



## Play-Based Learning Environment

Community of Faith's Weekday Preschool program is designed as a play-based learning environment. A play-based curriculum allows children to learn through play where the activities are age and developmentally appropriate. The teachers design the room and activities in way that the child has the ability to freely play and participate in each learning center in the classroom. The learning areas in our classrooms are a library center, science/math center, literacy/writing center, free art center, daily art center, playdough center, sensory center, building block area, dramatic play/home living area, and additional learning toys. The teachers facilitate and work with the children in the areas for the children to move around and experience the areas for exploration and growth. The classroom also will have time allotted for large group time together with teacher directed activities. Gross motor activities are provided daily for the children to continue to develop these beneficial large muscle groups. Students attend extra-curricular classes each week. The extra classes consist of: Music and Movement, Bible Story for Praise and Worship; Sign Language; and Spanish. In implementing a play-based curriculum setting, the children will gain valuable skills, such as, social and emotional development with others, and cognitive growth that will be beneficial to build on in preparation for kindergarten.