

# First Presbyterian Preschool



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- Joined the Board of Directors September 2019.
- President of the Board of Directors since the 2020-2021 academic year.
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## Preschool Director

- Seventeen years at First Presbyterian Preschool
  - VPK Teacher 14 years
  - Director 3 years



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# Our Story

- At First Presbyterian Preschool (FPP),
- We are a play-based preschool.
- There are two teachers in every classroom.
- We serve students ages 2-5 in three classrooms.
  - Ages 2-3 – T.C. Bears
  - Ages 3-4 – Busy Bees
  - Ages 4-5 – VPK





# First Presbyterian

## First Presbyterian Preschool

- The preschool and church separate entities.
- The preschool is governed by a Board of Directors.
- The preschool has bylaws and policy guidelines.

## First Presbyterian Church

- The preschool and church have a close relationship.
- The church provides in-kind use of space, electricity, and structural building maintenance.
- Both entities are responsible for safety.



# Security

- Monitoring security cameras
  - Director, Church Administrator
- Monitoring visitor entry
- Sharing our safety and child protection policies
  - Fire drills, weather alerts, and lock downs
- Communicate with each other in the event of an emergency or potential threat.
- Church staff and members must notify director before entering the preschool.



# FPP's Mission

Our mission is to offer a quality education to a diverse group of students.

FPP is one of the only preschools participating in the Florida School Readiness Program.

83% of FPP VPK students experienced learning gains.



# Preschool Funding



- Our preschool is small with most revenue generated from tuition.
  - 90% of funds generated go toward staff salaries and benefits.
- There are two Friends of the Preschool campaigns each year with one, the Belinda Kelly Fund, specifically for student scholarships.
- There are some targeted grant opportunities.





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## Back-to-School Drive

- Many thanks to the First Presbyterian Women for monetary donations collected at the beginning of the school year!
- The donations and the small supply fee from parents allow us to purchase the consumable supplies needed for the year.
  - Ex. pencils, crayons, markers, construction paper, glue, scissors, craft materials



## Our Need

- We want to offer consistent full and partial scholarships to 10 families.
- We need more educational equipment and curriculum materials.
- We need to increase safety on the playground and update the turf.
- We need continued support with fundraisers.



# Student Scholarships

- We are proud to be a Mission Partner and would love to see the role expanded through sponsorship of families needing assistance.
- We need and would like to offer consistent, month-to-month assistance.
- **Full** – One to two families need full tuition assistance.
  - Approximately \$880 a month
- **Partial** – Three to four families need partial tuition assistance.
  - \$350-\$400 a month
- **VPK Summer** – Five to seven families stop attending because they cannot afford the additional amount during the summer.
  - \$205 a month





## Equipment and Curriculum Materials

Students love manipulatives, educational games, and other materials that make learning fun!



VPK students are tested quarterly on computers. We need computers in every classroom to prepare them earlier.



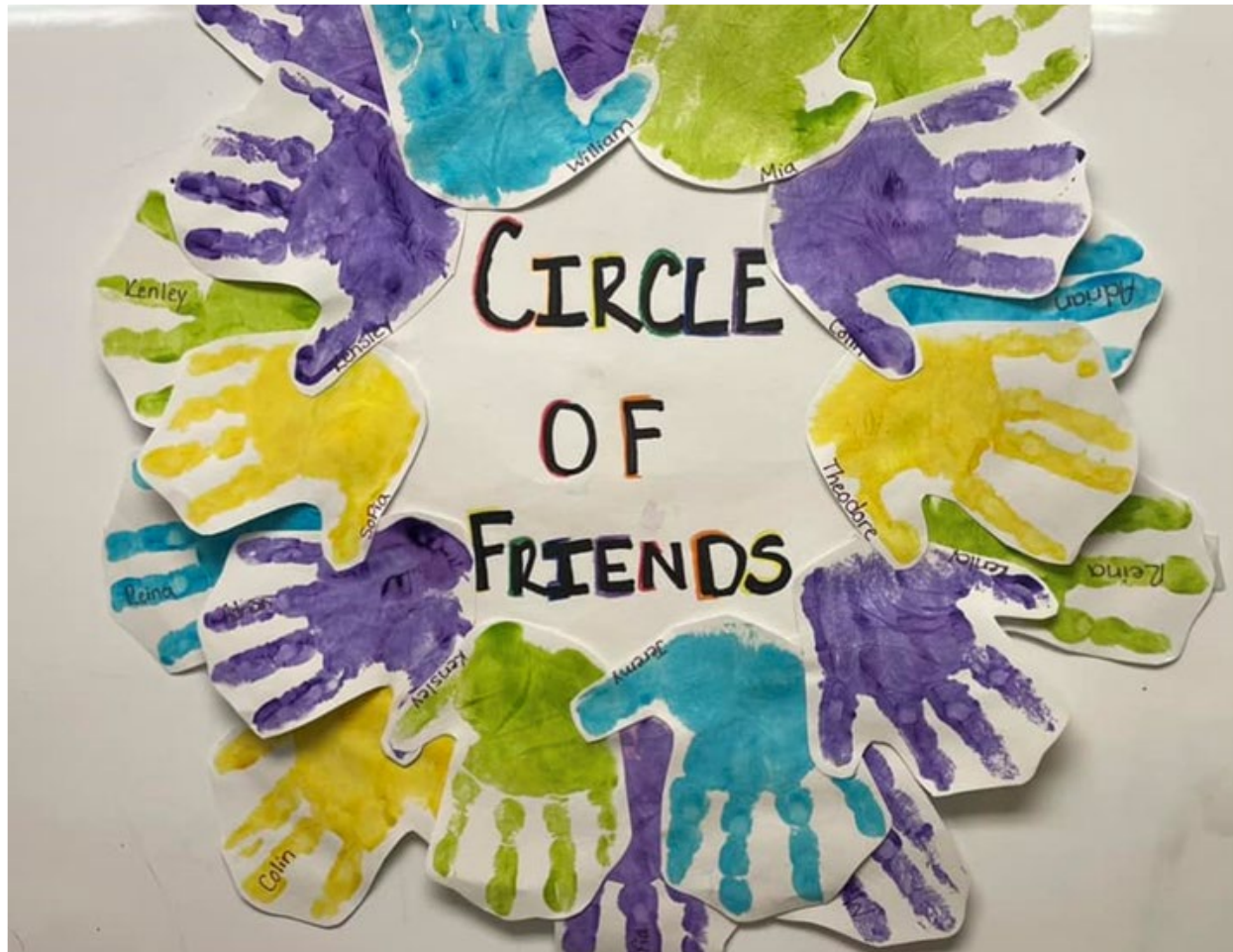
# Playground Upgrades

- With super fun structures, a huge sand box, and outdoor seating, FPP's playground is one of the best!
- A fence covering would provide an extra layer of security and privacy.
- Increased shading with a canopy and turf maintenance are needed.



## Continued Support & Friends of the Preschool

- Continued support of fundraisers is appreciated.
- The next Friends of the Preschool campaign is approaching.
- We appreciate support during restaurant share nights and with the sell of items.
  - Ex. Lucky Goat coffee fundraiser in May.
- You may become a Friend of the Preschool and encourage others to join.



<https://firstprespreschool.net/contributions.html>



# Questions

- What questions do you have?
- What are your ideas on increasing engagement with the Preschool, if desired.



*Thank You*

