

For 3 to 6 Year-Old Primary Program Parents Only:

To keep tuition costs low and make your child’s classroom run smoothly, we ask you to commit to at least one of the following options for your child’s classroom. *Your volunteerism qualifies as part of your parent participation hours.*

_____ I will be a helper one morning per month from 8:15AM to 12:15PM.

_____ I will provide snack twice a month.

_____ I am able to do both of the above

_____ I will do laundry once every other month.

_____ I will be a hike-helper on Friday afternoons twice a month (parents of hiking children only, please).

To Elementary Parents Only:

_____ As an elementary program parent I understand that there are expectations that I will be asked to fulfill for my child’s classroom. Some tasks may be driving on field trips, helping with classroom projects or events, or signing up for monthly/seasonal jobs for the classroom. *Your volunteerism qualifies as part of your parent participation hours.*

To all Families-PARENT PARTICIPATION POLICY:

Parent participation is a very important part of SPMS. Each year, the parents and board work hard to raise around \$50,000 (about \$1,000 per child) that is needed to cover the operating costs of the school. This fundraising allows us to keep our tuition low and gets us all involved in the active and rewarding process of assisting in the education of our children.

During the school year we host several fundraising events and will conduct our annual appeal. The money we raise directly benefits your child. We also ask parents to participate in all-school workdays, classroom jobs, and special projects around SPMS to keep our campus safe, exciting, and beautiful. **We ask each child’s family to give at least 30 parent participation hours per year towards fundraising goals, in all-school tasks, and in the classroom. Families with two or more children are asked to give at least 45 hours for the school year.** The \$300 per child parent participation fee paid at enrollment, is a promise to work 30 volunteer hours during the school year. At the end of each school year, each family’s last month’s tuition will be reduced by the total number of volunteer hours actually worked at a rate of \$10 per hour up to 30 hours. The parent participation deposit for two or more children is \$450. Listed below are some ways in which parents may choose to be involved at the school:

- Attending fundraising committee meetings to help plan and coordinate events
- Organize or lead a fundraiser or event
- Sign up for classroom or all-school tasks
- Become an involved SPMS board member
- Help with writing, photographing, creating and sending press releases, monthly newsletters; produce an annual report; plan an open house
- Preparing food for events
- Setting-up, staffing, and/or cleaning up after events
- Attending 2 workdays throughout the year to help with housekeeping, grounds, and/or maintenance/repair
- Monthly school needs-mostly small maintenance duties, caring for playground and pathways, landscaping, or anything else that arises on a monthly/seasonal basis

Please read and sign below:

In the event that a child is withdrawn, the parents’ liability for tuition follows the procedures outlined in the Family Handbook for 2010-2011.

My child has permission to leave the school grounds for supervised activities including but not limited to, playing outside the fenced area, field trips, story-hour at the library, nature hikes, and picnics.

SPMS has permission to use my child’s photograph for public relations and/or advertising purposes including newsletters, brochures, newspaper articles, the SPMS web site and press releases.

Signature:_____ **Date:**_____