

## LCOP Junior Class

The Junior class at Little Church on the Prairie Preschool is often the first school experience for three and young four-year-old children. We strive to make this first experience a fun, comfortable, and educational experience. Children are introduced to many basic school experiences such as playing interactively, sharing, and waiting their turn to share during circle discussion time. We learn to ask questions and give compliments to friends, as well as learning friends' names, and recognizing their written names. During art time, we encourage free expression as well as directed art. In circle time, we engage in movement and music activities, we count, and we learn our letters. Body awareness activities encourage both fine and gross motor development. We have a variety of manipulatives available to encourage imaginary play. Each week we introduce a new theme which is supported by art, songs, movement, stories, and direct discussion. We have special activities such as baking days, field trips, and Mom and Dad events. The Junior class prepares the students to go on the Pre-K class.