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LEARNING CENTER



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Thank you for your interest in First Baptist Learning Center. We believe that our outstanding program and staff are built on a solid foundation of excellence that has been represented by more than 40 years of educational service to the McKinney community. FBLC is a member of the Early Childhood Director's Network, NAEYC and the Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association.

FBLC's Kindergarten is a wonderful program that provides a variety of options for five year olds (as of September 1st). After completing the kindergarten class, children are equipped for first grade. However, some parents choose to use this as a transition year for public/private kindergarten. The kindergarten class size is kept smaller than public kindergarten in order to allow more one-on-one teacher time. The classroom ratio is no higher than 14 students to one Kinder teacher and a teacher's aide.

Our program uses a combination of curriculum resources including, Everyday Mathematics, Handwriting Without Tears and Lucy Caulkins as well . We align our curriculum with [Texas Essential Knowledge Skills](#) so we are always at the forefront of the best developmentally appropriate practices. These resources are used alongside the monthly themes chosen by FBLC Administration as well as Lifeway's Levels of Biblical Learning in order to teach age appropriate spiritual concepts and Christian values. Our curriculum focuses on whole child development as we strive to provide opportunities that extend far beyond academics. The kindergarten classroom provides a balance of play and direct instruction to ease students from preschool to a public/private school setting, whether they will go to kindergarten or first grade.

Kindergarten has a scheduled snack and lunch provided by parents and follows a similar classroom schedule to that of a public school classroom. In addition, we provide several enrichment opportunities in music, art studio and outdoor exploration in the outdoor classroom.

The premise of the outdoor classroom is that if you can do it inside, you can do it outside. Children benefit from spending more time outdoors. We believe that increasing the time that our students spend outdoors is a perfect way to nurture their sense of wonder.

Our weekday preschool program and staff are supervised by the Minister of Marriage and Family of First Baptist McKinney. While the weekday program is an integral part of the Children's Ministry of First Baptist, it is funded entirely by the tuition and fees of students. Our fees and tuition reflect a competitive and fair rate to cover all expenses including classroom resources, specials, and payroll.

Please click through our site for details regarding the upcoming school year. FBLC follows the MISD calendar from Labor Day to early May . Information is available regarding tuition, curriculum, and program options. Thank you for considering First Baptist Learning Center for your child's educational needs.

Statement of Purpose

First Baptist Learning Center is a ministry of First Baptist McKinney that seeks to provide a nurturing Christian environment in which every child can grow and develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically. First Baptist Learning Center also serves as a support system for parents by providing quality care and educational guidance.

Core Values

Faith:

It is crucial to our program to have well-trained teachers who are committed to loving and teaching children and are authentic Christian role models. It is our desire to develop the total child within the context of a Christian perspective to help each child become all God has created them to be. FBLC advocates faith development for all children through developmentally appropriate Bible teaching, which goes beyond facts and involves life application of the Scripture.

Family:

Parents and families are an integral part of FBLC's foundation. We believe it is vital to partner with families to provide effective Christian education for children. It is the desire of FBLC to see our parents involved and enjoying the program as much as the children.

Play:

It is the primary way that children learn and develop ideas about the world. Play aids in the development of skills needed for critical thinking and leadership. Play also helps children become problem solvers and gain confidence in learning. We know that children learn best through play so we follow each child's interests and decide the best approach to help prepare them for success in school. Play is not a break from learning-it's the way young children learn.

Environment:

FBLC believes in providing a secure, safe and well-equipped environment for children that enhances the teaching/learning process. This environment not only encourages safety and academics, but is a place for hands-on learning, creativity and developmental play. We have enhanced our environment by adding an outdoor classroom. The outdoor classroom is an extension of the indoor classroom and is considered another space for learning. It addresses the child as a whole (spiritually, physically, emotionally, cognitively, and socially.) It also provides an opportunity to integrate nature into the school day. FBLC provides age-appropriate teacher/child ratios to optimize the learning experience for each individual child, according to his/her learning style.

We will not hide truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, his power and his mighty wonders."

Psalms 78:4

Components of Our Daily Routine

Our kindergarten utilizes a curriculum that is based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), which are the state standards for what students should know and be able to do. This consists of a framework that sequences which concepts and skills should be taught and when they should be taught throughout the year, as well as provides a flexible set of resources (texts, lessons, supplemental instructional materials, etc.) that teachers can use to teach those skills and concepts.

- Bible Lesson- During this time we will practice the monthly verse and retell the bible story for the week. We will incorporate art and various activities during this time as well.
- Readers Workshop- Our goal is to develop proficient and strategic readers and writers. We embrace a balanced program, including the following components: teacher read aloud, shared reading, word study activities, guided reading, strategy groups and independent reading. The comprehension strategies include: purposes of reading, asking and responding to questions, monitoring and adjusting comprehension, making inferences, summarizing information, and making connections to our own experiences.
- Literacy Stations- During this time we will meet with guided reading groups. If your child is not meeting with the teacher, they will be engaged in Literacy Station tasks such as: reading, listening to reading, letter work, word work and writing.
- Writer's Workshop- We also want to develop students who love to share and write stories. Our workshop will include a mini-lesson, time for independent writing, conferring and sharing time.
- Mathematics- All activities are hands-on and spiral through skills children will need to become successful mathematicians. Students will be involved in daily problem-solving, number talks and math stations.
- Science/Social Studies- We follow the Kindergarten TEKS and incorporate activities through FBLC's themes.
- Specials- Students attend special classes weekly such as Music and Art Studio.

Kindergarteners learn best through experience and hands-on, engaging activities. You will not see many worksheets coming home. We will use one or more methods of communication -private Facebook page, seesaw app, email or weekly newsletter where we will post pictures of class activities and other important information.



