

### **3 YEAR PROGRAM**

Each three-year class of 14 students has a full time teacher and a full time assistant. One of our main objectives is to provide a happy, healthy, stimulating child-centered environment in a Christian setting that makes school and learning fun. We focus on all aspects of a child's development---cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual. Our curriculum is based on The Creative Curriculum, supplemented with many units developed by the staff.

Our Program Goals for 3 year olds are below. These goals are met through careful teacher planning, well-designed learning centers, and a variety of age- appropriate materials placed throughout the classroom. The children learn independently and as a member of the group. Unit themes such as shapes, colors, pets, seasons, animals, community helpers, the farm, and nursery rhymes can bring in all areas of learning (language, social studies, science, math, art). We work on small motor skills through painting, pasting, cutting, lacing, working with playdough, and building with legos. Large motor skills are developed through Creative Movement class with an experienced teacher, blocks, and our well-equipped outdoor playground.

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 often pray in their classrooms during circle time or before having their snacks.

The children have wonderful musical experiences led by a trained music teacher in which they learn preschool songs and rhythms. Music is an excellent vocabulary builder, too.

Resource people visit during the year, such as fire fighters and a dentist. Several special programs, such as plays, storytellers, magician, or musicians, are presented at the school during the school year. Above all, learning is FUN and both age and developmentally appropriate. We look forward to you and your children becoming a part of the Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten family.

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

1. To provide a nurturing, relaxed environment with caring adults where self concepts are enhanced, independence is encouraged, free choice decisions are offered, social skills are acquired, and individuality is respected and accepted.
2. To provide time which children can spend with their friends in a range of different and satisfying activities such as art, science, cooking, music and movement, drama, language arts, large and small motor development, and math games and concepts.
3. To provide for each child's physical well-being while in our care.
4. To provide opportunities to develop large motor skills and coordination through physically active play and creative movement.
5. To develop in the children an active curiosity about the world in which they live and an enthusiasm for learning which stimulates their creativity.
6. To help the child gain self-discipline in an environment where each child is aware of limits and expectations and learns to be responsible for his or her own actions.
7. To develop in each child an appreciation for nature and the world God created.
8. To provide an atmosphere in the classroom which promotes respect for others and materials and fosters a love of learning.
9. To develop the ability to solve problems and make decisions through active involvement in the learning process.
10. To develop listening skills and practice following directions.
11. To develop self-help skills, which will foster independence and build self-esteem.
12. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.