

# WELCOME

## TO HAMILTON MILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL!

The staff at Hamilton Mill Methodist Preschool Ministries welcomes you to a year full of growth, fun, and endless possibilities! Our goal is to provide a loving, safe environment for each child so that he/she can experience a variety of activities that will give the opportunity for growth, understanding, and self-worth. These first school years should be filled with learning through playing, manipulating, touching, wondering, and experimenting. The brain of a child in the preschool years is growing rapidly and absorbing a great deal of information. Exposing a child to a variety of play will enhance learning for years to come. Each child will be encouraged to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, physically, and mentally. Children will learn to respect and trust others and themselves.

### **General Objectives for each child:**

To develop the ability to work and play with other children and adults in small and large group settings.

- \* To develop gross and fine motor skill
- \* To increase awareness of self and develop a positive self-concept
- \* To increase listening, speaking, and writing skills
- \* To increase awareness of Jesus' love
- \* To promote respect for individual and cultural differences
- \* To increase creativity and imagination through paint, glue, crayons, play dough, clay, and other manipulatives
- \* To encourage readiness, enthusiasm and love for reading

We anticipate a wonderful year at our Preschool. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact me at 770-271-2783. We look forward to working with you and your child.

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## Standards

In March 2003, our preschool was awarded the Certification of School of Excellence through the North Georgia Conference Preschool Association of the United Methodist Church. Our school has met the criteria established by this association. Improvements such as the buzzer system on the door and increased number of hand held radios were made. We are very proud of our certification, and we continue to create the best possible environment in which our children can grow, learn, and love.

We are a **non-profit** organization. All tuition that we collect pays our staff wages. Registration fees cover supplies needed each day. The activity fee pays for field trips and programs throughout the year as well as T-shirts and tote bags. The preschool pays for its own copier service, janitorial service, phone service, payroll service, and financial assistant. Fundraisers are held periodically throughout the year to allow us to provide the best program possible through improvements and extra activities. Donations are welcome at any time!

## School Days and Hours

We are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

Please observe and refer to our calendar throughout the year. We will follow the calendar of Gwinnett County schools. If Gwinnett County is closed due to inclement weather, we also will be closed. (Please listen to WSB AM 750 radio).

## 2011-2012 School Year Calendar

August 31/September 1	Open House
Sept. 6	School Begins!
Oct. 3-4	Early release at noon
Oct. 10	No School- Columbus Day
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 19- Jan. 2	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 3	School resumes
Jan. 16	No School-MLK, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 17 & 20	No School-President's Day
Feb. 27 & 28	Early Release at noon
March 12	No School
March 30	No School
April 2-6	Spring Break
April 23 & 24	Conferences –No school
May 16	Last Day of school
May 17	School Picnic
May 18	Last day/staff luncheon

## Calendar Dates

Here are dates to put on your calendar. These dates are subject to change. You will be notified of any changes, additions, or deletions.

