



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How old does my child need to be? What milestones need to have been met?

A: Child must be four years old by September 1 of the year in which he/she is enrolled. Child must be toilet trained. Child must be under age seven by the same date.

Q: Is this a preschool, kindergarten or daycare?

A: Mountain Springs Early Learning Academy (ELA) is a combined preschool and kindergarten, not a daycare. Kindergarten is not a requirement in Idaho, but we will work on skills to prepare them for first grade. We encourage parents to take an active role in preparing their child for first grade as well. Here at ELA, we value even the smallest and youngest learner. We recognize and wholeheartedly believe that young children are capable of learning and capable of being an active member in their learning experience. ELA is a place for young children to learn and grow in an environment that is optimal for reaching their full potential. We believe that in 14 years these 4 and 5 year old children will be reaching adulthood and will be our future leaders in our church and community.

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. --Proverbs 22:6

Q: What is the schedule?

A: Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week, following the Boundary County School District calendar. We will fill the morning session first - 8:30-11:30am. If we have enough enrollments, we will have an afternoon class as well - 12:30-3:30pm. Class will begin on September 12 and will continue through May 24, 2018.

Q: What is the monthly tuition cost and what does it cover?

A: Tuition is \$120 per month. This covers high quality education, staff, facilities, security and snacks. In addition, children are in an environment that is safe and nurturing, staff that are compassionate and respectful, and learning opportunities are abundant. Registrations are not complete until the first month's tuition has been paid. We will not be accepting ICCP.

Q: Are there scholarships available?

A: Scholarship funds will be distributed on a first come, first service basis to eligible families after being reviewed by the ELA Committee and Mountain Springs Church Elders. The amount of scholarships may vary each year depending on funding.

Q: If my child is sick, do I still need to pay? What about holidays or vacations?

A: Yes, ELA still must cover daily costs. The monthly payment will ensure your child's spot in the class. Our rates are based on the annual cost of the school and then are divided monthly. We have taken into account holidays and school closures. If you are going to be gone for a period of time, you can forfeit your child's spot or choose to continue to pay to have the spot reserved. This would need to be discussed with the ELA Director before the absence.

Q: Will meals be provided?

A: Full meals will not be provided. One snack per day will be given to each class.

Q: What is the class size and child/teacher ratio?

A: Our maximum class size is 18 children. There will be two to three teachers in the classroom. Class size may vary depending on enrollment.

Q: What role does the church play in the school?

A: The school is a ministry of the church. There is an ELA Committee that oversees the school in cooperation with the MSC Elders. Members of the church, pastoral staff, and Elders may be involved both behind the scenes and in the classroom. The school accepts and actively teaches the same biblical doctrine and theology as Mountain Springs Church.

Q: How can I be involved? What are the needs for the school?

A: First, we will need abundant prayer as we set forth with this new ministry. We have a desire to reach the community, and teach children and families about Jesus. Please pray that God continues to be the center of all our decisions for the school and that the Holy Spirit fills the classroom. Second, we may need supplies for setting up the classroom such as books, dress up clothes, blocks, etc. Third, we may need volunteers to help get the classroom and outside play area set up. Fourth, the classroom welcomes volunteers who have applied and been background checked. Fifth, we have starts up costs, and we welcome monetary donations or scholarships. If you are interested in helping in any of the areas listed above, please email ela@mtspringschurch.org or call the Reception Office, 208.267.7777.