

2021-22 HMUMC Preschool Evaluation Results
 Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church Preschool
 Parent Evaluation 2021-22

Dear Parents,

To maintain and improve the quality of our preschool, we would appreciate your comments and suggestions. This survey can remain anonymous and will be used only as a guide in planning future programs and policies. Please take a few minutes to fill out this form and return it to the office or in your child's schoolbag by the last day of school. Thank you!

On a scale of one to five, with one being poor and five being excellent, how would you rate the following? We appreciate your cooperation and input into our program.

	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of care your child has received				1%	99%
The effectiveness of communication between you and your child's teacher.				4%	96%
The effectiveness of communication between you and the director.				3%	97%
The physical appearance of your child's classroom.				3%	97%
The overall cleanliness and appearance of the facility.				1%	99%
The overall quality of programming offered to your child				1%	99%

Please comment on any of the above areas as necessary: _____

Please circle yes or no to the following questions:

	Yes	No
Overall, would you say your child has enjoyed preschool this year?	100%	
Do you feel comfortable and welcome when you come through carpool?	100%	
Would you recommend our program to a friend?	100%	
Do you feel the tuition rates are reasonable?	100%	
Do you think the activities brought into the school (pedal power, movement mania, farm animals) were appropriate?	100%	

Comments/Suggestions:

Curriculum/units of Study _____

Music/Movement _____

Chapel _____

Field Trip _____

Christmas/End of Year Program _____

RESULTS: Above you can see the percentage of responses in each of the evaluated areas. We received 98 evaluations back, which was about half of our families at the time. We received many positive comments and our percentages show positive feedback overall. Our families are very happy with HMUMC Preschool as a whole. We will look at all areas and continue to strive to be the very best! Thank you for your time and support.

Positive Comments from our families:

"My child has grown so much this past year-not only in the curriculum, but also socially."

"... watching my daughter talk about Jesus, manners and praying has been so sweet."

"I am thrilled with the experience we've had at HMUMC preschool!"

"We couldn't be happier! We've heard so many good things about this preschool and it lived up to all!"

"I have nothing but top-notch things to say about HMUMC! It has made a huge difference in my child."

"Ms. Jennifer always takes time to listen to parents' comments/concerns. "

"My child came out this year with a much bigger vocabulary, more independence, and is now much more outgoing. "

"The teachers and faculty are so sweet and lovable toward the children."

Communication-This topic tends to come up frequently because each of our teachers communicate with parents differently. Various forms of communication might include, newsletters, emails, Shutterfly or remind 101. The preschool handbook you received digitally after Open House is a wonderful resource for you as it contains a great deal of information. Additionally, the office sends a monthly calendar with the preschool events and activities going on. Remind 101 is often used as a quick and easy way to remember when to bring in an item or when to send your child in a particular color. We know that often parents want to hear more about their child's daily activities, however, it is difficult for teachers to spend time writing daily notes because they are busy spending time teaching your children. We encourage you to ask your child specific questions that generate more than a yes/no response such as ..." did you paint or play with blocks today?" "What was the story about that your teacher read?" Asking more than yes/no questions will hopefully help your child talk about their day and give you a better insight into what his/her day was like. Each week the teachers will send you a recap of the week. If you would like to know more, you are always encouraged to talk to your child's teacher.

Curriculum- Based on our evaluation results, most of our parents feel as though our curriculum is age appropriate. Some always want us to do more, but please remember this is preschool and we are busy teaching a love of learning as well as giving your child/children the necessary tools for success down the road. While independent reading is an excellent goal, your child is not expected to be doing so when they leave us. We are preparing them for reading success in the future by working on recognizing letters and letter sounds as well as teaching beginning reading phonics skills. Some students will pick up on this quicker than others, but it is not something

that they should master in preschool. We confer with teachers from surrounding counties to make sure that we are appropriately preparing the children for kindergarten. We are also incorporating more science in your child's curriculum as well.

Music/Movement- The children love going to music and movement classes! They will come home singing songs, doing dances, showing yoga poses and telling you all about their awesome teachers! It was suggested that we add instruments, and we are breaking out rhythm sticks, egg shakers, and bells whenever we can.

Chapel- The classes have a Bible Verse each month and the fours and fives expand on the lessons in the classroom. Our classes love the chapel stories and songs. Ms. Jennifer teaches our 3s, 4s, and 5s chapel lessons and Ms. Leigh teaches all our 1s and 2s classes. Ask your child about the bible story they heard that week!

Time- We receive comments about increasing our school time to 1:00pm or 2:00pm. We have considered this before and as much as we adore your children; it is just too long of a day for two-year olds and even some of the older children. Our certification under N. Ga conference allows us to only be open for four hours per day.

Ideas to think about

***Digital version of the newsletter.....** We put the newsletter on our website each month.

Check it out at hmumc.org/preschool

***Why are there so many holidays?**We must follow GCPS for holidays because most of our families and staff have children that attend GCPS. Most of the other schools such as Buford, Hebron and surrounding counties now also have similar days off.

*** Can parents attend chapel?** while we would absolutely love to figure out the logistics of this, there is just simply too many parents and schedules to coordinate. Our chapel time is short and sweet, and we encourage you to ask your children about it each week. We'd also love to see you at our 9:15 or 11:00 church services on Sundays!

*** Can families attend more events?**.....yes, we are now able to invite parents back in the building to enjoy parties, birthdays, mystery reading and other special preschool events. Your teachers will keep you informed about events you can attend.

***Can the same teachers unload/load my child during carpool?** While that is an excellent idea, our goal is to get your children in the building as quickly and as safely as possible to allow their learning and fun to begin. The same is true in the afternoon- we know you are eager to begin your afternoon with your child. We simply don't have an efficient way to make this happen but be assured that each member of our staff is friendly and loving.

As you can see from the evaluation results, we received many positive scores and comments. Parents are pleased with our teachers and the age-appropriate curriculum and activities that we are providing our preschoolers with daily. We all enjoy watching these children grow each year!