September 12	Chapel will begin
September 13 & 14	Room Parent Meeting 9:15am
September 14 & 15	Wear Red Day
September 20 & 21	Meet and Greet 9:15am
September 26 & 27	Hospitality Meeting
September 28 & 29	Substitute Workshop
September 30	Elache field trip for 5 year olds
October 3-7	Individual and sibling pictures
October 6	Jaemor field trip for the 4 year olds
October 12 & 13	Team Spirit Day (wear your favorite team's apparel)
October 17 & 18	Donuts with Dad/Team spirit day
October 19 & 20	School Shirt Day
October 24-28	Fall Scene and pumpkins here
October 25 & 26	Wear Orange Day
October 26	HMUMC fall festival
October 27 & 31	Halloween/Fall parties
November 2-4	Pedal Power day-everyone brings a bike and helmet
November 2 & 3	School Shirt day
November 8 & 9	Wear Brown day
November 14-16	Thanksgiving Feasts
November 17 & 18	Western Day
November 30	Shop Days until 2 pm/school shirt day
December 1	Shop Days until 2pm/school shirt day
December 6 & 7	Wear Yellow Day
December 8	2 year old Christmas Program 11:30 am
December 13 & 14	3, 4, 5 year old Christmas Programs 11:30 am
December 15-16	Christmas Parties
January 10 & 11	School Shirt Day
January 17-24	In-house Registration for 2012-13
January 18 & 19	Queen Glitter & PJ day
January 20	PJ day also
January 24 & 25	Black and white day
January 25	Church Members Registration/Legacy Registration
January 26	INK-4 year old field trip
January 27	Community Registration
February 1 & 2	Tooth Fairy visit
February 7 & 8	Wear pink day
February 9	Puppet Guy for the 4 and 5's
February 13 & 14	Valentine Parties
February 15 & 16	School shirt day
February 22 – 23	Muffins with Mom
March 1 & 2	Dr. Seuss Days
March 4	Imagination City set up
March 5-7	Imagination City
March 14 & 15	Wear Green day
March 15	Ladybug Bazaar
March 21 & 22	School Shirt day/Shop Days until 2pm
March 26 & 27	Empty Tomb
March 28 & 29	Easter parties
April 11 & 12	Wildlife Wonder
April 16 – 20	Caterpillars arrive
April 17 & 18	Wear Blue day
April 23 & 24	Conference Days
April 26	2 year old Spring Program 11:30am
April 30	3 Year old program 6:30 pm
April 30-May 4	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2 & 3	School Shirt day
May 3	kindergarten registration day
May 7 – 9	Fun in the Sun Day
May 14 & 15	Wear Purple day

May 14	4/5 Year Olds Hot Dog Lunch
May 15	4 Day 4's Graduation 6:30 pm
May 16	5 Day 4/5's Graduation 6:30 pm
May 16	Last Day of Preschool
May 17	School-Wide Picnic
May 18	Teacher Luncheon/Reveal Secret Sisters
May 18	Clean Out Rooms/Last Day

## COMMUNICATION

An open communication between parent and teacher is imperative for a successful year. A monthly school wide newsletter and calendar will be sent home from the director. Each teacher will also send home a calendar and newsletter with information specific to your child's class.

### Telephone

The Preschool's phone number is 770-271-2783. In the event you reach the answering machine during school hours, leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Written Messages

**ALWAYS** send a written note to the teacher. **If your child is to ride home or be picked up by someone other than the normal person specified on your application form, we must have it in writing.** These notes will be kept on file in your child's record folder. The person picking up your child should also have a written request from the parent and be able to show identification.

\*Changes of address or phone numbers should be promptly given to the director and teacher.

### Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held twice a year for all ages. The fall conference may be held on the phone; the conference in the spring should be done at school. April 23-24 will be designated as conference days. It is in the best interest of the child that he/she not be present at the conference so that his/her progress can be discussed openly. We will provide childcare during the conference.

At any time in the school year, you need to speak to your child's teacher, do not hesitate to contact the teacher by written note or phone call to the preschool office.

### Notes Home

The preschool office must approve any communication to a preschool parent or student. Our class lists are not to be used for solicitation purposes. If you wish to send any correspondence home, it must be approved in the office.

## ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

Your child must be 2 years of age by September 1 of the school year to enter the 2-year old program.

Your child must be 3 years of age by September 1 of the school year to enter the 3-year old program.

Your child must be 4 years of age by September 1 of the school year to enter the 4-year old program.

Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1 of the school year to enter the 5-year old program.

Applicants will be enrolled in the program when the following is completed and on file:

- Application Form
- Registration/supply fee (non-refundable) paid
- Immunization/health record forms

- Waiver of Liability Form
- Medical Release Form/Photo Release Form

We prefer that your child is potty trained before entrance into our 3 and 4-year-old classes. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide a change of clothing for accidents. Please keep your child in diapers or pull ups until they are potty trained.

**Withdrawal**

We are a non-profit organization. All fees and tuition are used to give you the best teachers, supplies and equipment possible. This is our only income, and our budget is based on the full nine months' tuition for each child. Should you find it necessary to withdraw your child, please give one (1) month's notice, **in writing**, or pay one (1) month's tuition. We regret we are unable to make refunds for illnesses or missed school days.

