

Welcome!

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Reid Temple Christian Academy
Bethlehem Preschool
New Parent Orientation

WHAT EVERY
NEW PARENT
SHOULD
KNOW...

Why A New Parent Orientation?

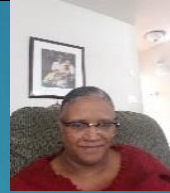


- ▶ To inform incoming RTCA parents about school life.
- ▶ To inform incoming RTCA parents about our expectations for parents and students.
- ▶ To inform incoming RTCA families about what they should expect during the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.
- ▶ To help incoming RTCA families make a smooth transition.
- ▶ To answer frequently asked questions about RTCA.
- ▶ To provide new families with the opportunity to meet one another as well as the RTCA administration.

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School Hours

for Bethlehem Preschool students Pre-K2 through Kindergarten

8:00 am-3:30 pm

Chapel begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays

Before Care: 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Location: Nursery

After Care: 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Nursery

MAIN OFFICE: Open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Uniforms

All American Wear, Inc.

5001-B Forbes Blvd
Lanham MD 20706

Telephone: (301) 459-5000

Fax: (301) 459-5618

<http://www.allamericanwear.com>

Risse Brothers School Uniforms

9700 Martin Luther King Jr.
Highway Suite B
Lanham, Maryland 20706

Telephone: 301-220-1985

Fax: 301-220-0368

<http://www.rissebrothers.com>

Note: Khaki uniform pants can be purchased from any store.

Uniforms

Boys Pre-K2 Thru Kindergarten

Logo Navy Polo Shirt

Khaki Uniform Pants or Shorts

Logo Navy Cardigan Sweater

Black, Gray, or Navy Blue rubber-soled Shoes

Girls Pre-K2 Thru Kindergarten

Logo Navy Polo Shirt

Khaki Uniform Pants, Shorts, Romper or Skirt

Logo Navy Cardigan Sweater

Black, Gray, or Navy Blue rubber-soled Shoes

NOTE: No Non-RTCA Logo Shirts and Sweaters



Sign in/Sign out Procedures



SIGN-IN

Students must be signed in by a parent or guardian either with a key card scan or by using the biometric finger scan. Parents must escort their children to the classroom.

SIGN-OUT AFTER CARE ONLY

Parents must sign out their student via key card scan or the biometric finger scan. The child's name will be called, and the student will be escorted by RTCA staff to the reception area.

New Automated System



3:30 PM DISMISSAL CARLINE

RTCA is using a new automated system to help make our dismissal procedure smoother and keep our staff safe. This new system is called PIKMYKID and it will allow parents to announce their arrival on campus through an APP so that their children are ready for pickup. This new system will also help us reclaim some of the instructional time lost with getting ready for our dismissal using our current system.

We will be hosting a webinar to help parents with this APP and our new procedure on August 2, 2018.

SIGN-OUT AFTER CARE ONLY

While after care procedures will remain the same, parents will be able to announce their arrival on campus so that students can begin to get ready for dismissal before you leave your car.

Who are we: RTCA Bethlehem Preschool

- ▶ Bethlehem Preschool is the early childhood division of the Reid Temple Christian Academy.
- ▶ It is our goal to assist our youngest students academically, spiritually, socially, physically, and cognitively.
- ▶ RTCA will provide educational and social opportunities so that our youngest learners will develop into Global Christian Citizens.
- ▶ RTCA will provide the academic foundation necessary for success in future grade levels.
- ▶ Students succeed best when there is a strong home and school partnership.

Academic Subjects

- ▶ Reading, Language, and Literacy
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Spanish and Mandarin
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Religion

Student Schedule

Preschool (Pre-K2-Pre-K3)

- 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Chapel
- Reading/Writing and Phonics Center (Wonders)
- Mathematics Center (Everyday Mathematics)
- Music, Spanish, Mandarin, and P.E.—2 times a week
- Art Integrated
- Science Center (Pre-K2-Kindergarten)
- Creative Play
- 2 snacks daily (provided from home)
- Lunch/Recess
- Nap 1 hour 20 minutes

Social Expectations



- ▶ Students will have ongoing opportunities to socially interact with classmates and schoolmates (circle time, outdoor play, free play and dramatic play opportunities).
- ▶ Students will have multiple public speaking opportunities (Scripture Challenge, Christmas & Easter Programs and Science Fair)
- ▶ Students will be encouraged to lead chapel service, and are offered the opportunity to lead prayer for Preschool and Lower School students.

Developmental Expectations



We will support and encourage the development of the whole child...spiritually, academically, physically, cognitively, socially and emotionally.

Homework

Students are **encouraged** to complete daily homework/support work assignments.

Time spent on homework/support work should be as follows:

Grade Pre-K2 and Pre-K3: 15 - 20 minutes

Our experience has proven to us that preschool support work is essential in providing students with the best opportunity to develop a great foundation, while allowing parents to best monitor their children's academic progress.

Progress Monitoring



Ongoing Home/School Communications

- ▶ Teachers frequently update parents regarding individual student successes as well as academic performance throughout the school year.
- ▶ Parent/Teacher Conferences are also an opportunity for parents and teacher to discuss student academic progress and areas for growth.
- ▶ Daily Communication through Kaymbu

Written Personal Learning Plan and Report Cards

- ▶ Students are assessed formally and informally in the classroom and report cards and personal learning plans are shared at least 3 times annually.

Volunteers



Volunteers are an extremely important resource.

- ▶ Each family must volunteer 15 hours per school year.
- ▶ Assignments include attending field trips, reading to class, classroom coordinator, serving at school events, and full participation in PSTA.

Save The Date

- ▶ **Pre-K2 & Pre-K3 Meet & Greet**
Friday, August 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm
- ▶ Students & Parents will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and review classroom expectations.

Q & A

