwheel. Children in the PreK/ TK class must be proficient in the toilet routine.

We require each child to have on file either their immunization records from their pediatrician/health dept. or a religious medical exemption form. If your child has an allergy or dietary restriction we ask that you have your pediatrician fill out the Allergy/Medical Action Plan.

We will adhere to all Allergy Action plans signed by your child’s pediatrician- and will accommodate any child’s needs as you navigate and discover new allergies. We hope that allergies are not discovered, but if so, communication between parent, teacher/office, and your child’s medical professional is important. If you need an Allergy Action plan, please contact our office.



JANUARY 2026

Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake..."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Notes 	Shape of the Month: Diamond Color of the Month: Blue			1 HAPPY New Year	2 NO SCHOOL  Teacher Workday	3
4 Week 18: Winter/ Antarctica Letter: Q, q Number: 17	5 First Day Back Weekly Bible Theme: "John the Baptist: Matthew 3, Luke 1 & 3, and John 1"	6	7	8	9	10
11 Week 19: Nursery Rhymes Letter: R, r Number: 18	12 Weekly Bible Theme: "The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6"	13	14	15	16	17
18 Week 20: MLK/Friendship Letter: S, s Number: 19	19 NO SCHOOL 	20 NO SCHOOL  Teacher Workday	21 Weekly Bible Theme: "The sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-9 and Luke 12"	22	23	24
25 Week 21: Passport to Asia Letter: T, t Number: 20	26 Weekly Bible Theme: "Jesus walks on water: Mark 4, Matthew 8, & Luke 8"	27	28	29	30	31

Health and Sickness Policy

MMS will strive to make every effort possible to protect the health and safety of our students. All of our staff are Red Cross CPR & First Aid Certified, and trained in Pediatric Defibrillation. Please help lessen the spread of infectious and communicable illnesses by keeping a sick child home. Using the Center of Disease Control (CDC) supported guidelines;

We will call you to come pick up your child if we find that they have any of the symptoms listed below:

- If he/she has a fever of or over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- If there have been any episodes of vomiting or diarrhea in the previous 24 hour period
- If he/she demonstrates any symptoms of a communicable disease such as: lice, impetigo, pink eye, strep throat, chicken pox or whooping cough etc.



If your child has 2 or more symptoms listed below (but not limited to) we will call you to come pick your child:

- If there is a consistent cough
- If he/she demonstrates fatigue, crankiness or lethargy
- If there is yellow or green nasal discharge
- If the he/she is complaining of not feeling well or demonstrating behavior than is unusual
- If he/she is on an antibiotic, wait at least 48 hours from first dose

*Communication Protocols:

- If we contact you to come and pick up your child due to illness, you must arrange for pickup **within 30 minutes of notification.**
- Please call if your child has been absent for more than three days or has a contagious illness.
- To maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, we have established protocols for alerting families about sickness in the classroom:- If there are **three** cases of an illness, we will alert families and assess the possibility of closing the classroom.- In the case of **one** confirmed case of COVID-19, we will promptly alert all families.

*Open Communication:

We can only keep you informed and take necessary precautions if there is open communication about your child's health. We kindly ask that you adhere to the following:

- If your child has been absent for more than three days, please contact us.
- If your child has a contagious illness, please inform us promptly.

*Return to School Guidelines:

- It's crucial to seek guidance from your child's doctor on when it is safe for them to return to school. Since each illness is unique, there is no one-size-fits-all timeline. If your doctor gives the all-clear for your child to return to school but they still exhibit symptoms listed in our sickness policy, consider providing them an extra day or two of rest.
- For a safe return, please ensure that your child is:
 - Fever-free (without fever-reducing medications) for at least 24 hours.
 - Symptom-free or exhibiting a significant improvement in symptoms.