**TUITION AND FEES**

The registration/supply fee is an annual non-refundable fee due at the time of registration. The fee schedule for the 2011-12 school year is as follows:

Registration Fee/Monthly Tuition:

2 day class	\$130.00	Late Payment Fee: \$20.00
3 day class	\$150.00	
4 day class	\$170.00	
5 day class	\$195.00	
5 Year Old Class	\$215.00	

Late Pickup Fee (after 12:45)	\$1.00 per minute
Returned checks Fee	\$20.00

Monthly tuition is due on the first of each month. A \$20.00 charge will be added for checks received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. For parents' convenience, we will issue a special tuition envelope to each family at the beginning of each month. The envelopes may be hand-delivered back to the director or teacher each month (by the 10<sup>th</sup>!). We request that payment be made to us by check instead of cash. Checks should be made payable to **Hamilton Mill Methodist Preschool or HMUMC Preschool**. A statement will be sent after the 10<sup>th</sup> to inform you of late fees.

**Activity Fee**

During Open House, each child will pay an Activity Fee to cover all field trips and programs at school (including Imagination City, Queen Glitter, Thanksgiving Feasts, Wildlife Wonders, etc.) This also covers the cost of your child's school t-shirt, book bag and embroidery. This one time fee is done for your convenience.

2 and 3 year-olds : \$50.00  
 4/5 year-olds : \$85.00

**Graduation Fee**

The graduation fee is included in the Activity Fee for 4 and 5 year olds. This fee will cover graduation gowns, caps, tassels, cookie and punch reception, decorations and other fees associated with this special night. The caps, gowns, and tassels will be yours to keep.

### Field Trips

Our 4 and 5 year-old class will take several field trips throughout the year. The 3-year-old class will take have one extra field trip, either in or outside of school. The field trips will be announced well in advance. Parental signature is required. Parents are invited and encouraged to assist with driving and chaperoning our field trips. If a parent knows of any special trips or has ideas for field trips, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas and places to go.

### Curriculum

Our teachers strive to provide the best educational experience possible for your children. When children are developmentally ready to grasp a concept or skill, the opportunity needs to be there. Our job is to provide these learning windows. Our chosen curriculum is Scholastic's *Building Language for Literacy* for the 4 year olds and *The Scholastic Five Senses Preschool Curriculum* for the 2 and 3 year olds. The 5 year olds use *Zoo-Phonics*. Our teachers will use a variety of resources in the classroom as well.

Young children learn by doing. Activities are planned to present topics in many different ways, such as finger plays, songs, stories, and art experiences. Our rooms are set up with learning centers, which allow each child to choose activities. Opportunities for large and small group interaction as well as independent choices are available. Since children learn many valuable lessons and concepts in the 'process' of play, please be aware that they don't always bring the finished product home.

Children develop pre-reading and pre-writing skills through art by learning to visually discriminate between colors, textures and shapes and by exercising their small muscles as they work with crayons, scissors and paintbrushes. Pretend to be a two, three, four or five-year old child again. What would be more fun? Having circles, squares and triangles in all different colors put before you so you could glue them in any creative way you desired? Or, having the teacher tell you, "Put a red square on the bottom. Now put a blue triangle on top of the square. Now put a yellow circle on the very top. And look, now you have all made a tower!" And in which instance did the child learn more? So if your children don't bring home a "teacher created" project every day, be reassured: they have experienced art in the classroom that day!

Through water play, children learn basic science concepts: Properties of water and objects and basic math concepts by measuring amounts.

While playing in the block center, children have the opportunity to explore the math concepts: (1) Estimation-how many? How much? How tall?; (2) Balance-building a tower, stacking large and small blocks; (3)Classifying-grouping according to size and shape.

When children participate in dramatic play, they learn other valuable pre-reading and pre-writing skills. They enjoy drawing and making the props to be used: Tickets, menus, labels, etc. It is also an excellent center for emotional development. It offers children safe ways to explore their fears and anxieties through role-playing. It offers an opportunity to work through many of life's real issues.

When children play outdoors, they are developing language and social skills by talking... "Watch me!" negotiating, sharing, creating order and rules, and trying out leadership roles. Each day is structured to allow alternating time for busy, active play and quiet activities.

