

## 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. We introduce children to many basic school experiences such as playing interactively, sharing, waiting their turn to share during circle discussion time, asking questions and giving compliments to friends, learning friends' names, and recognizing their names. During art time we encourage free expression as well as directed art, and we offer many different mediums and techniques to explore their creativity.

During our circle time, we do lots of movement and music activities, we count and learn our letters. We learn sign language for many songs and do body awareness activities to encourage both fine and gross motor development. We have many different manipulatives available to always encourage imaginary play and education in a play-like environment. We introduce a new theme each week which is supported by art, songs, movement, stories, and direct discussion. We have many special activities such as baking days, a Christmas pageant, Field trips, and Mom and Dad events.

The Junior class prepares the students to go on the AM Pre-K class as a 4-year-old or the Pre-K class as a 4.5 to 5 yr. old.