By working together and maintaining transparent communication, we can create a safer and healthier learning environment for all our students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Medication should be administered at home. The only exception is asthma inhalers and EPI pens. MMS WILL NOT administer medication, sunscreen, or bug spray. In the case of an injury beyond the occasional scrape or bump, we will make an immediate attempt to contact a parent. If we are unsuccessful, we will proceed to call the listed Emergency Contact number, and if necessary, we will call the child's physician and/or the ambulance. Incident reports will be filled out promptly via Brightwheel.

It is imperative that your emergency numbers are kept current and up to date. Please provide us with written or email documentation of all changes to this information.

Tuition credits are not issued for short-term illnesses nor can days missed be traded for attending alternate dates.

FEBRUARY 2026

John 13:34 Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Week 22: Groundhog/Hibernation Letter: U,u Number: 20's	2  Groundhog Day Weekly Bible Theme: "Jesus feeds 5,000: Matthew 14, Mark 6, & Luke 9"	3	4	5	6	7
8 Week 23: Valentines Letter: V,v Number: 30's	9 Weekly Bible Theme: "Jesus and the Children: Matthew 18, 19, Mark 10, & Luke 8"	10	11	12	13 NO SCHOOL  Teacher Workday	14 Valentine's Day 
15 Week 24: President's Week Letter: W, w Number: 40's	16  President's Day Weekly Bible Theme: "The Good Samaritan: Luke 10"	17 <i>Chinese New Year</i> 	18	19	20	21
22 Week 25: Out of this World Letter: X, x Number: 50's	23 Weekly Bible Theme: "The Prodigal Son: Luke 15"	24	25	26	27	28
				Notes  Shape of the Month: Heart Color of the Month: Pink		

Clothing

Please dress your child in comfortable, washable play clothes and shoes. Please no flip flops or sandals without back straps. We ask that you do not send your child to school in clothing or shoes that will limit their ability to quickly maneuver steps, slides, climbing or running. We also ask; in an effort to prevent “potty” related accidents, you consider your child’s ability to remove/replace their clothing quickly for using the restroom.

We ask that each child have one COMPLETE set of clothing (including undergarments, socks, and shoes) in their MMS Tote Bag or cubbie at ALL TIMES. We will send out reminders when the season changes so you can “update” the style of clothing.

For those children in the “potty training” process, we ask that you:

- Keep extra diapers/pull-ups in your child’s cubby.
- Keep two sets of clothes (including socks and shoes)
- Make sure their clothing is manageable for them...not the adult.



Inclement Weather

To preserve the rhythm in our student’s lives we will make every effort to stay open during the snowy season, however; we must take into consideration the many families and staff that may live at higher elevations and travel remains risky for them long after roads in town look suitable or have been cleared. We will use several resources to make our decision and ultimately following Buncombe County Schools Owen district decision.

You will be notified of school closings via Montreat Morning School Facebook Page and Brightwheel notification.

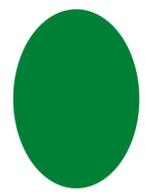
Please be aware that a NOTIFICATION of a DELAY may actually turn into a CLOSING. Please double check your sources before venturing out for a school day.

If we have a weather situation where we need to close school early, while our day is in operation; you will be informed via the same methods as above and/or personal calls from your child’s teacher, MMS Staff, or CCCM office personnel. You will be given a scheduled “closing time” and late pick up fees will apply. It is our goal to provide the safest environment possible for our children as well as our staff. We ask for your consideration and promptness.

We do not refund monthly-tuition based on snow days or school delays.