Science, manipulatives, and numbers and counting are other developmental activities included in our science curriculum.

### Drop-off and Pickup

We have a drop-off procedure to make bringing your child to preschool easier and faster. A map for drop-off will be available at Open House. As you pull up to the walkway, a teacher will be there to help your child from your car to the building. If you need to speak with a teacher, please park your car in the parking lot and walk in with your child. This will keep the line moving smoothly.

**Drop off is available from 8:55 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

We will open the doors at 8:55 am. The staff gathers each morning for prayer and last minute announcements until 8:55 am. Please respect this time. If you wish to bring your child to his/her room, you are always welcome to do so. If you choose to bring your child in, please make your exit quickly so we may begin our day. Long good-byes only seem to make matters worse!

*If you wish to walk your child into school or walk in to pick them up, use the same door as carpool and check in with the person at the desk. If you choose to walk them in please walk them all the way downstairs, not just to the doors.*

For our afternoon pick-up, parents will drive through the same route as the morning.

**Pick-up is available from 12:25 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

If you wish to walk in to get your child, we ask that you hold your child's hand at all times and be mindful of the moving cars in carpool. You may walk in to get your child at 12:15 -12:20 pm. After carpool has started you will be asked to wait until the end to leave for safety purposes. Detailed instructions and your child's pick-up number will be sent home the first week of school. **Pick up for the five year old class will be from 12:55-1:05, with only one class it will go very quickly.**

PLEASE HOLD ON TO YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES IN THE PARKING LOT. Running children are at high risk for an accident.

Please be prompt in picking your child up at 12:30. After 12:45, late fees will be charged. This policy will prevent your child from getting upset and instill confidence in his school experiences. Emergency situations will be considered.

Please notify the preschool as soon as you realize you will be late. Remember we are upstairs at car pool and will not be down to answer the phone after 12:15 so please leave a message.

If someone other than the parent picks up the child, a written note must be submitted at time of drop-off. Photo ID will be checked. We will do this to assure absolute safety for your children.

### Snacks/Lunch

Teachers decide on an individual basis about snacks. Some classes have the children bring their own snack each day; others set up a schedule for snack. Your child's teacher will inform you of the procedure.

We ask that the snacks are healthful and nutritious. Please be sure to label all lunch boxes, containers, and drink cups with your child's name.

**CANDY, COLA DRINKS, AND GLASS CONTAINERS ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE.**

Some helpful ideas for your snacks are:

Fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese and crackers, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, dry cereal, granola bars, pretzels, yogurt, raisins and sandwiches. Nutritional snacks are best!

Each child will eat lunch while at school. Parents will send in the lunch. Like the snacks, the lunches should be healthy. We are unable to refrigerate or heat up lunches. Please put items that need to remain cool in insulated bags. Small freezer packs work wonderfully in these. Lunch should be prepared and ready to eat. Please cut up foods at home. We will be unable to do this for each student in the class!

## HEALTH INFORMATION

### Attendance

We hope that your child can attend preschool regularly in order to receive the full benefits of our planned program. If your child is ill or cannot attend school, please give his teacher the courtesy of notification. We regret that refunds cannot be given for illnesses or missed school days. Please notify us if your child will miss more than one day of school due to illness or vacation.

### Outside Play

This is a regular part of the daily schedule unless the weather is rainy or extremely cold. A written request is required for a child to remain indoors during outside playtime. In general, if a child cannot play outside because of illness, he or she should be kept at home. If you are not sure if you should send a jacket or sweater to school on a given day, send it. This way your child will have one if he/she needs it.

### Communicable Diseases

Parents are asked to notify the school immediately if their child has contacted a communicable disease. We need your help to keep exposure under control. Children should be kept at home when they have any of the following symptoms:

Unknown rash, sore throat, fever, nausea, upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive congestion or runny nose, heavy or persistent cough, enlarged glands, inflamed eyes, earache, or discharging ear.

A child must be free of fever for a full 24 hours before coming to school. Just remember this rule of thumb:

Would you want another parent to send their child to school in this condition to play with your child?????

