

"I praise You because I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made."
Psalm 139:14

First Baptist Church McKinney

Early Childhood Policy Overview

General Policies

- The preschool rooms open 15 minutes prior to regularly scheduled services.
- Parents are asked to fill out a Sunday School enrollment form on each child enrolled in the preschool. Whenever changes are made in the household, please notify the Preschool Ministry.
- All families must follow the proper security procedures. Children are to be brought to their classroom by a parent **and will only be released to the parent.**
- Parents are to come for their children immediately following the Bible study or service they have attended. This helps prevent the apprehension your child feels when they are left waiting for your return.
- Please see that **all items** belonging to your child are properly **labeled**. This should include:

Diaper Bag	Plastic Bottles	Extra Clothing
Diapers	Plastic Drinking Cups	
Pacifiers	Blankets	

Food Policies

- Infants will be fed pre-measured formula, milk, or juice only as provided by the parent. Each toddler and preschooler will be provided with a low-sugar snack and water/juice. Time and circumstances do not allow for any other type of feeding.
- If your child has any food allergies, please notify the preschool staff.
- It is against our policy for staff to give medication to children. Please do not put any type of medication in your child's bottle or cup.

Healthcare Policies

It is the desire of the Preschool Ministry to provide an environment that minimizes or eliminates exposure to infectious diseases. Children who do not feel well create a difficult situation for other children, teachers, and for themselves.

It is the responsibility of the parent to not take a child from the home when any of the following symptoms/conditions exist or have existed in the past 24 hours:

Fever	Vomiting
Diarrhea	Influenza
Sore/Strep Throat	Skin Infections

A child who arrives with these symptoms/conditions will not be accepted in a preschool classroom.

A child who develops a fever or other symptoms while in a classroom will be isolated and parents will be notified in order for the child to be promptly picked up.

House Cleaning

- **Disinfecting Surfaces**
At the end of each session, all surfaces and toys will be disinfected with an antibacterial disinfectant and air-dried.
- **Bed/Linen Cleaning**
All cribs are stripped of used linens and other items. Each bed is cleaned after each use with a disinfectant solution, including the mattress.

We Love Our Babies!

We believe every baby can experience God's tender love through the preschool ministry. Parents can have the comfort and confidence of knowing that loving and trustworthy, trained caregivers and volunteers are carefully watching their precious gift from God.

Nursing Mothers!

- ♥ We provide a nursing room for your privacy. Enjoy comfortable gliders or an overstuffed arm chair in a beautifully decorated and relaxing environment for you and your baby. A changing table with supplies is also available. A TV monitor for viewing the worship service will be installed in the very near future.

Diaper Changing!

- ♥ All diapers are checked and changed at least once each hour or as needed. All diaper changing areas are in open view. All caregivers wear latex-free gloves when changing diapers and wash their hands between each child.

Separation Anxiety!

- ♥ It is very common for babies to experience separation anxiety. Your child might experience this at about 6 - 8 mths. of age and again at 18- 24 mths. of age. Please know that your child is in loving care and that all steps are taken to comfort and soothe your baby. When leaving your child in their classroom, parents are encouraged to make the good-bye short and not to linger at the door. This only makes the child and parent more anxious. Most children calm themselves down within 10 - 15 minutes. Pagers are available at each classroom and parents will be paged if needed. If you find it necessary to check on your child while in our care, please find a preschool staff member to check for you. Having your child see you again will only upset them.

Personal Touch!




- ♥ All paid workers and volunteers have received an extensive background check. Our target goal is to have one worker for every 3 infants. A proper adult-child ratio is extremely important to us as this insures excellent attention for each child in our care. Our goal is to partner with you as you begin the process of laying the spiritual foundation in your child's life by volunteering in his/her classroom on a regular basis.

Your Child Is Safe and Secure!





The safety and security of each child is our priority at First Baptist Church. The following safety/security procedures have been adapted to ensure excellent care for each child that is placed in our preschool.

The First Baptist Church preschool programs are licensed by the State of Texas and are open for random inspections several times a year. The programs at First Baptist Church have received exemplary ratings for safety and cleanliness.

Security Procedures

-  Parents are to complete an enrollment form on each child enrolled in the preschool ministry. This information is placed in our membership data base and your child's security label is generated from the information you provided.
-  Sign in sheets are located in each classroom. Parents are to sign their child in each Sunday and to indicate which hours their child will be staying in the preschool. Parents are to list their location as well. This helps the preschool staff know where parents can be located in case of an emergency.
-  Each parent will have a photo identification badge with a family number printed on it. Your child's security label has that same family number. When children are dismissed, the teacher checks to make sure that the parent photo identification card and the child's security label have the same matching number. The effectiveness of the security system depends on this responsibility being taken seriously. If the adult who comes for a child does not have a matching label, he/she must report to a staff member at the front desk. There are no exceptions to this procedure.

Fire/Safety Procedures

-  Each infant/toddler room is equipped with evacuation cribs, in the case of an emergency.
-  Each room has a fire escape route posted near each door.
-  A medical response team is on campus each Sunday and is ready in case of any emergency.
-  An extensively supplied First Aid kit is available in the preschool as well as smaller first aid kits located in classrooms from toddlers - kindergarten.

Sunday School Promotions



Infants and toddlers are to be transferred to older departments within the preschool division as they mature and develop and according to space availability.



There will be a definite grading of 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Ordinarily, transfers in these departments will take place on promotion day in August.

Personal Note from the Preschool Ministry

It is the aim of the Preschool Ministry to provide quality care and learning experiences for all preschool children and their families.