MARCH 2026

John 8:12 "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Week 26: Dr. Seuss Letter: Y,y Number: 60's	2 <i>Dr. Seuss Birthday</i> NO SCHOOL  <i>Teacher Workday</i>	3 <i>P/T Conferences</i> NO SCHOOL  <i>Teacher Workday</i>	4 Weekly Bible Theme: "The Blind Beggar: Luke 18: 35-43"	5	6	7
8 Week 27: Rainforest/ South America Letter: Z,z Number: 70's	9 Weekly Bible Theme: "Zacchaeus: Luke 19"	10	11	12	13	14
15 Week 28: St. Patrick's Day/ Passport to Europe Letter: Review Number: 80's	16 Weekly Bible Theme: "Jesus is anointed: Mark 14, Luke 7, & John 12"	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18	19	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i> 	21
22 Week 29: It's Spring! Let it Grow! Letter: Review Number: 90's	23 Weekly Bible Theme: "Passover: Mark 14"	24	25	26	27	28
29 Week 30: <i>Palm Sunday</i> Easter Letter: Review Number: 100's	30 Weekly Bible Theme: "Palm Sunday: John 12 & Easter: Matthew 27-28 John 19-20"	31	Notes  Shape of the Month: Oval Color of the Month: Green 			

Snacks & Birthday's

During the first week of school, your student's teacher will ask you to sign up for up to 4 weeks out of the school year to provide snacks for your child's class. The week before your selected week, you will be receiving a Brightwheel message or hard copy list of the suggested snack items for the particular class. Please talk with your child's teacher concerning WHEN they need you to deliver the items. The TK and 1 Year Old Classroom will handle snacks differently than the rest of the classrooms and will be addressed in a separate letter.

Birthdays are an exciting time for EVERYONE! If you would like to send in a special treat to school on your child's birthday, please do! It will be helpful for your child's teacher to know in advance what you would like to do so that they can be accommodating with their teaching schedule. The teacher will also need to provide you with any food limitations or restrictions in the classroom. We want everyone to be able to participate on these extra special occasions. Please consider mini cupcakes and snack sized options rather than full sized desserts.

Summertime birthdays will not be overlooked! We will gladly hold a special day closer to the end of school to celebrate your child. These parties will need to be scheduled by classroom, so be sure to check with your child's teacher prior to April.

This year we ARE NOT ALLOWING ANY PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HOME to be brought to the school. This will help reduce the spread of germs and help to keep everyone healthy. Do not allow your child to bring ANY items from home in their MMS tote bag.



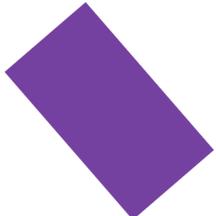
Communication

Montreat Morning School utilizes Brightwheel for communication. Your child's teacher and office staff will provide you with reminders, newsletters, events, and school closures via the Brightwheel app. This is our main method of communication; please make sure you are signed up and connected to your child. If there is a private matter that you need to discuss, please email the office or your child's teacher directly.



APRIL 2026

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Notes  Shape of the Month: Rectangle Color of the Month: Purple			1 Week 30: Easter Letter: Review Number: 100's	2 Weekly Bible Theme: "Palm Sunday: John 12 & "Easter: Matthew 27-28 John 19-20"	3 NO SCHOOL Good Friday 	4
5 EASTER <i>He is Risen</i> 	6  <i>Spring Break</i>	7  <i>Spring Break</i>	8  <i>Spring Break</i>	9  <i>Spring Break</i>	10  <i>Spring Break</i>	11
12 Week 31: Fairytale/ Once Upon a Time Letter: Review Number: Review	13 Weekly Bible Theme: "The story of Jesus' ascension: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, & John 14	14	15	16	17 <i>Fairytale Day</i> 	18
19 Week 32: Earth Day/ Taking Care of God's Earth Letter: Review Number: Review	20 Weekly Bible Theme: "The story of Paul: Acts 12	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> 	23	24	25
26 Week 33: Zoo/ Safari/ Africa Letter: Review Number: Review	27 Weekly Bible Theme: "The story of Pentecost: Acts 1-5 and John 15"	28	29	30		

Allergies

MMS takes great pride in protecting your child from adverse effects of allergens. With great amount of prayer and consultation we have purposed to be able to accommodate the following allergies:



Gluten/Wheat

Dairy

Egg

Peanuts

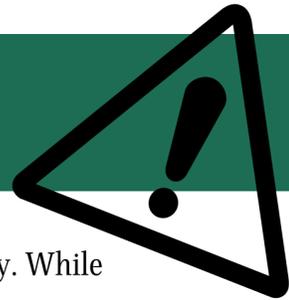


Please note: As of 2010 we have been a PEANUT-FREE School. This means peanuts, peanut products, and any/all foods containing PEANUTS (or PEANUT PRODUCTS). This does not require you to search out food labeled as, “not produced on machinery processing peanuts” or the like.