### Discipline

Children are expected to behave in a courteous manner at preschool. Disciplinary matters are handled with discretion and usually solved by the individual classroom teacher. Parents and teacher may need to set up conference time for discussion of a particular problem. We believe disciplinary problems can be solved without the need for corporal punishment.

Children need to be advised and instructed to stay with their class/teacher at all times.

## Rules of our School

Golden Rule- Treat others the way that you want to be treated.

Green- Hands to self, walking feet.

Yellow- Use inside voices.

Blue- Use listening ears.

Red- Respect.

If at any time during the school year we feel your child is unruly and difficult for teachers to manage in the preschool setting, we reserve the right to ask that you withdraw your child from our preschool program.

### Child Abuse

We are required by law to report any suspected child abuse, neglect, exploitation, or deprivation to the Department of Family and Children's Services.

The Council on Ministries of the United Methodist church requires our church and Preschool to have on hand a *Policy for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse*. All of our staff has completed training in Child Abuse. Each staff member has been cleared through police checks. Character references are checked as well. It is our duty to do all we can to prevent harm to any child in our care.

### Medications

We cannot administer medication to a child unless it is for emergency situations. If your child has allergies or needs epipens, please come by the office and fill out the proper paperwork. All medicine will be stored out of reach in the office but will get to a child very quickly in an emergency.

### Immunization/Health Record

An immunization/health record is to be completed and kept up-to-date for filing in our records. The form needed is medical form # 3231. The State Health Department requires that these records be in our files before the end of the first month of attendance at preschool.

### Emergencies

Should your child become ill or injured during school time, the school's policy will be as follows:

1. The school shall undertake to contact the parent.
2. In the event the school cannot reach the parent, it shall attempt to contact the persons listed on the WAIVER OF LIABILITY signed by the parent and on file.
3. Should this fail, the school shall be authorized to secure such medical attention and care for the child as may be deemed necessary.

### Fire and Hazardous Weather Drills

Fire and tornado drills will be practiced often throughout the year. Please talk with your child and assure him that these drills are "pretend or make-believe" and not real. These drills can be a frightening experience if your child is not properly informed by his/her teacher and his/her parents.

### Insurance

The church insurance policy for the preschool children reads as follows:

#### Primary Insurance

This insurance shall cover primary up to \$20,000 dollars for each child at which point the child's own personal insurance coverage would pay. Exceptions to this are replacement of eyeglasses, contacts, and hearing aids.

### Visitors

Parents are welcome to observe or visit our classes at any time. We ask that you check in at the office when you arrive. A **brief** visit helps maintain a normal classroom atmosphere and is best for the children.

### School Dress

Preschool is very messy! We paint, spill juice, make messy creations, roll in grass, etc. Dress your children in sturdy, comfortable, play clothes. They should be clothes your child can manage by himself/herself, without the aid of a teacher. Elastic waists are ideal. Washable, comfortable clothes are important if your child is to participate fully and freely in our planned program.

Please dress your child in shoes that are safe for climbing on play equipment (no clogs, flip flops or boots). Children who do not wear the recommended school dress may not be permitted on the climbing playground equipment.

When the weather is chilly, we will go outside. Please send a jacket or sweater for your child. If we don't need it, we can always send it home!

Each child should provide a change of clothing for the teacher to keep in case of an accident. Please put the change of clothes in a zip-lock bag and label with your child's name.

**PLEASE MARK ALL REMOVABLE CLOTHING (SWEATERS, JACKETS, HATS, ETC.) WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME TO PREVENT LOSS OR MIX-UP WITH ANOTHER CHILD'S BELONGINGS.**

### **What to Bring to School**

- Tote bag-provided by the preschool
- Lunch and drink.
- Supplies requested by teacher.
- Jacket/coat if necessary.
- A smile!

### **What Not to Bring from Home**

- Candy or gum.
- Toys from home. (Teachers will establish a show and tell.)

### **Pets and Plants**

Animals are not part of our every day preschool routine. However, our preschool does allow animals to visit a classroom on approval from the director. Children's allergies are considered. If a child is allergic or frightened, great measures are taken to insure the well-being and safety of that child. No animal that would pose a problem to a child or adult would be allowed at our school. While in our preschool, pets must be under close supervision of an adult. All pets must be current on their shots and be restrained on a leash or in pet cage.

