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Preschool

Parents Handbook 2022-2023



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Mission

FBC Elkton Preschool is centered on Jesus Christ and teaching children about Him. Children learn about Jesus through Bible teaching: A Bible story every week; and a Bible memory verse every month. The curriculum includes learning colors, letters, and numbers as well as artwork, music, and play. Children learn to follow directions, cooperate, share, and help one another. We offer an environment that provides support to families within our community.

Teachers

Our teachers are Christians who are devoted to teaching your child about Jesus. They endeavor to show God's Love through the preschool experience.



Admission

FBC Preschool has open enrollment all year round. Class hours are: Monday through Friday, 9am until 12noon

Qualification

- Children must be 3 years old by September 1st of the school year for which they are enrolling.
- Children may not attend preschool if they are eligible for public kindergarten.
- Children must be totally independent in toileting. Diapers and "pull-ups" are not permitted in preschool.

Enrollment

There is a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee that is due at the time of registration. Registration forms can completed online and or can be dropped off at the preschool or mailed.

Make checks payable to: First Baptist Preschool 607 Delaware Avenue Elkton, MD 21921

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the preschool of any changes in address, phone numbers. All paperwork must be completed before your child may attend.



Tuition

FBC Preschool is non-profit and self-supporting. We depend upon your prompt payment.

- Our school year is September through May.
- Monthly tuition is due on the 1st of every month.

Monthly tuition 3 days/week – \$170/month 4 days/week – \$185/month 5 days/week – \$200/month

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- Please put your child's name on all checks. There is a secure drop box for payments at the Preschool inside the building or payments may be mailed.
- There is a \$15.00 fee for all returned checks.
- No refunds for snow days, illness, or early withdrawal.
- Tuition is not pro-rated. If your child starts late in the month or is withdrawn before the end of the month, the full month's tuition is due. Your child cannot attend on a different day for a day that was missed.
- If payment is not received by the 7th of the month, there will be a \$10.00 late fee. If we have not received your tuition by the 10th of the month (including late fee), the child will be withdrawn. If the school is maintaining a wait-list, your child will go to the bottom of the list. In cases of financial hardship, please speak to the Director before withdrawing your child.



Policies

Arrival

Do not bring your child to school before 8:55am.

Dismissal

- School closes at Noon. Please pick up your child promptly. Chronic late pickups may result in your child being withdrawn from school.
- Your child will only be released to the person(s) designated on the Enrollment Application with the child's designated number.
- Please advise the teacher in advance, if someone else will pick up your child. The alternate person must know the child's number.

Closings

- We follow the Cecil County Public School calendar. We will remind you in advance of any holidays. Usually, when public schools are closed, we are closed. https://www.ccps.org/Page/2#calendar1/20230302/month
- If CCPS are late (one or two hours), preschool follows a modified school day of 11am to 1pm.
- If school closes early, we operate normally. Consult the Preschool Facebook Page or the HiMama app for updates.
- In the unlikely event of a power outage or loss of water, the preschool MUST close. We will contact everyone as soon as possible. If school is in session, all children must be picked up. This is mandated by the Health Department.



Clothing

- Send your child to school in clothing that is comfortable for play and physical activities.
- Rubber soled shoes are preferred for safety in the classroom and playground. No flip flops, please.
- Keep in mind that children need clothing that allows them to use the bathroom easily and with minimal assistance.
- Put your child's name on all personal items.

Snacks

- Snacks are provided for each session.
- Donations of snacks for the whole class are greatly appreciated. Advise the teacher in advance is you wish to provide snacks for the class.
- Advise us of any food allergies your child may have.

Illness

• We use Cecil County Public Schools absence policy as a guideline for our school. Questions about illness absences should be discussed with the Director. Children may not attend school when they have a fever or a contagious condition. <u>https://www.ccps.org/Page/153</u>

Discipline

A three minute "time out" is utilized when a child is uncooperative with the teacher. The teacher will follow up with a quiet conversation about the behavior.

Policy Changes

FBC Elkton Preschool reserves the right to change these polices as needed. Parents will be advised of any changes to these policies in advance.



Preschool Parent Handbook Consent Form

Child's Name

□ I have read the FBC Elkton Preschool Handbook and agree to abide by the policies and procedures stated therein.

Occasionally, the preschool staff will take pictures or video in the classroom. Your consent is required for your child's image to be shared on our Facebook page, the HiMama app, and our church's Facebook page and website.

If you do not consent for your child's image to be used in these ways, we will make every effort to delete or obscure your child's image. If your child's image cannot be used on Facebook, it will also not be used on the FBC Elkton website.

FBC Elkton cannot be responsible for any images shared or used by anyone who is not in the employ of FBC Elkton Preschool or FBC Elkton.

 \Box I consent for my child's image to be shared on Facebook.

□ I **do not** consent for my child's image to be share on Facebook.

□ I consent for my child's image to be shared on HiMama app.

□ I **do not** consent for my child's image to be shared on HiMama app.

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature_____ Date _____

Please fill out online – then print and return to FBC Elkton Preschool