

## 2 AND 2 ½ YEAR PROGRAM

Our 2 and 2 ½ year classes have 10 to 12 students each, with a full time teacher and full time assistant teacher. These classes have an excellent teacher/student ratio of 1 to 5 or 1 to 6.

The children are in a relaxed, loving atmosphere that offers many opportunities for learning suitable to the young child. Our main objective is to provide a happy, healthy, stimulating first school experience for children -- emphasizing social adjustments, vocabulary growth, the development of motor skills (especially large motor) and eye-hand coordination skills. We focus on all aspects of a child's development--- cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual. We accomplish these objectives through the use of a variety of materials, well-planned learning centers, and unit themes such as holidays and seasons, nursery rhymes, body parts and the five senses. Our curriculum is based on The Creative Curriculum, supplemented with many units developed by the staff. Music (preschool songs and rhythms) and creative movement (activities which help develop large motor muscles) are a part of the regular school curriculum; both are taught by experienced teachers. The children learn independently and as a member of the group.

Attending Chapel in the church sanctuary is an integral part of our program as well. Parents are always encouraged to attend this time of singing, praying, and praising God together. The children also pray in their classroom before snack each day.

All learning occurs in a kind, caring, unstressful atmosphere. Classes are small enough in size that teachers can give each child a lot of individual attention. We understand and respect the fact that children grow and mature at their own rate and that the curriculum offered should be one that brings success to all students, especially our wonderful two's! Strong emphasis is placed on building positive self-concepts, helping the children feel good about themselves and the things they are able to accomplish.

Above all, learning with us is fun and is both age and developmentally appropriate! We look forward to your child and you becoming a part of the Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten family.

### PROGRAM GOALS

1. To provide a loving, caring atmosphere for children to grow and learn. To instill in each child a positive self-concept.
2. To provide a joyful, enthusiastic and spontaneous approach with children.
3. To meet each child's physical needs.
4. To establish the foundations of respect for equipment, property and the environment.
5. To establish the foundations of respect for others - social development.
6. To provide for the language development that is so important at this stage of development and is the foundation of learning.
7. To make available a good variety and quantity of materials on the shelves at the child's level to encourage making choices and decisions.
8. To provide ample opportunity for use of gross motor skills.
9. To provide a variety of activities that begin to introduce the curriculum areas of art, science, cooking, social studies, dramatic play, manipulative activities, language, pre-math, large motor, small motor, music and movement.
10. To develop self-help skills in order to create a feeling of independence and confidence in the child.
11. To plan and provide for small group activities to give each child more personal attention and to allow more freedom of choice. To provide large group activities to encourage social interaction and social skill development.
12. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.