Non-poisonous plants can be grown in a classroom provided there are no children with allergies in the class.

### **Birthday and Parties**

It is our policy to recognize each child's birthday by making it their "special day" at school. They will receive special privileges and recognition from their teachers and classmates. The summer birthday children will have their "special day" at the end of the school year. Please help us carry out this policy. If a parent wishes to send birthday refreshments or snacks on their child's birthday, please notify the teacher well in advance of the birthday. Please No Balloons.

We will pass out private birthday invitations provided the entire class is invited.

We will have parties at school on Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and a year-end picnic. We always like to include classroom mothers/fathers in our program. If you would like to be a room mother or father for your child's class, please let us know.

## Mission Projects

On Monday and Tuesday all of the three and four year olds, plus the M/W two year old class attend chapel and on Tuesday all of the other two year olds attend chapel in the sanctuary. It is a time to sing and hear about God. We also want to teach the children about helping others. Each month we will be helping a group in the church or community by collecting or making something for others, such as bringing food for the food pantry or having a coat drive for the homeless. We will let you know what the mission project for the month will be in the monthly newsletter. The children can bring the items to preschool and on chapel days we will collect them and talk about how we help others. We also will be collecting the soda pull tabs all year for the Ronald McDonald House. For the month of September we will be helping McClain Hermes, a young girl in our church who is collecting old shoes, any size or type for Shoes for the Soul. So look in your closets for any old pair of shoes your child can bring in!!

Skills to be covered by age groups for the year:

### Terrific Two Year Olds-Goals

1. To develop positive self-concepts.
2. To develop creativity and imagination.
3. To develop speaking and listening skills.
4. To develop social skills with other children and adults in small group and large group settings.
5. To develop and strengthen gross and fine motor skills.

#### **Skills**

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| *Separates from parent                       | *Identifies objects (backpack, etc.) |
| *Listens to others                           | *Tells what he needs                 |
| *Responds to name                            | *Follows simple directions           |
| *Attends to task                             | *Participates in circle time         |
| *Helps with Clean up                         | *Plays with other children           |
| *Takes turns                                 | *Identifies color                    |
| *Speaks in sentences<br>with 5 or more words | *Matches color                       |
| *Tells a story                               | *Recites rhymes and sings songs      |
| *Recognizes similarities and differences     |                                      |
| *Identifies a few letters                    | *Identifies numerals 1,2,3           |
| *Identifies a circle, square, triangle       | *Counts from 1 to 10                 |
| *Throws and catches a ball                   |                                      |
| *Rides a riding to toy                       | *Runs                                |
| *Hops  | *Jumps                               |
| *Uses drawing tools                          | *Works with scissors                 |
| *Works with puzzles of 4 or more pieces      |                                      |
| * Puts on a coat                             |                                      |

## Thrilling Three-Year Olds

### **Social/Emotional**

1. To develop a positive attitude toward school and learning
2. To help strengthen socially acceptable behavior so that children can learn to establish healthy, meaningful relationships with children their own age.
3. To help children learn to respond respectfully to adults and to follow classroom routines and rules.
4. To develop listening skills and follow two step directions.

### **Academic**

1. To introduce and recognize the basic colors: red, blue, green, yellow, orange, pink, white, black, brown, and purple.
2. To introduce and recognize the basic shapes: circle, square, rectangle, triangle, star, heart, oval, and diamond.
3. To introduce the numbers 1-10.
4. To recognize their first and last name.
5. To be introduced to the letters of the alphabet through many stories and activities.

Each child needs to be helped to progress naturally during the school year. We realize all children are special and will be given the special attention they deserve.

## Fantastic Four Year Olds

### **Social/Emotional**

The following skills will be presented. The teacher recognizes the individuality of each child in his/her ability to master these skills.

