

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

PHILOSOPHY OF OUR SCHOOL—OUR CORE VALUES

1. **Our focus is on the children**—Our preschool supports each child in their journey to reach their full potential intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. We respect the beauty and wonder of childhood, and remain focused on the knowledge of how best to help children develop and learn. Our program is a part-time program focused on the best interest and safety of the children who walk through our doors.
2. **Our foundation is the church**—Our preschool is a ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church, and we covenant to care for all children as God calls us to. In Matthew, Jesus says, “Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” We base our work as faithful Christians on clear principles and actively support the faith component of child development through regular chapel sessions.
3. **Our service is to the family and community**—Our preschool believes that children are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture, community and society and we respect the dignity and uniqueness of each child, family member, and colleague. We strive to serve through faithful care of our children, and by seeking opportunities to connect with our community. We celebrate diversity and extend hospitality and respect to all.
4. **Our mindset is one of growth and opportunity**—Our preschool is committed to a continual pattern of growth and development in order to remain in the top echelon of early childhood education providers in the Alexandria area. We encourage the implementation and development of professional curriculum and continued faculty training that reinforces intentional continuity and structure for all classes.
5. **Our strength is in relationships**—Our preschool believes excellence is achieved for our students, faculty, staff, board, families, and all individuals that are involved in the preschool community by building relationships that are based on mutual trust and respect. These relationships are built via clear and honest communication, by constructively resolving conflict as it arises, and always assuming positive intent.

At Trinity Preschool we follow the *Creative Curriculum* which is theory and research based on young children's basic needs, supporting each child's social emotional development, and supporting cognition and brain development. Our program is play-based.

Trinity Preschool accepts children of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.