



*But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them  
not, to come unto me: for to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven*  
Matthew 19:14

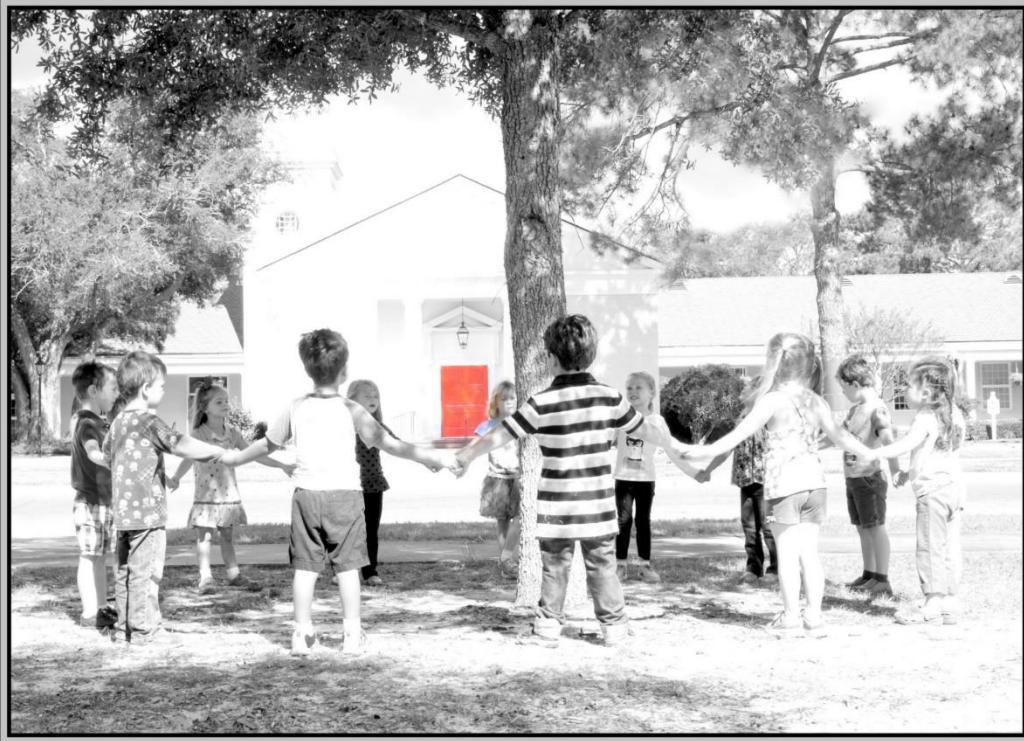
## **VPK Team**

Ms. Mary, Ms. Belinda, Ms. Lisa & Ms. Paula

- The VPK room is designed with kindergarten preparation in mind. We set up our rooms in a manner that helps children progress in their learning and development as described by the standards for four years old. The flow of the room is designed with activity areas and seating to promote active participation.
- We have two circle times a day where we introduce concepts and units which include print and phonological awareness, mathematical skills, literacy, and general knowledge. This is also paired with a daily small group where children focus on concepts that may require more individualized teacher guidance.
- One of our main focuses is allowing children the opportunity to learn independence. We allow children to select their own lunches and snacks, as well as, set up for nap time and assisting the teacher in simple tasks throughout the day. Materials and toys are arranged throughout the classroom so that children can direct their own play and participate as independently as possible.
- Throughout the year, we offer fun hands-on activities that enhance each unit. For example, during

farm week we often have horses visit, milk a pretend cow, and have raised baby chicks. During insect week, we raise caterpillars and often have a variety of other real bugs. During community helpers week, we often have guests visit and have had the sheriff's canine unit and firefighters visit.

- Science is another large part of the VPK rooms. We have at least one science experiment per unit that the children can actively participate in with teacher guidance. We also incorporate a variety of food experiences.
- We encourage children's creativity, with art activities that correspond with each unit. Art is divided into two parts that includes free expression and making memorable keepsakes.
- We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. These activities include Spanish, Sign Language, Stretch and Grow, Music, Tumble Bus, and Chapel.
- Our outside play offers opportunities to develop social skills and physical development.



*Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.  
Proverbs 22:6*