



# FIRST BAPTIST LEARNING CENTER

## Registration Information 2021-2022 School Year

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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 30 years of educational service to the McKinney community. FBLC is a member of the Early Childhood Director's Network and the Texas Baptist Church Weekday Association.

Our staff is carefully screened through a detailed interview process. All staff members are CPR/First Aid certified and FBI fingerprinted/background checked. Each staff member must attend 24 hours of continuing education classes yearly. A degreed teacher is placed in each Pre-K and Kindergarten classroom.

All classrooms have a scheduled snack, lunch (both provided by parents), rest time, indoor/outdoor activity time, and educationally sound learning centers. All children also participate in a variety of extra curricular ( specials) classes such as developmentally age appropriate fitness and music. Students three years and up attend a weekly chapel led by our music teacher and will also attend an Art Studio directed by our art teacher.

Our Art Studio is a living space that encourages and fosters creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking through exploration of various materials and techniques. The open ended activities will inspire expressive communication as well as build the children's confidence as they are able to explore and problem solve with guidance from their art teacher. The use of varied art materials offers a rich sensory experience crucial to brain development. The Art Studio time does not replace art in the classroom, but gives the children an opportunity to explore and create at their own pace.

The Children's Minister of First Baptist McKinney supervises our weekday preschool program and staff. 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 Memorial Day. Information is available regarding tuition, curriculum, and program options. Thank you for considering First Baptist Learning Center for your child's educational needs.*



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## 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 intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, socially and physically. First Baptist Learning Center also serves as a support system for parents by providing quality care and educational guidance.

## Core Values

### **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.

### **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.

### **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. FBLC provides age-appropriate teacher/child ratios to optimize the learning experience for each individual child, according to his/her learning style.

### **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. Play is not a break from learning—it's the way young children learn.

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

**Psalms 78:4**



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## Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed with the individual child in mind and is based on best practices and current research. Teachers plan monthly lessons that are approved by the administration. Our lessons embrace the following concepts and teach the specific *Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills* needed in kindergarten. We use this in conjunction with monthly themes chosen by the administrative team as well as additional online resources available to the teaching staff. Our program also uses Lifeway's Levels of Biblical Learning in order to teach age appropriate preschool spiritual concepts and Christian values.

### ***Our Curriculum is:***

- **Biblically Based:** Each unit includes a Bible story and Bible thoughts. The same phrases and verses are repeated throughout the unit of teaching.
- **Is Activity-Based:** Preschoolers are active learners and must be involved in activities that do not force all the children to do the same thing at the same time. Learning center activities allow children to learn through experience rather than simply listening.
- **Provides Choices:** Preschoolers have the opportunity to choose which centers to work in, what to build with the blocks, or where to put the paint on their paper. Teachers provide an environment filled with unit-related choices and a child chooses what interests him.
- **Allows Physical Development:** Because muscles are growing and developing, preschoolers need to be able to move about freely. Learning activities allow children to work a puzzle, draw a picture, play in the home living center, or enjoy a book.
- **Encourages Creative Expression:** As a teacher develops activities related to a unit theme, creative expression in art, writing, puzzles, music, and other activities belong to the child. Every child is creative. Each child is allowed to express himself and experiment with his own design rather than a teacher providing a "pattern" or assisting him with an art activity. The experience, rather than the finished product, is the goal. Children become confident as they use their own ideas.
- **Includes Beginning Group Experiences:** While younger preschoolers will only be aware of themselves and their own activity (solitary play), they will eventually move to parallel play, and finally to group participation. Plans for group-time consider the age of the preschooler and his short attention span.
- **Makes Learning Fun:** When preschoolers are allowed to move around, express their own creativity, and choose what interests them, they will be successful, relate positively to others, and enjoy learning.
- **Invites Conversation:** Preschoolers learn through simple conversations about God, the world He made, and how to treat each other.



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## 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



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- 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](mailto:Joanne@firstmckinney.com)

2021 Registration <a href="http://www.firstmckinney.com/fbhc">www.firstmckinney.com/fbhc</a> .	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.