Each child will:

- 1 Display acceptable behavior upon departure from parent.
- 2 Be given opportunities to interact positively with his peers.
- 3 Use acceptable table manners. Children are to remain seated while eating. Children will be encouraged to clean up his/her place.
- 4 Learn that school is a happy place where success can be achieved.
- 5 Strengthen his/her fine motor skills by playing with puzzles, building blocks and participating in structured and unstructured art activities and writing.
- 6 Display gross motor skills of running skipping, jumping, ascending and descending stairs, sliding, riding a riding toy, hopping on one foot, balancing on a straight surface.
- 7 Developing vocabulary through the teacher's encouragement of language development.
- 8 Verbalize physical and emotional needs, relate past events and share ideas.
- 9 Increase listening skills by exposure to music, story time and following direction.

## **Academics**

### **Each child will:**

- 1 Recognize and name the colors: red, blue, green, purple, orange, yellow, black, white, brown and pink.
- 2 Recognize upper and lower case letters by sight.
- 3 Recognize by sight and sound modes of transportation and be able to categorize (land, sea and air).
- 4 Recognize by sight the food groups.
  - 5 Define and discuss the five senses. As well as such concepts as hot/cold, sweet/sour, big/little, etc.
  - 6 Make hand puppets. Presents puppet using own ideas.
  - 7 Recognize and name these shapes; square, circle, triangle, rectangle, oval and diamond.
  - 8 Be introduced to concepts of calendar in terms of days of the week and months of the year.
  - 9 Experience tracing his/her first and last name, printing his/her first name, stenciling, cutting, drawing his/herself, making circles and straight lines and outlining hand.
  - 10 Count using objects 1-20.
  - 11 Recognizing numerals to ten.
  - 12 Work on categorizing, comparing, rhyming, patterning, contrasting, memorizing and recognizing opposites.
  - 13 Science: health and nutrition, weather and wildlife.
  - 14 Social studies: map skills and sense of direction.

## **Learning Objectives for the Fabulous Five Year Old Class**

### **Phonemic Awareness**

#### **Development**

Recognizes rhyming words  
Creates rhyming word pairs  
Blends two sounds

#### **Language and Early Literacy**

Recites the alphabet  
Names capital letters  
Names lowercase letters  
Recognizes name in print  
Matches sounds to letters  
Listens to stories and poems with interest  
Writes letters

### **Physical and Motor**

Holds instruments properly  
Manipulates small objects  
Participates in games

Writes first name  
Speaks in complete sentences  
Handles books appropriately  
Recites classic rhyme and songs  
Discriminates between words that are the same and different

### **Math**

Recognizes numbers 1-10  
Counts orally to 10  
Identifies shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)  
Identifies colors (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, brown, black)  
Recognizes and extends patterns  
Identifies coins (penny, nickel, dime, quarter)  
Understands calendar concepts (days, month, years)  
Sorts according to color, size, or shape

### **Science**

Understands concepts of seasons and weather  
Participates in experiments  
Uses simple measuring devices  
Enjoys investigating and making observations

### **Personal and Social Development**

Shares personal experiences  
Engages in conversation  
Follows oral direction  
Knows personal information  
(birthday, address, phone number)  
Plays and works well with others  
Follows school rules  
Respects the rights of others  
Completes activities  
Understands role in family, school, and community

### **Art, Music, and Dramatic Play**

Engages in dramatic play with others  
Chooses a variety of art materials  
Enjoys sitting and moving  
to different types of music

Preschool Staff - 2011-2012

1. Suzy Anderson
2. Lisa Ashcraft
3. Julie Bolton
4. Leigh Brackett
5. Ashleigh Britt
6. Shannon Brown
7. Valerie Byrne
8. Caroline Cartin
9. Lynnette Cook
10. Julie Daniel
11. Shannon Duca
12. Susan Duggan
13. Roxanne Eisen
14. Jan Gelderman
15. Cathy Grimes
16. Michelle Harvey
17. Andrea Herrin
18. Michele Kay
19. Karen Kempf
20. Dawn Lavelle
21. Jenny Leetch
22. Jennifer Markham
23. Kelli McBrayer
24. Heather McCreary
25. Louise Nauman
26. Amy Neibel
27. Tonya Rahinsky
28. Lisa Schaack
29. Kathy Smith
30. Liz Szalkowski
31. Stacey Tarpley
32. Fanli Thongsouk
33. Kelli Vanderpool
34. Ann William
35. Bonnie Wright