

## The Learning Center Facts

- LA State Licensed Class B Day Care Facility
- Qualified Staff Who Meet and Exceed State Requirements
- Balanced Program of Language Development and Cognitive Reasoning
- Age Appropriate Curriculum
- Frog Street Curriculum—Pre K
- Church Gym for Indoor Activities
- Outside Playground that is Safe and Secure
- Weekly Chapel led by Minister
- Classroom Learning Centers
- Year Round Program
- Appropriate Field Trips that Enhance Learning
- Organized Environment that Balances Rest with Activity, Small with Large Group Activity and Teacher Instruction with Child Choice
- Two Healthful Snacks Each Day
- Operated Under the Auspices of First United Methodist Church

Methodist Children's Learning Center  
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Hours of Operation  
Monday—Friday  
6:30AM—5:30PM

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## Methodist Children's Learning Center

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## Learning Center Program

Begun as Mother's Morning Out in the 1970's, The Methodist Children's Learning Center has grown into a full week day program to meet the needs of today's families. Children of all faiths, one year through PreK, are accepted. They are offered a balanced program that enables each child to grow physically, mentally, socially and spiritually through participation in individual, small and large activities.

Recognizing that play is a child's work and that through play children learn to interact with others in an acceptable and loving way, classrooms are set up with learning centers. In these centers a child can manipulate materials, create with blocks and paint and use language to develop important concepts. Teachers introduce activities that are appropriate to the child's developmental needs and are aware of each child's interests and uniqueness. We also Teach the Frog Street Curriculum in our Pre-School classes.

Methodist Children's Learning Center is a state certified Level One licensed daycare Facility

This facility is managed according to the Louisiana Department of Education Guidelines. State background checks are maintained and Safety and security measures are enforced. Teachers receive C P R and first aid training along with 12 hours of continuing education classer each year

Methodist Children's Learning Center is a ministry of First United Methodist Church of DeRidder and is governed by a Day School Board that is ultimately responsible to the Church Council. Day to day operations are under the administration of the Director.

*Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

### The Learning Center Mission

To offer a high quality child program enabling children to grow physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually to their full potential.

To offer unconditional Christ-like love and to serve as a ministry outreach of First United Methodist Church.

### A Message from the Director

I am so blessed to be the Director of Methodist Children's Learning Center. Early childhood education is my passion. I pledge to the families of the children enrolled to strive daily to ensure each child's individual needs are met with love and concern. My door is always open.

Natalie Ruano