



# Pathways School

*A Ministry of the  
Dripping Springs United Methodist Church*

The **curriculum** at Pathways School is based on how a child **develops**. Looking at a child's cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and creative development our classes help your child develop age appropriate skills.

Beginning in our two year-old classes, we introduce "**Mat Man**" from **Handwriting Without Tears** (HWT) and begin working on fine motor development that promotes handwriting, scissor, and other fine motor functions. The HWT program is used **all the way through** our kindergarten class.

Our **Music** and **Movement** program (and **P.E.** for kindergarten) helps students develop their large motor **skills** such as hopping, jumping, running, throwing/catching a ball, skipping, and balancing. The curriculum in this class uses a variety of **creative** teaching styles (interactive storytelling, games, songs, dancing, instruments) to help these skills **develop within your child**.

Our **Science** class introduces students to the world around them and gives them an opportunity to learn more about the world **God** has **made**. Students begin the year learning about science safety and how to stay safe and healthy. Throughout the year, students make **observations**, conduct **investigations** and learn science **vocabulary** while using **real science tools**.

During **Chapel time**, students learn about the **Bible** and how the Bible **applies** to us **today**. This year, we are focusing on **character traits**. By using stories from the Bible coupled with monthly memory **verses** and **songs** children are learning more about how **God** wants us to **live**.

In **each classroom**, teachers provide creative, innovative and developmentally appropriate best practice for **spiritual development**, motor skills, math skills and concepts, pre-reading and reading skills, pre-writing and writing skills, science, social studies (looking at world starting with our **families** and **classes** and extending outward), art, music and **much, much more!**

We offer 2, 3, and 5 day a week classes for children ages two through four as well as a full time kindergarten. Our **kindergarten** class follows the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) set forth by the state, the same as a public school kindergarten. **Low ratios** enable the students to spend time in **small groups** as well as receive **one-on-one** instruction from the teacher. The kindergarten follows a nine week grading period with report cards going home at the end of each period.