

Dear Parents,

We are so pleased that your children can join you when you come for English lessons with us. The program here at Gethsemane is meant to be a family program, where children are improving their language skills at the same time you are learning English.

We have very dedicated Children's Program Coordinators. They love working with your children to help them develop learning skills.

Following are some guidelines that are necessary for the children to follow so that the learning time is as productive as possible for all children.

Children should come to the program prepared to learn. The schedule is as follows:

6:00-6:30- Homework and silent reading time

Children are encouraged to bring their homework. If they have no homework they are welcome to bring other reading books and any other extra materials that the tutors would be happy to help them work on.

Children who do not have homework should bring their library books. They will be expected to sit quietly and read.

Children who are too young to read will listen to stories read by the volunteers.

6:30-7:00- Themed lesson will be taught

The children will gather on the rug to listen to a lesson that will reflect the theme for that week. If any of the children have more homework for the night, they may continue to work on that during the lesson with a tutor to make sure it is completed.

7:00-7:50- Activities will follow that reflect the lesson

The children will move from the rug to the tables to work on an activity based on the lesson from that night. During these various activities the children will work on improving their verbal, mathematical, scientific and artistic skills.

7:50 to 8:00 - clean-up

Children should not bring Game-boys, personal radios, or balls to the class.

Please note that we do not provide "child care". The children's learning program is for children who are **4 years and older**. The coordinators and the tutors must spend their time teaching and mentoring; they cannot care for young children. Also, your child must stay in the designated children's area during English classes. If a child does not want to participate, or insists on being with the parent, the coordinators will ask the parent to come and sit with the child.

Every effort will be made to keep your children safe. The children will be required to follow all rules so that they are as safe as possible. However, the church cannot be held responsible for any accident that may happen to your child while she is participating in the Children's Learning Program. Parents will be asked to sign a waiver that releases the church from any responsibility.

We look forward to working with you and your children!