We are SERIOUS about protecting ALL of the students in our care. When you sign up for your weeks of snack provision, your child’s teacher will give you a suggested snack list that reflects foods that are safe for the individuals in that particular classroom. If for some reason you purchase items that are not consumable in your child’s class by mistake, we will return the unopened items to you. We will then ask that you supplement the class with items included on the teachers list.

The PEANUT-FREE School Zone is ALSO to include any snack items, party items, off-campus events and receptions that MMS families participate in as a school function. *If your child has an allergy, we will provide you with an “ACTION PLAN” form that will need to be completed by your child’s doctor. Food aversions will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.*

Parking Lot/ Carline & Elevator Safety



Safety in our parking lot is a major concern. Parents are responsible for their children as they are being brought to/from school and anytime a parent is with their child during the school day. While outside in the parking lot, the adult should hold the child by the hand so that the child cannot run out in front of or between cars.

Parking Lot & Carline Safety Tips

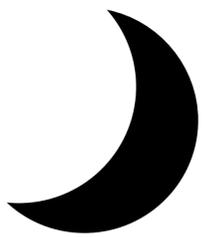
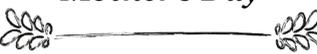
- Do not leave a child alone in a vehicle, not even because it’s raining.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times.
- **Teach children never to play, run or hide around a vehicle.**
- Keep keys out of the child’s reach.
- If you see a small child alone in a car, find the parent or contact any of the MMS Staff or Director.
- Never leave your car running unattended while in the parking lot...even in the winter months.
- DO NOT park in front of the HENRY BUILDING STEPS. (This is a fire lane and is a hazard to any and all people inside of the building or those that may be trying to access the stairs.)
- When in afternoon carline, do not park and leave your car.
- Do not walk up to the carline pick/up breezeway. Remain in your car. When it’s your turn to load your child/ we ask that you wait until then to get out to buckle your child in their car seat.
- We cannot release your child to you in carline if you do not have a car seat/booster.

Elevator Safety Tips

- Please do not allow your child to ride the elevator or run up the steps in a “race you” style.
- Do not send your child ahead of you or behind you- unattended on the steps or elevator.

MAY 2026

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Notes</p>  <p>Shape of the Month: Crescent Color of the Month: Black</p>  <p>Week 33: Zoo/ Safari/ Africa Letter: Review Number: Review</p> <p>Weekly Bible Theme: "The story of Paul: Acts 12"</p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Week 34: Under the Sea Letter: Review Number: Review</p>	<p><i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> Weekly Bible Theme: "The story of John: Revelation 1-22"</p>	<p><i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i></p>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p><i>Mother's Day</i></p>  <p>Week 35: It's Hot!/ Australia Letter: Review Number: Review</p>	<p>Weekly Bible Theme: "Review"</p>				<p><i>Fun Day!</i></p> 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Week 36: Summertime Fun Letter: Review Number: Review</p>	<p>Weekly Bible Theme: "Review"</p>				<p><i>Last Day of School Graduation</i></p> 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<p><i>Teacher Workday</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Workday</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Workday</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Workday</i></p>	

MMS School Supply List 2025-2026

One Year Olds

- Diapers
- Wipes (10 packs)
- 1 Tube of Diaper Cream
- Red Folder (plastic no prongs)
- 1 ream of copy paper
- 1 bottle of Elmer's school glue
- Full extra change of clothes in a large ziploc bag labeled with your child's name

Boys:

- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pack of colored cardstock
- 1 box of quart sized ziploc bags
- 1 pack colored cupcake liners

Girls:

