

St. Andrew UMC Preschool

May 23, 2018

Dear Preschool Director:

It's time to plan staff training activities for next year! We hope to help your teachers get off to a great start with access to new ideas from our 2018 Training Event. Please copy the attached sheets for your teachers. I hope you will find choices that meet your staff development needs.

We hope to be approved for 4 hours of Bright from the Start (BFTS) staff development training. Sessions are scheduled from 9:00-11:00 and from 11:30 - 1:30 on August 7 at St Andrew UMC Preschool. Please arrive between 8:30 - 8:45 in order to be ready to start at 9:00. Check-in will again be in the first class - no separate check-in. Greeters will give directions at all entrances. Please carpool! We will have a special parking area in the front lot for cars with at least 3 teachers.

The registration price includes a sack lunch and drink. Lunches and drinks will be available for pick up immediately after the 1<sup>st</sup> session. We plan to offer Chick-fil-A sandwiches in the lunch.

Please fill in the number of staff you anticipate sending. You may add to the number during the summer, if space permits. (We do not refund cancellations except in rare circumstances.) We will cut off registrations at 500 this year (last year we had almost 600). I hope we will all have a fun and stress free day with a smaller number!

Mail your school's registration with a check. Please do not ask your teachers to register individually.

**Members of the Georgia Preschool Association get a \$5 per participant discount.** The discount is available to the first 10 member teachers from your school who register or a maximum of \$50 per school.

*Special Note: We have an exhibitor that does custom or pre-made felt board stories. Your teachers will want some! They are cute and inexpensive!*

**Please register by June 20, 2018.**

See you in August!! You will get a confirmation email in July!!

Jenni Cockrell, St. Andrew UMC Preschool, GA Preschool Association

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Mail this form for the August 7, 2018 Training Event to:

St. Andrew UMC Preschool  
3455 Canton Rd., Marietta, GA 30066

School \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

important for follow-up information ->

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$42 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GPA Member discount (\$5 each member; max \$50 per school) \$ - \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check to St. Andrew Preschool Check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## A Whole New World!

Join us for the 2018 Training Event! See how new activities and effective techniques can help transform your classroom into a Whole New World.

Reserved parking area in the front parking lot for vehicles with 3 or more! Please carpool!

Check-in begins at 8:30. Pick up class information at any entrance and go directly to your 1<sup>st</sup> class.

The registration fee includes LUNCH for participants.

Our schedule includes 2 sessions: 9 - 11:00 and 11:30 - 1:30 for 4 hours of BFTS credit

We have 13 choices - you pick 2!

St. Andrew UMC is located at 3455 Canton Road, Marietta, GA 30066

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### Maria Abercrombie From Good to Great Session A

Having a strong business foundation and sound leadership are crucial to program quality. Assessing program quality puts the program in a much better position to support children's development and potential and promote your program to the community. Come discover ten areas of quality programs!

Directors

### Maria Abercrombie Taking on Toddlers Session B

Biting, Kicking and Pushing in the toddler classroom can often be challenging. Come learn how to gain new insights into toddler behavior and therapist recommended strategies for encouraging children's curiosity while setting limits when needed. Infants and toddler teachers

### Rodney Piers Expect the Unexpected SessionA&B

Every preschool teacher and administrator needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Come and learn how to how properly respond to various types of man-made and natural disasters, ensuring the safety and security of children. Creating procedures in case of a variety of emergencies for your school will be discussed.

### Jennifer Vann Recognizing and Addressing Anxious Children SessionA&B

Studies show that children and adolescents are experiencing higher rates of anxiety than ever before. Teachers get a firsthand look at how children express their anxiety, how parents are trying to cope and some ideas of how to address anxiety in the classroom.

### Dede Reilly Lessons Learned from a Preschooler's Toy box Session A&B

Without consciously knowing it, our childhood toys have already taught us some of the most important and effective leadership lessons we need to succeed. Join us as we explore how Lego Bricks teach us how to connect and build relationships, how a Slinky Dog teaches us how to pull, and then be patient, and the communication skills that come from Mr. Potato Head will make you laugh and feel more confident in your leadership roles.

### Terry Graham and Barb Gordon Parts is Parts SessionA&B

What are loose parts and what have they got to do with the preschool classroom? Come find out how loose parts in your classroom can promote active learning, encourage critical thinking and foster social competence!

Bev Galeza

Sensory Integration

Session A&B

Sensory integration is a popular topic in the early childhood environment. Come and discover what Sensory Integration is and what happens when there are problems. We will also discuss realistic solutions for integration in the classroom.

Merry Bentley-Barlow

Get it From Them

Session A&B

Want to create an authentic classroom community, but don't know where to start? This dynamic, research based workshop will teach you the how and why to be a responsive preschool teacher. Learn strategies to establish routines and boundaries, set expectations, increase cooperation, problem solve a variety of issues, and help children resolve their own conflicts. Developmentally appropriate examples and resources for a range of ages will be presented.

Helen Geesey

Teaching Techniques

Session A&B

Explore techniques to make all your students more successful, including those with special needs. Make your classroom a "Whole New World" with a repertoire of techniques to approach teaching opportunities as a confident, engaged teacher.

Discuss and practice techniques such as reflection, redirection, materials management, task analysis, defining space, and controlled vocabulary.

Hope Long

Early Sprouts

Session A&B

Learn ways to create a nutritionally and spiritually purposeful classroom. This seed to table program provides teachers with ideas for gardening, fruit and vegetable of the month activities and cooking with children. Hands-on activities include exploring fruits and vegetables, learning about nutrition and gardening skills to meet all areas of development in the Georgia Early Learning Standards. In addition, the virtues of the nine Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 are also incorporated into the activities to teach the whole child, mind, body and spirit!

Ashley Blakely

Positive Art Exposure

Session A&B

Savannah College of Art and Design Salutatorian, Ashley will share techniques for expanding art in your classroom. Hear tips and techniques for incorporating art and artists into all areas of learning. Come and discover ways to study individual artists while incorporating their style into your classroom art.

Gina Mansour

Boxes, Bowls and Buckets

Session A&B

Boxes, bowls and buckets can be used in so many ways to liven up your classroom. From weaving ribbons through a drying rack to using ice cube trays to sort, this class will give participants ideas for containing materials in a way that is organized and easily assessable. In addition, we will discuss different ways to change learning materials throughout the year to keep students' interests high.

Terri Talley

Fun With Music

Session A&B

Whether through singing, playing, moving and creating, students are able to experience music. Come and explore fun techniques and ideas for incorporating music in your classroom. Plan to leave with wonderful ideas for music, movement, and creativity.