

CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE®

At First Presbyterian Weekday School, we utilize the Conscious Discipline® classroom management curriculum. Conscious Discipline® is designed to empower teachers to notice and foster their own emotional intelligence so they can better guide and facilitate our children's emotional intelligence. It is a philosophy for professional and personal life. Conscious Discipline® is rooted in current brain research. It's about relationship-based teaching and building a school/classroom family. The ultimate goal is connecting and creating a safe and caring learning environment.

http://www.beckybailey.com/conscious_discipline.cfm

CREATIVE CURRICULUM®

At First Presbyterian Weekday School, we strive to provide intentional, enriching experiences to meet the needs of our students. The Creative Curriculum® supports our goals of guiding children's thinking and supporting their learning as we interact with children throughout the day. During individual, small and large group activities Creative Curriculum® training allows our teachers to develop an understanding of content and the ability to observe what children are doing, and then provide appropriate experiences to help them progress. (Excerpts from www.teachingstrategies.com)



USEFUL LINKS

NAEYC: www.naeyc.org

Creative Curriculum:

www.teachingstrategies.com

First Presbyterian Church:

www.firstchurch-winchester.org

Conscious Discipline:

www.beckybailey.com



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**Learning That Starts
in the Heart**

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**ACCREDITED BY THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE EDUCATION OF
YOUNG CHILDREN**

THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL

For over 60 years, First Presbyterian Church has offered a superior Christian preschool for area children. First Presbyterian Weekday School is committed to the quality of your child's daily experiences.

Our school is accredited by NAEYC. This framework and NAEYC-approved Creative Curriculum® calls for our teachers to use their understanding of child development to plan activities, create a learning environment, and establish a schedule that is developmentally appropriate.

Our staff strives to meet each child at his/her current level of cognitive, language, physical, spiritual and social development. Our goals:

1. To provide high quality learning in a safe and nurturing environment.
2. To offer a developmentally appropriate curriculum for all areas of a child's development.
3. To create a learning environment that encourages lifelong pleasure in exploration and discovery.

A DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM

A developmentally appropriate curriculum provides for all areas of a child's development – physical, spiritual, social/emotional, language and cognitive – through an integrated approach.

OUR SCHOOL FAMILY:

THE PARENTS

No one knows more about the children we educate than their parents. We encourage parents to be involved in our school. Our parent group offers many ways to volunteer and enrich your child's school experience.

THE CHILDREN

We challenge our children to come...to explore...to communicate...to build...to create...to play with meaningful tools in a setting that allows them to grow, discover and develop a lifelong love of learning.

THE TEACHERS

We challenge our teachers to teach effectively by always keeping in mind the dynamics and needs of the group of children as well as the individual characteristics and needs of each child in the group.

The Weekday School strives to hire and retain talented staff members with advanced degrees. Continuing education and ongoing staff training are highly valued at the Weekday School.

THE CHURCH

The Weekday School is an important outreach of First Presbyterian Church. Our congregation supports the school as a joyful part of our service to the community. Children are nurtured in their faith using multiple approaches to weave Christian principles into their daily experiences. The Weekday School fosters a spirit of Christian love and welcome, the value of each person in God's sight, toleration, and respect for differences. We encourage cooperation and peaceful resolution of conflict, and strong ethical and moral principles.

ENROLLMENT AT THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Enrollment is open to children ages 6 weeks through 5 years. Several class offerings are available depending on the child's age:

2 days/week: Tues./Thurs.

3 days/week: Mon./Wed./Fri.

4 days/week: Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.

5 days/week: Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri.

Our school year is September through May.

Arrival time is 9 a.m. for all students. Dismissal begins at 12:45 for our youngest students, with staggered dismissals ending at 1 p.m. for our four and five year olds.

SAFETY FIRST

A safe environment is a primary concern of the Weekday School staff, director and First Presbyterian Church. We do everything we can to ensure your child's safety through facility inspections, routine maintenance, and consistent policies and procedures.

For your child's safety, and to comply with our NAEYC accreditation, children must be dropped off and picked up in person.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is vital to maintaining our family atmosphere. A teacher and director's newsletter are sent home monthly. Conferences are held yearly and other times as needed.

Our drop off and pick up times offer a wonderful "check in moment" regarding your child. We want to know and understand your child, so feel free to communicate with your child's teacher!