



2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

The Little Red Schoolhouse

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*“Children with their faces up; Holding wonder like a cup”
Sara Teasdale*

“JUST FOR TWO’S”

We are pleased to tell you about the Little Red Schoolhouse of Metairie. Our beautiful school has a character all its own amid the lovely oak trees of Old Metairie. The Little Red Schoolhouse was established in 1975. The school is licensed by the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services and complies with all standards put forth by that Department and licensed as well by Jefferson Parish, the State Board of Health and the State Fire Marshall.

The school is owned and under the directorship of Connie Richardson and Debbie Schweter. Connie attended Southeastern Louisiana University and holds a degree in Early Childhood Education. Debbie holds a B.A. in Elementary Education from Louisiana Tech University and specialized in Early Childhood Development.

Our building is 10,000 sq. ft. and includes a library/music room, large indoor playrooms, two art rooms, a 1500 sq. ft. indoor gym and classrooms. The Young Four and Older Four Pre K classes have computer lofts and a mini art room. The Toddler wings of the school are self-contained classrooms. All Toddler classes offer a playroom area, art area and a storytime room. Our beautiful playground is 10,000 sq. ft. and is located behind the school. Vehicular access is via Metairie Avenue, which allows easy drop off and pick up of the children.

It is the philosophy of The Little Red Schoolhouse that early childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring and discovery. Preschool children are creative and receptive; the staff strives to nurture and encourage these qualities in the children who attend the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Our primary aim is to provide an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth and development as a whole. We at The Little Red Schoolhouse realize the importance of being entrusted with your child’s earliest and first school experience. This is an honor and privilege as well as responsibility. Children have taught us that they learn as they experience, and that their experience is through play. We look forward to giving your children a happy and fun filled day.

Our day includes: Unit Time, Art, Circle Time, Indoor Play, Storytime, Snack, Music/Movement, Outdoor Play and Indoor Gym Time. Our curriculum will be centered around a different theme every month. A new furry hand puppet will be introduced each month to coordinate with our monthly theme. Our puppet “friends” – just to name a few- Cuddles the Lamb, Pumpkin Raccoon, Muffin Mouse, and Zippy the Turtle, are guaranteed to delight the children. Language development is stimulated through flannel board activities that involve everyone’s participation. Our art activities help develop the senses and value individual expression. The children will experience “hands on” activities and do indeed “learn by doing”. The children enjoy celebrating holidays, birthdays and presentations from special visitors, local storytellers and puppeteers. We follow the guidelines recommended by the N.A.E.Y.C. regarding developmentally appropriate practices in our curriculum. Parents are informed of the activities through monthly calendars and newsletters. We use SHUTTERFLY, an online resource, for parents to view monthly newsletters, calendars, song sheets, classroom photos and special events. We schedule a fall open house and a winter parent-teacher conference.