

First Presbyterian Weekday School

116 South Loudoun Street Winchester, VA 22601

August 5, 2019

Dear Weekday School Families,

Welcome to the Weekday School, 2019-2020...we are SO excited to throw the doors open and welcome the children and their families to school. Whether you are a returning or new family, we are excited to see you and are preparing for your arrival! Thank you for joining the Weekday School family this year, it's going to be GREAT!

We have been gearing up for the 2019-2020 year at the Weekday School with several new additions to our facility and curriculum. The Stine Room received a bright and colorful makeover with new equipment for gross and fine motor activities. The playground has the addition of horizontal hand and foot holds for climbing. And, we are excited to introduce a mobile SMARTboard to the school. This board comes with software designed for preschoolers and is programmed with activities that are designed to support learning and assessment that aligns with the developmental progressions of Creative Curriculum[©]. This board will be used <u>instructionally</u> to support learning activities in the 3YO/4YO/5YO classrooms.

This year is a NAEYC year at the Weekday School. Honestly, every day is a NAEYC day as we strive to meet and exceed what is required in the areas of teacher credentialing, authentic interactions, safety standards, and quality early learning. What makes this year different is that NAEYC will be visiting our school to see our teachers and children in action, and be sure that we are cognizant of and practicing the 628 standards that are required. The visit should be this Fall or early Winter.

Attached to this letter are the school calendar - please make note of important dates, specific details for events will be put out a month prior to each event; and an intake interview - please take a moment to complete this 2-sided document to return to your child's teacher.

We are excited to welcome you and your child for Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 29th at 5:30 PM. Please make your way to Fellowship Hall for a short welcome and overview of the evening and then visit your child's classroom.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 662.7588.

Wishing you well, Christer

Christen Johnson, Director First Presbyterian Weekday School