- Clorox Wipes
- White cardstock
- Mini hot glue sticks

Any spare grocery bags your would like to send would be greatly appreciated

Two Year Olds

- Diapers & Wipes (if using)
- 1 large or 2 small packs of baby wipes for classroom use
- 1 container of clorox wipes
- 1 yellow plastic folder (no prongs)
- 1 ream of copy paper

Boys:

- 1 pack 9" coated paper plates, 100 count
- 1 box gallon ziploc bags
- 1 pack of regular or jumbo popsicle sticks
- 1 large pack of washable markers
- 4 pack of Play-Doh, any colors

Girls:

- 3 or 4 pack of facial tissues
- 1" painters tape
- 1 pack of wooden clothespins
- 1 box jumbo crayola crayons
- 1 ream of cardstock (white or color)



Each school year, you will need to relink your Ingles Advantage Card to the school or charity of your choice. Why not link it for the next few years to the Montreat Morning School? We'd love for you to!

Last year, we were able to use these points to freely select over \$2,000 in wonderful items like classroom art supplies and education supplements. Contact mms@cccmontreat.org with your Ingles Card #

Wish Lists

Our classrooms will have a few items posted at the beginning of the school that are considered a "wish item" to be used in their classroom. You are under no obligation to purchase these items, however; if you would like to bless your child's classroom with a few extra items for a specific holiday, event or theme unit - please feel free, and we thank you in advance. Your child's teacher(s) can help you out if you have any question concerning their wish list.



Three Year Olds

- Green Folder (plastic, no prongs)
- Clorox Wipes (3 pack)
- 1 ream of copy paper
- 1 Pack of large Paper Plates (150+ count)
- 1 pack of white cardstock
- 1 box of gallon sized Ziploc bags
- 1 pack of Watercolors
- 4 pack play-doh (4oz)
- 1 pack of foam stickers
- 1 pencil box
- 1 pair of kids scissors
- 1 pack Jumbo crayons
- 1 pack washable markers

Girls:

- Clear Packing tape
- hand sanitizer (32 oz bottle)

Boys:

- Dry erase markers (4 pack)
- 1 pack of baby wipes

Pre K

- 2 packs of fat crayola markers
- 1 blue folder (plastic, no prongs)
- 1 ream of copy paper
- 1 pack of white cardstock
- 1 pack black fat tip dry erase markers
- 1 pack treasure box toys
- ½ inch white binder
- 1 pack Crayola crayons

Boys:

- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 pack of thin non coated paper plates

Girls:

- 1 pack of Play-doh
- 1 pack of disinfecting wipes

Optional:

- 1 pack of baby wipes
- 1 pack of stickers

TK

- 2- 12 packs of fat markers
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Plastic folder (no prongs) it can be a fun theme
- 2 Packs of Clorox Wipes
- 4 or more packs of baby wipes
- 1 ream of copy paper
- 2 packs of glue sticks (6 count)
- 1 pack of large paper plates (uncoated)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer or refillable jug
- ½ or 1 inch binder (any color)
- 2 boxes of fun dollar band-aids
- 1 pack of colored cardstock
- 1 pack of white cardstock
- 1 pack of skinny dry erase markers
- 1 pack of fat dry erase markers
- Treasure box toys

Boys:

- 1 box of gallon sized Ziploc bags
- 1 box of sandwich Ziploc bags

Girls:

- 1 box of 2 gallon sized Ziploc bags
- 1 box of snack sized Ziploc bags

Please choose 2:

- skinny popsicle sticks
- wide popsicle sticks
- scotch tape
- colored sharpies
- precut tissue paper squares
- chunky glitter
- sticker on googly eyes
- pompoms
- fat hot glue sticks
- skinny hot glue sticks

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Father's Day</i> 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Signature of Parent Handbook

We ask that you sign, date and submit this page through Brightwheel noting that you have read and understand the contents and policies of the 2025-2026 MMS Parent Handbook. We thank you for your commitment in providing your child with a strong Christian foundation and are pleased you have chosen our program as their first steps in education.



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