

Ascension Episcopal Kindergarten

2023-2024 School Year Information

School Hours

Our school hours are 9:00-1:00 each day. Our MDO and 2K families have the option of sending their children 2 days, 3 days, or 5 days a week. Our 3K families have the option of a 3 day or 5 day a week schedule. Our 4K and 5K students attend all 5 days (M-F).

We know that some of our younger children, especially in MDO, have a difficult time making it all the way to 1:00 each day. Please know that you have until 1:00 to pick up your child, but you are always more than welcome to come in and pick them up earlier, as needed.

Aftercare Options

Aftercare is a great way for your child to spend an extra hour of playtime at school (and for you to get an extra child-free hour!) Aftercare is ideal for our 3K-5K students, or for any child who is potty trained. At this time we will continue to offer a 1:00-2:00 aftercare option. However, if we do not have enough children enrolled in aftercare, we will not be able to offer it at all. The enrollment form for aftercare is attached to the email, or you may click on the link below to access the online form. If you do not wish to enroll in consistent aftercare, a drop-in option will be available for \$20 per day. Please indicate if you anticipate using the drop-in option so that we can better gauge the necessity of offering aftercare to our families at AEK.

Teacher:Student Ratios

It is our main priority to maintain a small teacher to student ratio in our classroom. I believe that is what makes AEK an exceptional program. A small teacher to student ratio awards children with one-on-one interactions with their teachers, helping them feel nurtured as they navigate school for the first time.

Teacher:Student ratios are as follows: MDO - 1:3, 2K - 1:8, 3K - 1:10, 4K - 1:11 , 5K - 1:12

Tuition and Fees

All fees and tuition can be paid through our Brightwheel app or via check made out to "AEK." I will enter all payments through the Brightwheel app so that you automatically receive a payment receipt and you have access to a record of your payments. New students will be added to Brightwheel in June.

Registration Fee: A \$200 registration fee is due with the submission of your enrollment form. Once you have submitted your enrollment form, you will have up to one week to pay the enrollment fee. If your enrollment fee is not paid within that one week grace period, we cannot hold your class placement.

The materials fee listed for your chosen class will be due July 1, 2023. The materials fee covers basic classroom supplies, curriculum supplies, and cleaning supplies for the school.

The first month's tuition will be due August 2, 2023. Monthly tuition will be due on the 2nd of each month, August through May. A \$10 family discount will be applied to the youngest child's monthly tuition charge.

Information for families enrolling their child in the MDO room:

Kelly Gould, my assistant director, will be your main contact during the school year. You are always welcome to contact either one of us, but Kelly keeps track of the MDO teacher schedules, supplies, and routines. She can be contacted via email at aekpreschool@gmail.com.

School Calendar

AEK follows a typical school-year calendar with school holidays and a summer break. We follow the Vestavia City Schools calendar in regards to school holidays and closures due to inclement weather. Our anticipated calendar for the 2023-2024 school year is on the following page. Some dates are subject to change, but this will give you a general idea of school holidays and our school start date. A final calendar will be sent home with the registration packet in June.

School Contact Information

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. The school office is open from 8:30-1:00 Monday through Friday.

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AEK CALENDAR **2023-2024**

*This is a **tentative** calendar for the 2023-2024 school year

August:

8/14-8/18: Teacher Work Days
8/21: First Day of School

September:

9/4: No School - Labor Day
9/5: First day of Aftercare

October:

10/6-10/10: Fall Holiday/No School
10/31: 4K/5K Halloween Parade
Halloween Parties

November:

11/10: No School - Veteran's Day
11/17: Thanksgiving Feast @ 12:00
11/20-11/24: Thanksgiving Holidays

December:

12/7: 5K Christmas Pageant
12/8: 4K/5K Polar Express Day
12/15: Early Dismissal @11:00
12/18 - 1/2: Christmas Holidays

January:

1/3 School Resumes
1/4: 5K Informational Meeting - 9:15
1/5: 2024-2025 Registration begins
1/15: No School - MLK Day
1/26: 3K Manners Breakfast

February:

2/19: No School - Presidents Day
2/21 and 2/22: Parent Appreciation
Days
2/23: 4K Circus

March:

3/19: 3K-5K Music Program @5:30pm
3/25-2/29: Spring Break

April:

4/1: Easter Monday Holiday
4/12: 2K Music Program @10:00
4/19: Inclement Weather Day - No
School

May:

5/9: No Aftercare
5/10: Mother's Day Tea and Art Show
5/13: School-Wide Pizza Party and
Sock Hop
5/16: Last Day of School
5K Graduation (10:30 am)
5/17: Teacher Work Day