



## About MOPPETS

MOPPETS is the children's counterpart program which is provided by the supporting church while MOPS is meeting. Through carefully planned activities the children grow spiritually, socially and creatively. This year's curriculum involves an active learning session which is different each meeting. This will keep the MOPPETS program exciting and new for the kids. As always, our overall goal is to provide quality care for children in a warm and loving environment and to let them know that *God loves them*.

## MOPPETS Policies

- Age Range for childcare:** Childcare is provided for children aged 6 weeks to kindergarten. Please, when at all possible, keep your child in his/her appropriate class. This will allow for all moms to enjoy the fellowship and speakers provided at each meeting.
- Breastfeeding Moms:** We ask that breastfeeding babies over the age of six months be placed in the nursery. Please note on the instruction sheet the approximate time your baby will need to nurse. Someone will come and get you when it is time to nurse. If possible, please return your little one to the nursery when you are finished nursing.
- Check-in/Check out procedures:** Check-in begins at 8:50 am. Complete the sign-in sheet, including any special instructions. You will be given a security tag that matches the number on your child. When you return to pick-up your child, sign the child out and present your security tag. Children will not be released without a tag.
- Prompt pick-up:** Please pick-up your child promptly at 11:30. If early departure is necessary, please notify caregiver when checking in.
- Crying:** Moms will be summoned after 15 minutes of continuous inconsolable crying. Caregivers will do their best to make MOPPETS a positive experience for your child.
- Classroom observation:** Moms are welcome to observe their child's room through the windows during the session. However, if your child sees you and gets upset and/or disrupts the class, we will ask you to come in and volunteer until he/she has calmed down or until the session is over.
- Illness:** Every child should be in good health and free from communicable diseases. Please keep children home if they have had any of the following in the past 48 hours: vomiting, diarrhea, fever, colored runny nose, or coughing.
- Medications:** Caregivers are **not** allowed to give any medications. All medications are to be given by the mother only.
- Sanitizing:** Marion County Health Department recommendations are followed, which include frequent hand washing and routine disinfection of toys and surfaces in the rooms.
- Aggressive behavior:** Behavior such as biting or scratching is not acceptable in a group childcare setting. Mothers will be informed of such behavior.
- Discipline:** Corporal punishment of any kind is not used at East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Christian Church. Redirection of behavior and, if necessary, time-outs will be used in a positive way to preserve the child's self-esteem and dignity.
- Snack:** A mid-morning snack (age-appropriate) will be provided. Please bring your child's drink in a clearly labeled cup. **AVOID** drinks with red food coloring. Caregivers are not allowed to feed your child breakfast.
- Emergency Procedures:** Our caregivers know the emergency procedures and are responsible for evacuating the children to the designated safe area. In an emergency, mothers need to evacuate the room they are in and meet their children outside on the church's campus.

## MOPPETS Reminders

- What to bring:**
  - ✓ Clearly labeled bottles or sippy cup, diaper bags, coats, etc.
  - ✓ Clearly labeled comfort items (blanket, pacifier, etc.)
  - ✓ Sufficient number of disposable diapers and wipes
  - ✓ Complete change of clothes for a child who is potty training
- Please refrain from bringing toys from home.**

They are easily lost and difficult to share. We cannot be responsible if they are lost. The rooms are equipped with toys to play with.
- Dress your children in comfortable play clothes.**
- Severe weather closings:**

MOPS observes the same weather closings as Lawrence Township and/or Hamilton Southeastern schools. In case of a delayed start, MOPS will be cancelled.

Thank you in advance for your careful attention to the reminders and adherence to the policies.

