

We are back in the swing at FPCCDC



Your Weekly News & Updates

Reflecting and Looking Forward

Great things happened at First Presbyterian CDC in 2015, but there is so much to look forward to in 2016! Of course the biggest accomplishment for the entire center was the TWO STAR rating from Quality Rating through the State of Georgia. This rating just reaffirmed what we already knew; FPCCDC is one of the best child care centers in the state and is the best in Hall County! It is so much fun and so rewarding to see your babies grow from infants to toddlers to Pre K students. The accomplishments and growth they make is phenomenal. Every day is a new adventure for them as well as the staff. The staff here will continue in 2016 to provide the most loving and nurturing environment possible for your little ones and we assure you will continue to live up to our Quality Rated score. Thank you for letting us love your babies!

Many parents have wondered what and how their children are learning and growing. The curriculum that we choose to use at First Presbyterian CDC is *Creative Curriculum*. Our teachers turn in lesson plans for approval every week and also have them posted in their classroom if you would like to review them.

Current research shows that like constructing a house, brains are built upon a strong foundation. This starts before birth, and is very important during the first three years of life. Brain cells are

"raw" materials - much like lumber is a raw material in building a house, and a child's experiences and interactions help build the structure, put in the wiring, and paint the walls.

The *Creative Curriculum* balances both teacher-directed and child-initiated learning, with an emphasis on responding to children's learning styles and building on their strengths and interests. This curricula applies the latest theory and research on best practices in teaching and learning and the content standards developed by states and professional organizations. While keeping the original environmentally-based approach it clearly defines the teacher's vital role in connecting content, teaching, and learning for preschool children. It features goals and objectives linked directly to our valid and reliable assessment instrument.

The *Creative Curriculum* for Preschool translates new research and theory from the field of early childhood education into a practical, easy-to-understand approach to working with children and their families. It is a comprehensive curriculum with a clear organizational structure and a particular focus on interest areas.

Dates to remember

January 4 Pre K teacher workday
January 12 Parent Workshop on fitness
January 18 Center Closed for MLK Day



Just a reminder

We are now in the time of the year with the unpredictable weather patterns. I just want to remind everyone of the "weather cancellation" policies outlined in our handbook.

Our closing is based on Gainesville City Schools canceling for weather emergency.

Cancellations will be publicized on WDUN and other new outlets as well as the CDC website and the CDC Facebook page as soon as possible.

Should we be closed for 1 or 2 days, regular tuitions rates will apply.

There will be a 25% discount on your regular tuition rate if we are closed more than 2 days.

First Presbyterian Child Development Center would like to welcome Pastor Lee Koontz and his family. We look forward to having them as part of our CDC family.

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