Dear Parents,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Little Friends Preschool. Enclosed is the information packet along with the application for the school year to begin next September. With the importance of your child's preschool years, you will want to know as much as possible about our purpose and curriculum before considering enrolling your child in our school.

First, as a part of the ministry of the Mount Bethel Church, this preschool is established as a service to the families and children of this community. This service has grown from a sincere love for children and a desire to help them in the proper development and adjustment in our modern world. This preschool compliments the values found in a good home by enabling the child to spend a part of his day in a world that is child sized and planned so that he/she learns to associate with other children of his/her own age in group activity. Our purpose is to provide an environment that is safe and conducive to good health where children ages 3 and 4 can work and play together while being guided toward a wholesome and spiritual development. All are welcome regardless of race, color and religion.

We feel a child's first school experience ought to be filled with positive memories and lasting value. We provide a Christian atmosphere of respect and loving appreciation for each person and for the wonders of God's world. Each child is encouraged to progress at his own rate of speed while enjoying enriching experiences, gaining self discipline and learning to make worthwhile choices.

The curriculum is designed with a Christ centered approach. The children will learn that they are special because a loving God created them, loves them and sent His Son to be their best friend and Savior. Each child is uniquely designed with a special purpose in life just for them.

As a child's play and work are synonymous, our preschool environment includes activities that are fun and creative as well as foster social, emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual growth. The day is divided into times of free play, organized circle times, snack, games, stories, music, craft time, cleanup and prayer time.
All activities are designed with the goals of fun learning, growth in understanding of self, others and the world, along with growth in a number of skill areas including:

- Social interaction
- Following directions
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Visual, auditory and sensory perception
- Letter sounds, alliteration and rhyming
- Recognition and identification of colors, shapes, numbers and letters
- Listening skills
- Spatial awareness
- Language development
- Kindergarten readiness
- Pattern identification

All activities through the year build upon and repeat previous skills as they intermingle through a variety of topics of study including:

- Shapes and sizes
- Colors
- Our Body
- Cleanliness
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Food Groups
- Safety
- Seasons
- Weather
- Calendar
- Holidays
- Numbers
- Letters
- Rules
- God's love
- Community Helpers
- Our Country
- Love for others
- Transportation
- Animals and Habitats

A variety of means are used for these activities including: cutting, pasting, painting, games, stories, finger plays, music, flannel board materials, books, computer, field trips, music and video tapes. Since most activities are done in game form the emphasis is on exposure and broadening horizons, not drill and necessity of retaining all the material.

Our goal is always a wonderful first school experience for your child.