

# General Policies

## **Discipline**

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. Guiding a child in acceptable pattern of behavior is the goal of the First United Methodist Weekday Program. We guide each child to discipline him/herself.

We do have rules that must be followed for safety and health. We emphasize prevention and redirecting the child's interest. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, it helps them to develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. The parents will be consulted if there is a situation in which a child has problems solving their behavior issues.

No corporal punishment or verbal abuse will be allowed by anyone on the premises.

## **Child Abuse Policy**

All professionals (including doctors, teachers, pastoral staff, teachers, etc.) are required by state law to report cases of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Social Services for investigation.

## **Scholarship**

First United Methodist Weekday Children's Program is very proud to offer scholarship assistance for families going through challenging situations. The scholarships are available based on family size, income, availability of funds and special circumstances. Applications are available from the director and all information will be kept confidential. Qualification is based on the public school free/reduced lunch program.

We conduct fundraisers each year to help with this fund and are blessed by the generosity of our congregation and our families. We would greatly appreciate any amount you can give to this fund.

## **Parent Participation**

Parents are welcome to visit the program at any time. Volunteering provides an opportunity to observe your child in a different setting and the opportunity to get to know the teachers and the other children. Parent involvement plays an important role in the success of our program. Listed below are just some of the ways you can be involved in supporting our preschool:

- Sign up to help with holiday parties in your child's class.
- Help with the various fundraisers and special events throughout the year.
- Share a special talent or hobby with your child's class and the school.
- Make donations to the scholarship program and the playground fund.