

# **River Preschool**

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The staff at River Preschool welcomes you to our school. It is the philosophy of River Preschool to provide age-appropriate educational programs that will encourage each child to grow spiritually, cognitively, physically, and socially. Within our secure, nurturing, Christian setting it is our desire that each child will gain confidence, self-respect, and a love for God that will saturate his/her life. Our mission is to seek God's will in developing each child's unique potential to become a life-long learner, a disciple of Jesus Christ and a productive citizen. Thank you for being a part of River Preschool.

# VPK Registration Information 2025-2026

Enrollment of our current River students, their siblings, and siblings of past students will begin on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. Registration for River Christian Church members and registered members of the RCC MOMs group will begin on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration will open to the public on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that all openings are on a first come, first served basis depending upon the availability at the time of registration. We will offer 2 programs for VPK eligible students: VPK Only and VPK with Brain Boosters.

#### **VPK Only**

The VPK program is funded by the state of Florida and is available for children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1st. Our VPK program is Monday-Friday from 9:00-12:36. VPK will be paid for by the State of Florida and will require a commitment from the parent to adhere to the attendance policy. A copy of the attendance policy is attached to sign and return with registration paperwork. Space is limited for VPK Only. We will have a drawing for the VPK Only class on Friday, January 17th at 9:15am. Only current River Preschool 3's students that have been enrolled since the first day of school are eligible for the drawing.

## **VPK with Brain Boosters**

Our VPK w/ Brain Boosters program compliments our VPK only curriculum. These classes offer a concentrated enrichment time allowing students to engage in multi-sensory activities that will spark learning and support your child's sense of discovery. Classes for VPK with Brain Boosters will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:36 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students enrolled in VPK with Brain Boosters will need to bring a lunch on Tuesday and Thursday.

The registration/supply fee for Brain Boosters is \$225.00. Monthly tuition for the Brain Boosters program is \$245.00. The time that is designated for VPK will be paid for by the State of Florida and will require a commitment from the parent to adhere to the

attendance policy. A copy of the attendance policy is attached to sign and return with registration paperwork. The Brain Booster program does not have an attendance policy.

#### **Tuition**

Tuition for VPK with Brain Boosters (\$245.00/month) is due on the first of each month and is late after the 5th. A \$10.00 late fee is charged for payments received after the 5th unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.

It is important to remember our tuition is based on a daily price and the preschool runs on a 150-day calendar. Clay County runs on a 180-day calendar; we will always be closed on Clay County half days as well as additional closed days throughout the school year. Please review the attached calendar of holidays and closures for the 2025-2026 school year.

#### **Enrollment**

In order to enroll your child and ensure a spot in VPK Only or VPK with Brain Boosters for the 2025-2026 school year, the following must be completed:

- 1. Enrollment Form & signed Attendance Form
- 2. Registration Fee in the amount of \$225. All students must submit this fee, **VPK Only and VPK BB.** No money will be deposited until after the VPK Only drawing on Friday, January 12th. If your child's name is drawn for the VPK Only class, your registration fee will be returned. There are no costs associated with the VPK Only class.
- 3. VPK Certificate of Eligibility form from Episcopal Children Services. \*\*We must have this to hold your child's spot.

\*\*All registration fees are non-refundable and are required to hold spots in our program.

All VPK students must submit the <u>VPK Certificate of Eligibility form from Episcopal Children Services</u>. Registering for VPK at River Preschool is different than registering with the state. Both must be completed. Please visit their website for additional information at <u>ecs4kids.org</u>.

