



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ELEMENTARY

## **What's growing?**

Dear Friends of First Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Preschool,

Greetings, from the happiest place on Earth. Gazing at the large Ponderosa pine tree in front of First Presbyterian Church, it is symbolic of an exciting journey that began as a seed and has already sprouted into a tiny sapling. The creation of a school to serve children beyond their time at the Preschool was actually an idea and request by parents many times over - and now is the providential time to turn it into a reality. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned education as we knew it on its head, and many of us did not want to return to the large masses of kids in public school. So rather than homeschool in isolation, a group of families have come together to give our children an opportunity to continue learning in-person in the richness of the Reggio Emilia-inspired model that is First Presbyterian Preschool (FPP.)

We are so honored and excited to tell you that First Presbyterian Elementary School (FPE) will host its inaugural class of 30 wonderful students this year in grades 1 thru 6 beginning on September 8, 2020. Our philosophy paints a beautiful picture of who we are and who we dream to become.

*First Presbyterian Elementary School seeks to cultivate a progressive, collaborative learning environment that reveals and empowers the worth, dignity, and limitless potential of all children, fostering life-long learners. As a Reggio Emilia inspired school, we honor and facilitate each child's divinely-bestowed desire to discover, inquire, and explore the world around them, stewarding emergent generations of confident creators. Together, parents, teachers and students, develop and nurture individualized opportunities for physical, social, spiritual, and intellectual development. Sponsored by a Christian church, we share with our children the stories of our religious heritage, and also welcome and engage with the rich diversity of faith traditions in our community.*

Just as the Preschool opened its doors with the help of its community 40 years ago, we are seeking to do the same. We have received tremendous support from our church home, First Presbyterian Church (FPC). We are immensely blessed to have the counsel of the Preschool's beloved director and founder Ms. Cece Neal, and to form the school under the leadership of FPC's Pastor, Neal Locke and Organizational Director (and founding parent) Malysa Villescas. As you can imagine, we have tremendous work ahead of us. The entire FPE board, comprised of parents and educators, come to you with enthusiasm and hope to ask for your help.

Please see our list of needed items and sponsorship levels that will help prepare our school environment and raise our \$20,000 goal for our flagship year. There are many opportunities to contribute, whether by donating items or giving financially, to help us make this school the inspired learning environment we envision for our children and for generations of children to come.

## **How can I feed the cause?**

*You may give give new or gently used items of any kind:*

Mason jars of all sizes

Microscopes

Hot glue guns  
Baskets  
Art easels  
Art supplies (paper, paint, brushes, canvases etc.)  
Binoculars  
Magnifying glasses  
Outdoor rugs/roll-up mats  
Picture frames of all sizes  
Scooters  
Outdoor toys (balls, hula hoops, buckets, shovels etc.)  
Art drying rack  
Children's stools/chairs  
Pots/planters  
Wooden bowls  
Rolling carts  
Camp chairs  
Igloo water dispensers  
World globes  
Maps  
Clipboards  
Office supplies  
Wood (pressure treated, 2x4, 2x6, stumps, branches etc.)  
Rolling desk chairs for teachers  
Desks or tables  
Projector  
Loose parts (recyclables, small wood cookies, marbles, smooth stones, etc.)  
Wooden blocks  
Collapsible canopies

**Mondel Pine Sponsor \$5000+**

**Sycamore Sponsor \$2500+**

**Mesquite Sponsor \$1000+**

**Texas Madrone Sponsor \$500+**

**Honey Locust Sponsor \$250+**

**Live Oak Sponsor \$100+**

**Palo Verde Sponsor \$50+**

**Sprouts Sponsorship Opportunities (1st grade)**

Classroom Sponsor \$1000

[Spielgaben Complete Learning System](#) \$500

Refurbished research computer/iPad \$250

[LED sensory light table](#) \$144

[Light Sandbox Sensory Activity Table](#) \$309

### **Seedlings Sponsorship Opportunities (2nd & 3rd grades)**

Classroom Sponsor \$1000

[Spielgaben Complete Learning System](#) \$500

Refurbished research computer/iPad \$250

[LED sensory light table](#) \$144

[Porta-Trace Lumen Series LED Light Panel](#) \$120

[LED activity tablet](#) \$100

### **Saplings Sponsorship Opportunities (4th, 5th & 6th grades)**

Classroom Sponsor \$1000

[Spielgaben Complete Learning System](#) \$500

Refurbished research computer/iPad \$250

[LED sensory light table](#) \$144

[Porta-Trace Lumen Series LED Light Panel](#) \$120

[LED activity tablet](#) \$100

### **Rooted in education**

**We are curating a library and would love the following:**

Books (new and used)

Children's Encyclopedias

Dictionaries

### **Sustenance for short and long-term survival**

*FPE is working on some building improvements and you may sponsor any of these:*

Water bottle filler \$549

Hallway hand washing double sink and faucets (2) \$300

Bathroom faucets for girls and boys bathrooms upstairs and downstairs (6) \$100

[Apollo UVC lights](#) (3) \$375 each

Air Purifier - [Air Doctor](#) \$379 or [Dyson Pure Cool](#) \$400

### **Outdoor Environment Sponsorship Opportunities**

Every day the children will spend at least half of their time at school outside.

Fencing Sponsor \$12,000

Garden Beds Sponsor \$200

Water Play Sponsor \$75

Mud Kitchen Sponsor \$50

Sand Box Sponsor \$200

Community Built Play Wooden Structure Sponsor \$750

Shade Sails Sponsor \$250

Wooden Kid's Balance Beam \$25

Music Garden Sponsor \$50

Math Shed Sponsor \$75

See Saw Sponsor \$75

Tree Swing Sponsor \$50

### **Indoor Environment Sponsorship Opportunities**

Library Sponsor \$1500

Rugs (new)

Floor Cushions (new)

Flexible Seating (scoop chairs, balance balls, poufs) \$50+

White Board \$150  
Custom Magnet Boards (3) \$100 each  
Indoor Plants and Pots \$250  
Teacher's Desks  
Kid's Tables  
Automatic Hand Soap Dispensers (5) \$50 each  
Easels (10) \$60 each  
[Casso Display Rail Art Hanging System](#) \$45 for each 72" rail  
Microscopes (6) \$40 each

### **Amazon Wish List Link**

We have created a wish list for smaller things on Amazon if you prefer to help in that way. Please follow [THIS LINK](#).

### **Leaves of Grass and Gratitude**

As First Presbyterian Elementary cultivates the hearts and minds of numerous children for many years to come, we are extremely grateful for your support today. As a founding sponsor, you will receive recognition on a permanent handmade marker that will echo the aesthetic of the Church and the Preschool.

### **Ways to give...**

Please contact Elizabeth Margo at 915 209 9529 for more information on any specific item(s) or how to give in person, by mail, or online. Every donation is deeply appreciated.

With gratitude and sincere thanks,

First Presbyterian Elementary Board, Committee Chairs and Members, Advisors and Teachers

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