

Teaching Staff

Our aim is to provide children with a safe and loving environment where they can explore and be still, learn table manners and eat with their hands, play in the mud and be clean, be rambunctious and listen quietly.

Our staff belongs to the North Georgia United Methodist Preschool Association and the DeKalb-Gwinnett Preschool Association. Our teachers are Moms who have college degrees and/or extensive experience with young children. They are First Aid/CPR certified. Teachers have regular in-service days during the school year in order to attend continuing education seminars. We maintain a student/teacher ratio below the state recommended guidelines.

Curriculum

Children need a balance between self-directed and teacher-directed activities.

We use a Christian preschool curriculum called WEE LEARN, which provides age appropriate activities, learning strategies, suggested units of study, art ideas and more. The curriculum is written from a Christian perspective integrating Bible stories into the unit plans.

We supplement this material with age appropriate activities that encourage and foster independence and initiative in the young child. We encourage the children to learn to care for themselves and their environment through practical life activities that include sweeping, dusting, care for plants and animals and personal hygiene.

Class Offerings:

PARENT'S MORNING OUT

Toddlers (12 - 24 months by 9/1/09)

One or two mornings per week

PRESCHOOL

2 year two day (T/Th or W/F)

2 year four day (T/W/Th/F)

3 year two day (T/Th or W/F)

3 year three day (T/W/Th)

3 year four day T/W/Th/F)

4 year four day - Pre-K (T/W/Th/F)

HOURS:

9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday thru Friday

September thru May

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Mark 10:14

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**Loving, Laughing and
Learning!**

Our Philosophy:

We work to provide a Christian environment where children can be valued, nurtured and taught by loving caregivers and teachers who understand the developmental stages of childhood and are determined to provide developmentally appropriate care to each individual child.

Our childcare providers/Teachers:

- Promote creativity and discovery
- Encourage children to take initiative
- Offer a variety of activities and materials
- Set and enforce reasonable limits

Our Offerings:

Recreation

“Almost half of American children are not getting enough exercise to develop healthy hearts and lungs.” (American Academy of Pediatrics)

We are committed to physical exercise and free play for all children. We have daily recess outdoors whenever weather permits. In inclement weather, we have our play indoors with climbing, jumping, riding toys and balls of all sizes.

Science

Our children enjoy hands-on science experiments including making “snow”, growing alligators and other exciting projects.

Nutritional Education

Early experiences with food have a strong impact on the future eating habits and health of young children and the best time to teach good dietary habits is during the early years.

We help build self-esteem and teach good eating habits by teaching children to prepare and serve simple nutritional snacks in the classroom. We emphasize healthy lunches from home and cooking is a regular part of our curriculum. Often, children will try new foods if they have helped prepare them.

Puzzles and Manipulatives

Preschool children learn best by doing.

We have a variety of manipulative materials that aid the child’s emerging curiosity about the world of numbers, letters, colors, seasons and time. We offer sensorial experiences which indirectly prepare children for future exploration of language, mathematics, geometry, art and music.

Read-Aloud Times

Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for building the knowledge needed for children to eventually learn to read themselves.

Reading aloud is a social event, a shared activity in which children are encouraged to ask questions or talk about a story. Even if children do not fully understand the poem or story being read, they may enjoy simply hearing the tone and cadence of the adult voice, and they learn naturally about the nature of stories and the structure of language.

At TFUMC Preschool, we read aloud to children one-on-one and in small and large groups.

Parent Involvement

We believe our preschool is only as strong as the families inside it.

Parents may share their time, talents and expertise whenever they are available. Planning parties, reading aloud, sharing a vocation, teaching a special skill, attending class events and taking candid photos are just a few ways to get involved.

Chapel Time

“Help me find God all by myself.” Sofia Cavaletti

“Of all the necessities the child requires, the one most often neglected is that which defines his humanity: his spiritual needs.” Maria Montessori

We believe that children between the ages of two and six are in a sensitive period for moral formation. We address the spiritual needs of the young child in the loving, lively and prayerful atmosphere of Chapel weekly. We are careful to present only developmentally appropriate concepts of the Christian faith suitable to the tender heart of the young child. Unique hands-on materials are presented to help the children joyfully explore Christianity in a concrete way.

Music and Movement

Music, rhythm & dance are within each child.

Our children enjoy music instruction from our music teacher who works weekly with the children. She provides special instruction in a wide variety of music. The children also use scarves, bean bags, tambourines, shakers and other instruments during music class.