



## 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 are enhancing 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, about his power and his mighty wonders."*

***Psalms 78:4***