

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Parent Handbook

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Days	Tuesday - Thursday or Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday	
Time	9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.	
Registration	\$175 Non-refundable	
Monthly Tuition	Tuesday-Thursday	\$160.00
	Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday	\$180.00

We observe all Livingston Parish school holidays. Our Christmas holidays differ slightly, so please note these dates. In the event that the public schools are closed due to unfavorable weather conditions, flooding, etc., we will also be closed. The television, web site and/or radio will keep you informed of school closures.

Our mission is to provide a Biblically based, developmentally appropriate early childhood education through an enriched environment that stimulates curiosity and learning, while nurturing the child's emotional, social and spiritual growth. As a ministry of First Baptist Church, we strive to teach children and families about the love of Jesus.

Our vision is to provide an exceptional Christian Early Childhood Program to young families in our community. It is our desire that each family would recognize the importance of raising their children with Christian values and have an understanding of the love of God. Our interactive program is designed to foster friendships, encouragement, growth opportunities and support services for parents through First Baptist Church and the community.

Tuition

You will receive a payment booklet to use when making your tuition payments. Tuition is due on the 1st MDO day of each month. Your payment will be considered past due if not paid by the 15th of the month and your account will be charged a \$10 late fee. **On the 20th of the month, your child will not be able to return to school until the current month's tuition is paid including the \$10 late fee.** All checks should be made payable to **FBCMDO or First Baptist Church, Mother's Day Out.** No refunds are given for sickness, vacations, or bad weather days. If there is a problem with paying tuition, please contact the director immediately. We prefer all payments be made by check or money order, however; if paying with cash, you must personally give it to the Director so that a receipt may be issued. We offer a 10% discount if tuition is paid in advance for the year. Please contact the Director if interested. We also offer a \$10/month discount for two or more children.

NSF Charges

A \$25.00 fee is charged on all NSF checks. After one NSF check is received from you, all tuition payments must be made by money order or cash. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Dropping Off & Picking Up Children

You may drop your child off at 9:00 a.m. in their classrooms. Children are to be picked up by 1:30 p.m. If someone other than yourself will be picking up your child we must be notified. We are not allowed to release your child to anyone unless we are notified by you. Please make every effort to drop your child off **no later** than 9:30. We begin our teaching time and activities for the day at 9:30 a.m. When you drop your child off after this time; it is a disruption to the classroom.

Late Pickup Fees

If you pick up your child after 1:31 you will be charged \$1 per minute that you are late. We reserve the right to dismiss any child from our program who is picked up late on a repeated basis.

Withdrawals

Two weeks notice should be given when a child is withdrawing from MDO.

Dismissal of a Child

MDO reserves the privilege of dismissing any child, if after entering, he/she seems unable to participate in group experiences or if tuition has not been paid for one month.

Security

Each child will receive laminated cards with his/her name on it. These cards are to be given out to relatives or friends who have permission to pick up your child if you are unable to do so. Please ask them to show us the card when they come to get your child.

Discipline

Our facility will not tolerate any form of physical punishment. Redirection of your child will be handled in a positive manner. Redirection is intended to be a learning experience. Children must learn self control. The teacher will discuss continuing behavioral problems with the parents and Director. Every effort will be made to correct the problem and encourage good behavior. If the child does not respond to discipline, we will call you to pick up the child. However, after a reasonable period of time, if your child's behavior is still causing problems, your child will be dismissed from our facility.

Biting

We are aware that biting can be a serious problem in the classroom. We make every effort to work with parents and child when biting becomes a problem, however when a child bites twice in the same day you will be called to pick up your child immediately. If this plan of action does not work after repeated biting, we reserve the right to dismiss your child from MDO.

Health Regulations

We can only accept well children. We are depending on parents to help us maintain this policy. If symptoms of illness are observed, you will be called to pick up your child. Symptoms that are cause for keeping your child home are: a cold, coughing, flushed skin, eye infections, chills, headache, rashes, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, thick or greenish discharge from their nose, or any other contagious diseases. **Children must be fever free without the aid of fever reducing medications, for at least twenty-four hours before returning to school. Children must be diarrhea free without the aid of diarrhea reducing medications for at least twenty-four hours, and have had a regular bowel movement before returning to school. Children must be free of vomiting for at least twenty-four hours, and have eaten a regular meal before returning to school.** Teachers are not allowed to administer any form of medication. All children are required to show proof of immunization within thirty days of enrollment in order to remain in school. **Please let your child's teacher know if you have administered any form of medication to your child before arriving at school.**

Allergies

If a child has allergies of any kind, please alert the teacher and office staff so that the appropriate precautions can be taken in order to protect your child's health. Allergies should be noted on your child's registration form. If a child in a classroom has a severe allergic reaction to a particular food, the entire classroom will be asked to refrain from sending that particular food. We ask for your cooperation in this matter as a child's well being and safety are at stake. We are now a **NUT FREE** facility. Please do not send anything with your child to school if there are nuts in them. We know this might cause an inconvenience for some, but since this is such a severe allergy to some children, we know you will understand. If your child loves peanut butter sandwiches, there is a product, soy butter, that kids with nut allergies use. The child cannot tell a difference in the taste.

Custody Orders

Certified custody orders must be provided to the Director any time a limitation is put on a parent or legal guardian of a child.

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

We are required by law to report any signs of suspected child abuse or neglect, to the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Personal Belongings and Clothing

Please clearly label all items your child brings to MDO; clothing, blankets, lunch boxes, diaper bags, bottles, diapers, coats, hats, etc. Please write your child's name on each diaper you send to MDO. Dress your child in clothes that are comfortable and appropriate for play. For children that are in diapers, it is helpful if your child wears clothing that is easily removed for diaper changing. Pants that have snaps at the bottom or elastic waistbands that slip on and off easily work very well. If your child is toilet trained, it helps if they wear clothes that they can easily handle by themselves. **Please send an extra change of clothes including socks, in your child's bag every day. Please label coats and jackets. Put your child's name on diapers and pull ups.**

Lunches & Snacks

Please send foods that your child can easily handle and eat by themselves. If you send hot dogs or carrots, please chop them into small pieces. If you send grapes, please chop them in half. These items pose severe choking hazards. Do not send hard candy in your child's lunch. We do not heat up lunches unless your child is in the nursery. **NO** pizza Lunchables or squirt yogurt. Please send a spoon or fork if needed. **NO NUT** products. Please send an **empty and clean** sippy cup with your child each day. Make sure your child's name is clearly marked on the sippy cup. Drinks will be provided.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school with them. We have toys and equipment in the classrooms. We cannot be responsible for lost toys.

Parties

You may be asked to help provide treats for parties or special days. We do not put a lot of emphasis on parties and would prefer that parents not attend on party day. On your child's birthday you may provide special treats for the class if you wish, after checking with the teachers.

Holidays

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Staff

Our teachers are certified in CPR and have had a background check.

Curriculum

We strive to teach our children age appropriate material that will help them develop spiritually, mentally, and physically.