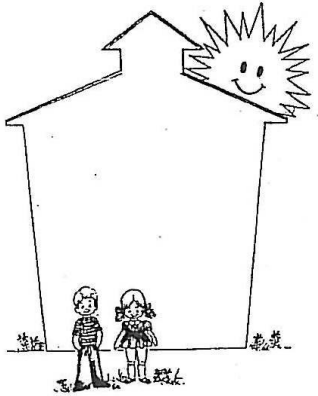


First Friends Curriculum



Our curriculum for each age group is designed to give the child a variety of experiences in science, music, art, religion, reading, math, and physical activities. We help children begin development of basic skills needed in language arts and math concepts. Each age class will focus on skills which are building blocks for the next class. In both the three and four year classes we use *Let's Begin with Letter People* and *handwriting Without Tears* curricula.

We incorporate into the program:

- Helping preschoolers grow and develop as Jesus did "in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and Man." (Luke 2:52)
- Helping each unique child reach his or her maximum potential at his or her pace.
- Teaching preschoolers in a setting designed for multiple learning styles and personality types.
- Providing opportunities to develop thinking and reasoning skills, use creativity, and learn how to get along with others.

Each day includes:

- Free choice time—the child moves freely from one center to another
- Art—creative expression through painting, cutting and pasting, clay, and other media
- Block construction—encourages problem solving, cooperation, creativity, and coordination
- Family living center—stimulates self expression, dramatic play, cooperation and sharing
- Manipulative activities—puzzles, games, and beads
- Language arts—reading, conversation in circle time, puppets and dramatization
- Music/Movement—listening to music, singing and learning songs related to curriculum, and musical instruments
- Outdoor play—geared to large and fine motor skill development as well as development of social skills
- Religion—reading of Bible stories, prayer, and attending weekly chapel