

**Class Assignments for Certification Program**  
**Assignments must be turned in two weeks after the class.**

**CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTIONS**

For a substitution to be made the following must be accomplished:

1. Permission must be given before the substitution is made. Permission is only given by Diane Lane.
2. If a substitution conference is substituted for a class, the assigned book that the substitution is being made must still be read and the post response paper must still be written. For example, the Weekday Conference is substituted for the Characteristics seminar. The assigned book *must* be read, the assignment completed, and the post response paper must still be turned in.

**Theology of Children**

Read four different passages of scripture in the Bible that indicate children were valued. Read 4 chapters around the passages that pertain to the children—the chapters before and after. Write a two-page paper on "How The Bible Honors Children." This is to be turned in at the beginning of the session.

**Post assignment that must be completed and turned in before credit will be given for this session:**

Write a two-page response paper on how you are going to implement what you have learned in the seminar.

**Essentials for Ministry**

Read the following book: *Enduring Connections: Creating a Preschool and Children's Ministry* (ISBN: 978-0-827208-21-6) Can be ordered through Amazon.com

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**Characteristics of Preschoolers and Children**

Read the following book: *Teaching Preschoolers: First Steps of Faith* (can be ordered through Amazon.com). Observe a child and note how they match the characteristics which Tommy Sanders writes. This paper should be two pages and double-spaced.

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## The Principles of Teaching

Read the following book: *Boys and Girls Learn Differently* by Michael Gurian. (ISBN: 0-7879-6117-5) Can be ordered through Amazon.com. Write a two page paper on how children and preschoolers learn. Use at least two illustrations from your church.

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## Implementation of a Safe Ministry Area

You can download the following book on this website:

<https://texasbaptists.org/ministries/other-ministries/church-administration>

*Keeping Your Church Out Of Court* by William Korb, Michael Bourland, and Darren Moore

Please bring with you written policies that pertain to your area. The policies should include the following: child abuse prevention, teacher screening, job descriptions for paid and volunteer teachers, and a planned security system. We will then compare those with copies of other churches.

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## Guidance in the Classroom

Read the following book: *Every Child Can Succeed* by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias. Choose your three favorite chapters and write a one-page reflection paper on each chapter. Be ready to reference the material during the seminar's discussion.

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## Leadership in the Church

Read the following book: *Formational Children's Ministry: Shaping Children Using Story, Ritual, and Relationship* by Ivy Beckwith. Be ready to reference information from the book during the seminar. Write a two-page outline of the three chapters that meant the most to you. There will be a total of 6 pages of outline material. The assignment will be turned in at the conclusion of the seminar.

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## Family Ministry

Read the following book: *Parenting is Heart Work* by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller. (ISBN 10: 0-7814-4152-8) Can be ordered from Amazon.com. Write a two-page paper on this topic. "The Greatest Five Things I Learned From This Book." The assignment will be turned in at the conclusion of the seminar.

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## Special Needs Ministry

Read the following book: *Autism And Your Church* by Barbara Newman. The book can be ordered through this website: <https://clcnetwork.org/shop/>. Read the book and outline 2 chapters of your choice. This outline should be 4 pages.

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