#### **Admission**

The following must be completed before the first day of school:

- Enrollment Form & signed Attendance Form (turned in at time of registration)
- Registration Fee for VPK with Brain Boosters (turned in at registration)
- Birth Certificate to verify age (at time of registration)
- All VPK students must submit the VPK Certificate of Eligibility form from Episcopal Children Services. Please visit their website for additional information at ecs4kids.org. (turned in at time of registration.)
- HRS health forms furnished by your physician:
  - 1. Immunization Form **and** Well Child Examination (turned in at orientation)

#### Orientation and First Day Information

Orientation will be held Tuesday, August 26th. At Orientation, the students will visit their class and meet their teacher. You will receive a postcard by the first week of August, giving you specific information regarding teacher assignment and times for Orientation. VPK's first day will be Wednesday, August 27th for all VPK students. Brain Boosters will begin September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Hours and Extended Hours**

VPK Only hours of care are from 9:00 - 12:36 Monday-Friday. VPK with Brain Boosters hours of care are from 9:00-12:36 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 9:00-2:00 on Tuesday and Thursday. Our car line begins at 9:00 and ends at 9:10 for arrival. At dismissal, our car line begins at 12:36 and ends at 12:46 for VPK Only and VPK with Brain Boosters on MWF. For Brain Boosters on Tuesday and Thursday, car line begins at 2:00 and ends at 2:10.

\*\*Students must be on time every day, as it is a disruption to arrive late during class time.

Any tardiness after 10:30AM will not be permitted unless you have a doctor's note.

We offer an extended program:

- Extended day is from 12:36 until 2:00 Monday-Friday for VPK Only. Extended is offered for VPK with Brain Boosters on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:36-2:00.
- The fee for extended day is \$15 regardless of how long the child stays. The fee should be sent in on the morning your child plans to stay or added to your monthly tuition check.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to provide a lunch and drink.
- Early Morning Drop-Off is available every day from 8:30-9:00 for \$5. Children will not be accepted to early drop-off before 8:30. The parent must park and walk the student into the building to be signed in. Payment for Early Drop-Off is due each day or added to monthly tuition payment.

## **Discipline**

In compliance with HRS Section 10M-12.013, we will never use physical punishment as a means of discipline. In the area of discipline, we make it our priority to teach through consistency and loving guidance.

## **Questions**

If you have any questions regarding our programming or registration, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the preschool office. (904)-385-0656.

\*\*Our schedule is based off the timeline of Clay County School District; refunds will not be given based on schedule changes.



# Student Calendar Holidays & Closures 2025-2026

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Wednesday, August 27, 2025 Thursday, August 28, 2025 Monday, September 1, 2025 Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Friday, October 10, 2025 Friday, October 31, 2025 Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Monday, November 24- 28, 2025 Friday, December 19, 2025 Monday, Dec. 22, 2024- Jan. 2, 2026 Monday, January 5, 2026 Tuesday, January 6, 2026 Monday, January 20, 2026 Friday, February 13, 2026 Monday, February 16, 2026 Monday, March 16-20, 2026 Monday, March 23, 2026 Friday, April 3, 2026 Thursday, April 9, 2026 Friday, April 10, 2026 Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Orientation First day of school- VPK, M.W.F. First day of school- T.Th. Labor Day, Student/Teacher Holiday Clay Co. half day, River Preschool Closed Clay Co. Planning, River Preschool Closed Clay Co. half day, River Preschool Closed Veteran's Day, Student/Teacher Holiday Thanksgiving, Student/Teacher Holidays No School, Christmas Break Begins Christmas, Student/Teacher Holidays Clay Co. Planning, River Preschool Closed Students return to school MLK Day, Student/Teacher Holiday Clay Co. half day, River Preschool Closed President's Day, Student/Teacher Holiday Spring Break, Student/Teacher Holiday Clay Co. Planning, River Preschool Closed Good Friday, Student/Teacher Holiday Clay Co. half day, River Preschool Closed Fair Day Student/Teacher Holiday Last day of school 2's & 3's, T.TH. Last day of school 2's & 3's., M.W.F, VPK **VPK** Graduation

River Preschool follows Clay County's schedule for holidays/planning days and the preschool is closed on Clay County half days.

\*\*Please note that the preschool runs on a 150-day calendar for all 5-day students and the county runs on a 180-day calendar. Your monthly tuition is created by a daily fee multiplied by 150 days.