

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 3am, 4am, and 3/4pm classes

9:00-9:15 or 12:30-12:45	Children and Assist Parents arrive.
9:15 or 12:45	Class session begins.
9:15-9:35 or 12:45-1:05	Story time, calendar, jobs, games, etc.
9:35-10:25 or 1:05-2:10	Choice time.
10:25-10:30 or 2:10-2:15	Clean up and prepare for Circle Time.
10:30-10:45 or 2:15-2:30	Circle Time in B-room.
10:45-11:00 or 2:30-2:45	Wash hands and eat snack.
11:00-11:25 or 2:45-3:10	Emergency Assist Parent arrives; outdoor play.
11:25-11:30 or 3:10-3:15	Parents arrive to pick up children.

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR YOUNG 5s class

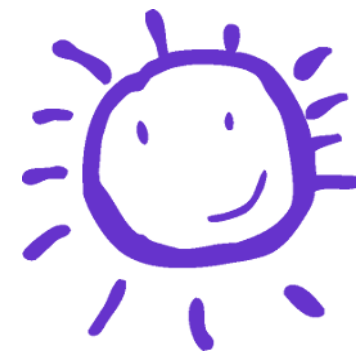
9:00-9:30	Greetings and Desk Time.
9:30-9:50	Circle Time.
9:50-10:30	Centers, Dramatic Play, Social Studies, Science, Cooking, Music (depending on day of the week).
10:30-10:50	Choice Time.
10:50-10:55	Clean-up.
10:55-11:10	Snack.
11:10-11:30	Activity Time or Library and Gym "Specials."
11:30-11:40	Get ready to go.
11:40-12:00	Outdoor play.

THE YOUNG 5s PROGRAM

The Young Fives program is specially designed to teach skills that students need to start kindergarten. Your child will experience a fun, creative, encouraging environment while learning to work independently. Kindergarten skills and behavior are emphasized, while students are given the support they need to find success. The class size is limited to 12 students, which allows for individualized instruction and one-on-one attention from our two excellent teachers. The class meets Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm.

Our **curriculum** is designed to "feel like" kindergarten and incorporates math, reading, writing, cooking, science, social studies, drama, music and movement. We also include library and gym, which mirror the "Specials" students experience in elementary school. Every week a new theme is explored and a **weekly field trip** is planned to enhance instruction. All themes are aligned with National Association of Educators for Young Children (NAEYC) guidelines, and supplemented with high quality children's literature.

The Fives program gives your child the **gift of time** and **self esteem**. Research shows that first grade curriculum has been "pushed down" into kindergarten programs. New and unrealistic expectations are particularly difficult for those children who may not be ready because of late summer or fall birthdays. The Fives program provides students with the opportunity to transition into kindergarten by mimicking the structure of an elementary school day.



Welcome to First
United Methodist
Cooperative
Nursery
...or 'FUMCN'



A preschool for 3s, 4s & 5s

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ABOUT FUMCN...

FUMCN is a caring, stimulating and secure place for children to learn and grow. The school provides a play-based approach to learning. The children learn through constructive play, which helps their language, reasoning, math and science skills. Constructive play encourages creative problem-solving, which in turn helps the children develop self confidence, self esteem, a sense of their strengths and weaknesses, and a positive attitude towards learning. Experts from a broad range of backgrounds agree that constructive play:

- Is safe, wholesome and non-violent
- Stimulates children to develop skills and positive relationships
- Inspires children to learn more about themselves and the world around them
- Enables creativity and helps develop a child's personality
- Makes learning fun

FUMCN is a cooperative preschool and therefore parental participation is a key component. FUMCN aims to enhance parents' understanding of their child and help nurture a better parent-child relationship. Most experts agree that parental involvement can raise your child's self esteem. In addition, parents have the opportunity to form friendships with other parents and have the ability to discuss the joys and concerns of child rearing.

FUMCN is fully licensed by the State Department of Social Services and is affiliated with First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor. As a program of the church, FUMCN does not rent space, or pay for utilities or janitorial services. FUMCN builds relationships between the church and the community, and between people of different faiths, economic levels, and experiences. Our Christian philosophy encourages relationships, understanding, and compassion. We acknowledge Christian holidays, principles, and prayer.



If you have further questions about FUMCN's connection to First Church, please call the Staff Advisor, at 734-662-4536.

FUMCN'S WONDERFUL TEACHERS...

Juli Miettinen, teacher for the 3s and 4s classes, has been teaching preschool for 15 years. She encourages the children to be creative and curious. She believes that field trips not only help in the child's cognitive development but also give them a greater understanding of the world around them. Juli has an Associates Degree from Schoolcraft College in Early Childhood Development and Education. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Susan Sowder is the founding teacher of the Fives program and a long time FUMCN parent. She has a degree in Education and over 10 years of teaching and coaching experience. Her philosophy for the Young 5s class is to give children the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and to offer a fun environment with weekly field trips related to appropriate pre-k/kindergarten themes.

Mary Page, part-time assistant teacher in the 3s, 4s and Young 5s, has been a preschool educator at FUMCN for the past three years. She also is a school psychologist with 12 years of experience.

All of FUMCN's teachers attend conferences and classes to stay current with educational trends and have taught workshops at State and Midwest conferences.

CLASS TIMES...

3 year olds : Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 – 11:30 am
4 year olds: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 – 11:30 am
3/4 year olds: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 12:30 – 3:15 pm
Young 5s: Mon. through Fri. 9:00 -12:00 pm

FEES...

General fees for membership in FUMCN follow. Scholarships are available.

- \$10 Application fee (non-refundable)
- \$50 Reservation fee (non-refundable) to hold your child's slot for class

INVOLVEMENT...

Each FUMCN family is expected to:

- Assist in the Classroom*
 - Be an emergency (or 'on call') assist parent 2-3 times a semester*
 - Participate in two school maintenance work sessions/year
 - Donate a craft or service to the annual auction
 - Fulfill assigned committee responsibilities
 - Pay tuition and fees
- * **There is no parent assist in the Young 5s class.**

PARENT COMMENTS...

"Because parents are so involved in the daily learning process, and because FUMCN has such a loving and casual atmosphere, there's a real sense of community. We feel very fortunate to be part of it."- 3s parent

"I think being part of FUMCN has helped both my son and me grow. He has benefited from the exceptional instruction and creative activities and I've benefited by being there to watch him go through the journey."- 4s parent

"My son's kindergarten teacher this year thanked me for sending him to school so well prepared. I really need to thank the Fives program and Ms. Susan for getting him ready last year." - 5s parent

FOR YOUNGER SIBLINGS...

Families with younger siblings may sign up for the "sibling care" offered on select days while the parent is assisting. There is a fee for this service.

AGE REQUIREMENTS...

Children who are three years old on or before December 1 may enter the three-year-old class. Those who are four on or before December 1 may enter the four-year-old class. Typical students in the Young 5s class turn 5 by December 1 or close to that date.

