

First Presbyterian Church Day School

The First Presbyterian Church Day School's mission is to offer a developmentally appropriate educational experience for toddlers and early childhood-aged children in a weekday church school setting.

Learning activities are provided in a nurturing Christian atmosphere that encourages the spiritual, physical, mental, social and emotional development of your child. Because children learn most effectively through a concrete, play-oriented approach, our children are offered a variety of activities to help them explore, discover, and experiment. Our program is process-oriented rather than product-oriented, and therefore, is an active, noisy environment.

We strive to be available to church families and the community at large, and to provide enrichment for those families and their children.

We provide a professional staff under the auspices of the appropriate governing bodies of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. The Day School is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), reflecting our commitment to the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development.

Our program is open to toddlers (18 months old by September 1) through 5-year-olds. Classes meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, depending on the age group and class.

We also offer a Pre-K Bridge program for children who will be 5 years of age by September 1. This program meets Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on the Day School curriculum or events, or to register your child at First Presbyterian Day School, log on to www.fpcf.org/dayschool or call Director Kathy Jauch at 817-335-1231, ext. 256.

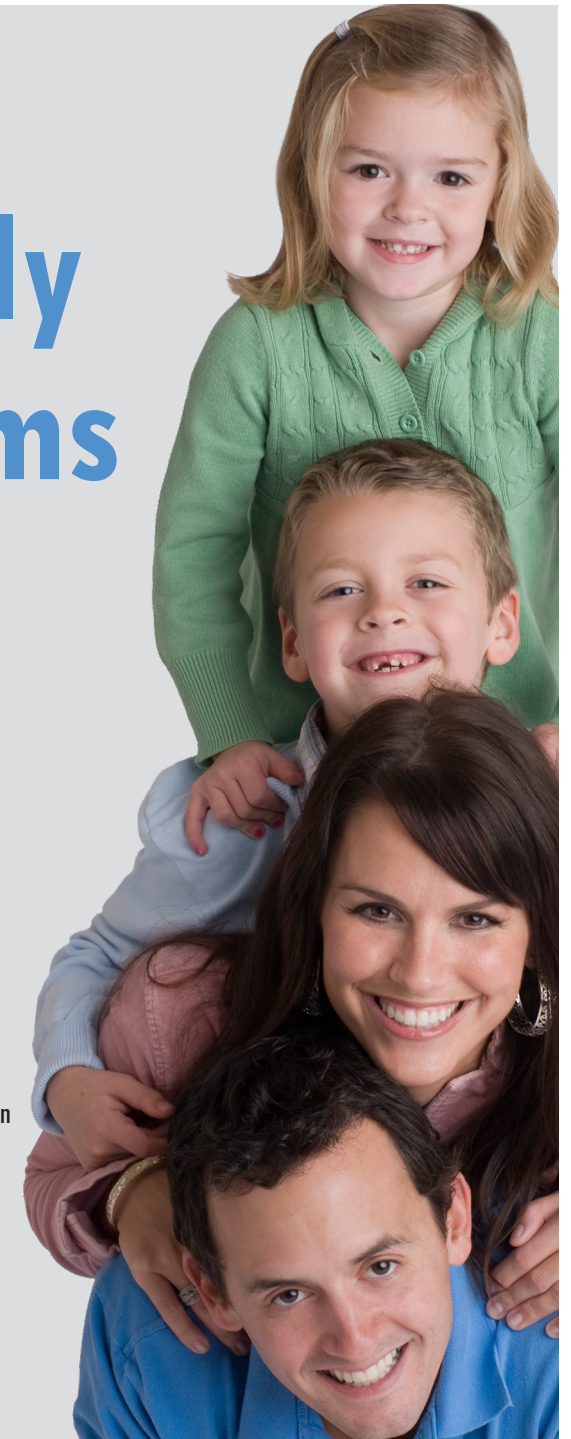
First Family Forums

Life After Preschool

featuring Dr. Jan Lacina
October 6, 11 a.m.

Parenting Workshop

featuring Dr. Christine Dobson
November 8, 6:30 p.m.



Life After Preschool

featuring Dr. Jan Lacina

Thursday, October 6, 11 a.m.

Looking ahead to Kindergarten is an exciting time in a parent's life, but it also raises many questions and increases stress in parents' and children's lives. During this luncheon discussion, you will learn how stress affects your child's development, discuss developmentally appropriate reading and writing skills and receive literacy activities to take home for use with your child.

Reservations are required, as lunch will be served. RSVP to Kathy Jauch by Friday, September 30, at 817-335-2131, ext. 256.



Jan Lacina, Ph.D.

Dr. Jan Lacina is Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and an associate professor of literacy at TCU.

She studies the teaching of reading and writing instruction and is the author of more than 60 publications, including three books. Dr. Lacina was the associate editor for the Journal of Research in Childhood Education from 2009-winter 2011, and began a three-year term as editor this fall. She is also a member of several journal editorial review boards.

Dr. Lacina earned a bachelor of science degree from Baylor and a master of science degree from Texas Woman's University. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas.

She is the mother of twin 7-year-olds who have attended both private and public schools in Fort Worth.

Parenting Workshop

featuring Dr. Christine Dobson

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Early childhood is a time full of growth in every area of development. In fact, by the time a child turns 3 their brain is 90 percent of its adult size! This training will provide a glimpse into what is going on in your preschooler's head. The discussion will focus on early brain development and how children's learning changes during these early years.



Christine Dobson, Ph.D., LMSW

Dr. Christine Dobson has been the Director of Programs and Research for the ChildTrauma Academy since 2001. She oversees partnership programs, including the coordination of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) Certification process that is used by clinicians around the world.

Prior to this, Dr. Dobson was on faculty at Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Dobson's expertise includes child development, family systems and the impact of experience on the developing brain. She has been called to consult on high profile cases such as the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls case in South Africa. She also leads the CTA's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT).

Dr. Dobson earned an undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology from Centenary College and a master of science degree in sociology from Texas A&M. She completed her master's and Ph.D. in social work at the University of Illinois.