

Parental Resource

St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School · 12351 All Saints Place · Woodbridge, VA

Child's name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Although participation is not required, we consider parents to be valuable partners in their children's education. Parents can elect to participate regularly in the classroom, on a weekly or monthly basis, or occasionally as needed. In-class volunteer tasks usually require a one hour commitment. Help at Carpool Time takes about 15 minutes at the beginning or end of the school day. If you have a younger child, child care arrangements for them must be made.

Please look through the following list of suggestions and **check ways you would like to help**. (Indicate "M" for Mom and/or "D" for Dad.) You will have other opportunities to indicate your availability, at your teacher's Evening Orientation meeting in October and throughout the year.

I would be able to:

_____ Monitor children in the hall as they walk to and come from their class at carpool arrival OR dismissal. [You would park and take your child to class early (8:50 or 9:10/12:25), supervise children in hall, and/or take your child home when you leave (11:55/3:10).] This could be once/week, once/month, etc.

_____ Be a resource in a center (during center time). E.g. take children's dictation in the writing center, read to children in the library center, play a board game with children, lead children in an activity that the teacher has planned.

_____ Handle monthly Scholastic Book Club order. Check and arrange orders when they arrive

_____ Transport children and assist on field trips or walk-about. Note: If you accompany the class on a field trip (walking or driving), child care must be arranged for younger siblings.

_____ Keep an infant/toddler nursery at school for moms who would otherwise be unable to assist on a field trip.

_____ Keep a nursery during parent seminars/meetings (participants pay \$2/hour/child in attendance)

_____ Assist in the class when one of the teachers in my child's class is absent. (Substitutes arrive 30 minutes before class. Pay \$8 per hour.)

_____ I (___ mom, ___ dad) work, but would like to participate with advance notice.

Here are some other ways parents can be resources. Check the ways you might contribute. (Don't forget friends or other family members who might share their time and talents!)

___ Play a musical instrument. Describe _____

___ Bring in a pet and tell about it. Describe _____

___ Share your hobby or work (craft, carpentry, nurse, firefighter, etc.) Describe: _____

___ Demonstrate a simple task (sew on a button, painting, pottery making, feed or bathe a baby, make cookies/tossed salad) Other _____

___ Share a collection (shells, dolls, etc.) Describe _____

___ Tell a story or sing songs from your childhood

___ Prepare a favorite family dish (cooking experience, cultural experience)

___ Make an audiotape of a story (in English or other home language)

___ Translate newsletters or other Day School information & forms into Spanish or other language.

Indicate language _____

Your additions: _____