



## Why Sonshine Kids Kindergarten?

*"Kindergarten program is one of the best I've ever seen. The class is small and loving. The curriculum is rigorous and fun at the same time, including a strong science program. The children leave this class ready to shine in first grade."* current kinder parent, E. Ross

Sonshine Kids Kindergarten class offers a program for kids with a low student/teacher ratio of 12:2. We utilize Starfall Reading and Language Arts curriculum that is motivational and engaging while integrating Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension and Writing. This class incorporates journal writing and guided reading with hands-on math and science, while still getting to enjoy the FUN of a preschool setting! This class will participate in weekly school-wide chapel services, Music class, P.E. class and computer lab.

### Research

National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) reports that smaller class sizes allow teachers to interact more effectively with the children and provide more individualized instruction. In a small class, the teacher gets to know students better and responds more quickly and appropriately to tailor instruction to children who need help. The teacher spends more time talking to and teaching students and less time managing the class.

The National Day Care Study randomly assigned preschool students to a class size. The study concluded that children in small preschool classes ended the year with more knowledge, larger vocabularies and more cooperative behaviors, and they experienced fewer conflicts with classmates than children in larger classes. According to the Great Schools staff, the gains continued as the students got older; students assigned to smaller classes are held back less often, achieve higher grades, and are more likely to graduate.



Is your child ready?  
Academically?  
Socially?  
Emotionally?



### Teacher Education & Philosophy

Ms. Lisa Le has a Bachelor of Arts in Child Psychology; Master of Science in Social Work; Master of Arts in Teaching. Texas State Certified teacher for Early Child through 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Mathematics 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Lisa has taught at Sonshine Kids since 2008.

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think — rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men. ~Bill Beattie

We invite you to come and visit our Kindergarten classroom anytime. This will allow you to observe the class and see first hand what our Kindergarten program is all about. Please contact Director, Janet Hilger at 214-513-1699 or [jhilger.fmumc@gmail.com](mailto:jhilger.fmumc@gmail.com) for questions. Visit our website at [www.fmumc.net](http://www.fmumc.net) for more information.