Tuition and Registration Information

Below are the list of class options and the tuition & registration fee that applies.

A child's "age group" is determined by the age they are as of **September 1st, 2021**.

Age Group	Program Option	Days	Tuition	Registration Fee
18-24 Month	Two Day	T/TH	\$220	\$220
Twos	Two Day	T/TH	\$220	\$220
Twos	Three Day	T/W/TH	\$315	\$315
Threes	Two Day	T/TH	\$220	\$220
Threes	Three Day	T/W/TH	\$315	\$315
Pre-K (4s)	Two Day	T/TH	\$220	\$220
Pre-K (4s)	Three Day	T/W/TH	\$315	\$315
Pre-K (4s)	Four Day	M/T/W/TH	\$375	\$375
Kindergarten	Four Day	M/T/W/TH	\$410	\$410

- Tuition is a flat rate per child based on the program days chosen.
- The registration fee equals one month's tuition and is non-refundable. This fee covers supplies, classroom needs, and restocks our resource room. **Half of the registration fee is due to hold your child's spot.**
- There is a \$10/month sibling discount for 2nd and 3rd children enrolled in the program.
- The second half of registration is due April 13, 2021



Tuition and Registration Information

- All registration information, admission forms, and payment information are available online.
- There will be no exceptions to the listed tuition and registration rates. All children enrolled in the program will be required to pay the registration fees and the listed monthly tuition. A parent must pay the expected monthly tuition of any child holding a spot in the program even if the child does not begin in the program on the first day of school. Spots will not be held for children unless registration fees and monthly tuition are paid as due. Any financial concerns or considerations should be submitted to the FBLC administrative staff. Scholarship applications are available in the FBLC office if needed. Please contact our director for questions at Joanne@firstmckinney.com

2021 Registration www.firstmckinney.com/fblc .	Date	Fee Required* (1/2 due, to hold spot for the fall)	Admission Paperwork due on or before	Balance of registration fee due on or before**
Currently Enrolled Families	January 5, 2021	When contacted by FBLC	April 13, 2021	April 13, 2021
New FBLC Families	February 1, 2021	When contacted by FBLC	April 13, 2021	April 13, 2021

* Registration fees are non-refundable. Accepted methods of payment will be a Mastercard or VISA.

** If the balance of registration fee is not paid in full by April 13, 2021, your child's spot may be released and given to a student on the waitlist.



Please read below to learn what former parents had to say about FBLC's Kinder Program:

This was my son's first year in school and at FBLC. I cannot say enough good things. They work tirelessly to make amazing educational experiences for these kiddos. His teachers were a GOD-send! Each day was a brand new day for my full-of-energy kid. They didn't just teach Jesus everyday, they genuinely show Jesus' love to him. We love FBLC
-Laura Smith, 2018-2019

"We have had four sons go through First Baptist Learning Center Kindergarten. It is an essential first step for our children's educational journey. In our experience, our boys have been introduced with quality instruction in small class sizes and we believe our kids are getting the most out of the instructional day. Our kids have had more hands-on involvement with their teacher and their growth in speech, reading, and math has been noticed by us. They also love their elective teachers and fun activities provided. The 4 day/week program is packed full of activities, but as a mother, I enjoy the Friday's with my son. First Baptist is licensed and we are excited that our children are prepared for the next step in their education. I recommend First Baptist Learning Center Kindergarten as a mandatory first step in your child's educational journey. Take a look for yourself."

—Betsey Reese, Kindergarten parent

2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

"The teachers and staff are great. They have given my son great attention and care and he loves his time at FBLC. The activities are all geared toward development and learning and the day is well structured. I would recommend this program to anyone with kids."

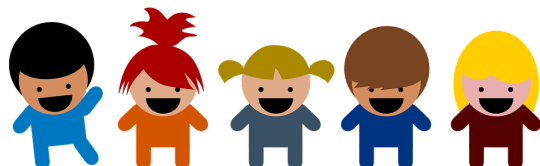
-Andy Knepler, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

"This place is from God. My son spent a year with amazing/loving teachers and staff. Before attending we knew my son would be a handful, what we didn't know was to what degree. They went over and beyond to help my son learn and socialize with the other children. They also provided us with resources that I truly couldn't imagine living without today. With the staff's advice we were able to get my son tested to find that he has a speech delay and most likely ADHD. They truly love your child and you will be leaving them in the best of hands! I've never been more grateful for the experience we had at First Baptist Learning Center."

- Michael Castleberry, 2015-2016

"When my husband and I, a former public middle school math teacher, were praying about schooling decisions regarding our eldest, FBLC opened their first Kindergarten class. We tried it and liked it so much that we sent our second child, too. I appreciated the schedule, the class size, and liked that our option at the end of the year was to either continue in a traditional Kindergarten setting or go through to the First Grade. We chose to start the First Grade with both of our daughters and they have excelled! We have enjoyed our experiences so much that daughter #3 will be headed to Kindergarten there next year!"

—Jessie Reynolds, Kindergarten parent 2010-2011; 2011-2012





Tentative Kindergarten Supply List (One set per student)

2	Crayola Crayons -24 count
1	Washable Crayola Classic Thick Markers- 8 count
1	12 count colored pencils
8	#2 Pencils
1	Washable Watercolors- 8 colors
1	Bottle of Elmer's Glue
8	Elmer's Glue Sticks
4	Folders with Pockets and Brads (purple, green, yellow, red)
1	Dry Erase Markers- 4 pack
2	Mead Primary Journal (K-2)- Half Page Ruled
1	Pair of Blunt Tip Scissors
1	Plastic Pencil Box
1	Bottle of Hand Sanitizer