

**WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL
IS ACCREDITED BY ARS**

Westlake United Methodist Preschool is accredited by *Austin Rising Star*, as a *4 Star Provider*.

The Texas Rising Star and Austin Rising Star programs were developed to provide families with the quality child care they need. To be an Austin Rising Star, child care providers must meet quality requirements that exceed the state's minimum licensing standards and that are designed to enhance the intellectual, physical, and social/emotional development of the children in care.

ARS programs assess quality standards in these areas:

- Staff qualifications
- Director qualifications
- Staff Orientation
- Staff Training
- Group size
- Curriculum and activities
- Caregiver to child interactions
- Indoor/outdoor environments
- Health and Safety
- Nutrition/meal times
- Early literacy
- Parental involvement