

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Playschool's mission is to provide the preschool child with the companionship of children his/her own age in a Christian environment scaled to his/her needs under trained adult supervision. It is our goal that each Playschool student becomes confident in his/her own abilities and has acquired the cognitive, social and emotional skills to be successful in Kindergarten. Playschool is an approved program of First Presbyterian Church.

## **PURPOSE**

First Presbyterian Playschool partners with families to introduce their children to school so that they grow to love school and desire to become lifelong learners. We create a caring, cooperative school environment that promotes cultural values and supports positive relationships and respectful interaction. Every day our students have these opportunities to engage at their readiness and developmental level:

**Love** – every hug helps make new brain connections

**Faith** – appreciation and gratitude for all God has created and given

**Music and Movement** – fun connecting the brain and body

**Phonics/Reading** – reading is critical to boosting brain power

**Primary Education Program (PEP)** – guiding self-directed learning

**Language Development** (Peabody Language Development Kit) – expressive and receptive language skill building

**Spanish** – introduction to nearly 200 Spanish vocabulary words

**Numbers/Math** – learning to make sense of the world through problem solving

**Socialization skills** – developing social, language and life skills through imagination and play

**Creativity** – using many different opportunities; paints, blocks, clay, dramatic play, cutting and pasting, drawing

**Fine Motor Development** – introducing “Handwriting Without Tears” curriculum

**Quiet Concentration** – puzzles, pegboards, sensory boxes, building materials, etc.

**Gross Motor Development** – playground or gym time every day to build and coordinate big muscles

Our play based approach provides a child-centered curriculum directed by teachers in an environment steeped in love which allows children to feel safe to engage and challenge themselves to develop their knowledge at their own pace.