

Junior Auxiliary opens JumpStart registration for upcoming Clinton Park kindergartners

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The Clinton Junior Auxiliary will again be offering "JA JumpStart," a free, week-long, intensive morning program for any child entering kindergarten at Clinton Park Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year and who needs extra help with entry-level skills. The program will be held June 15-19 at Clinton Park from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Advance registration is required.

The JumpStart program is designed to help students adjust to the expectations that come with attending kindergarten in a high-performing district like Clinton Public Schools. Those expectations include not only working with numbers, colors, shapes and letters, but also developing social skills.

When some students enter kindergarten, many are separated from their parents for the first time, and educators report that it can be hard for children who have had no early childhood education at home or in a pre-k program to pick up those basic coping skills necessary for separating.

In addition, academic preparedness is critical to the success of first-time students. Many students entering kindergarten cannot write their name or grip a pencil. Many others may not have ever held scissors before. Still, others may never have gone to the bathroom by themselves, tied their shoes, or sat quietly in a group for storytime. Children without these preschool experiences are often at a loss when it comes to following basic two-step instructions.

JA JumpStart seeks to help students bridge the gap that they may otherwise experience on their first day of school. For five days, they're taught critical basics like colors, number recognition, writing their name, shape recognition, learning the alphabet and letter sounds – basic skills that open the gateway to reading and mathematics.

JA JumpStart is a free program offered to any student who is registered to attend kindergarten at Clinton Park Elementary in July of 2026. While it is open to any eligible student, it is not an enrichment camp or a day camp for children in need of childcare. Transportation to and from the JumpStart program is not provided. Clinton Park Elementary School is located at 501 Arrow Drive.

To register a child for the program, visit the "Junior Auxiliary of Clinton, Mississippi" Facebook page.



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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship
8:00 & 10:30 AM
Discipleship 9:15
1799 Clinton-Raymond Road

Upcoming Events

Prime Timers Thursday, May 21st Noon
Volunteer Recognition Sunday, May 24th
VBS Workdays, Jun 13th & Jun 14th
VBS Rainforest Falls Jun 15th - 18th
ORLC Annual Rummage Sale Aug. 1st 7:00 AM

VBS 2026 June 15th - 18th
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Explore 5 foundational truths about the nature of God.
Youth will embark on a wild, creature-filled adventure at Rainforest Falls where kids learn that God is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever.




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