

# **TEACHERS**

Many of our teachers have college degrees, or have completed the National CDA (Child Development Associate) Credentials. They participate in continual staff development opportunities and annually receive 20 hours of additional training.

# **MEALS & SNACKS**

Weekday follows Department of Health guidelines for a hot cooked lunch each day and three snacks. A breakfast snack is offered mid-morning, a snack after nap, and a late afternoon snack at 5 p.m.

# **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

FBC Weekday follows a positive discipline program which includes problem prevention. Teachers use guidance, redirection, and lessons on character development to teach social skills. Biblical concepts such as kindness, sharing, and concern for others are reinforced. Conflict resolution skills are taught, promoting use of language and compromise to guide children in becoming independent in solving conflicts with others.

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

#### Hours

Monday - Friday 7:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

#### **Tuition**

Paid monthly Varies by age Includes lunch, morning and two afternoon snacks

#### Ages

Infant: (8 weeks) - PreK Summer Care: PreK - 2nd grade

#### Curriculum

- WEE Learn Curriculum (pub. by LifeWay Christian Resources)
- State approved Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Birth to Two Years and the Mississippi Early Learning Standards for 3 and 4 year olds are used in planning Developmentally Appropriate Activities.
- Low Teacher/Child Ratios



"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."

~Маттнеw 18:5



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### PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of FBC Weekday Education is to extend the ministry of First Baptist Church of Oxford by providing an environment that encourages the educational and spiritual development of children enrolled in the program.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

First Baptist Church Weekday Education has a long history of providing quality care for families from the church and community and has been consistently voted as "Best Childcare" by the city of Oxford. Our emphasis is on providing a high standard of care with a Christian Educational emphasis. Teachers strive to build strong relationships with the children that promote social and emotional skills.

The Weekday Education program follows research-based, positive discipline principles, which promote understanding of problem solving and conflict resolution skills. Children are introduced to new concepts through the WEE Learn Curriculum and develop skills in all areas of development through teacher planned and child initiated activities throughout each day.

### **INFANT CARE**

FBC Weekday Education accepts infants as young as eight weeks old. Weekday practices the philosophy of "primary care" in which each adult cares for no more than 3-4 babies. Infants stay on individual schedules and caregivers respond to individual needs. Learning activities are incorporated into care routines, and babies are engaged in playful interactions with toys, books, and hands-on exploration of materials.

### **TODDLER CARE**

Toddlers experience daily activities that change weekly according to a theme. A balance of indoor and outdoor time allows toddlers to freely explore a variety of toys and educational tools. They have access to puzzles, art materials, pretend play, blocks, push and pull toys, rideon toys, and sand and water play. Teachers plan large group circle time activities to promote early literacy and learning with introduction of colors, numbers, songs, and a variety of quality books.



### **PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Children in classrooms for ages 2-4 experience a well-planned day which includes the following:

- Morning greeting circle including a prayer, pledge, and message board
- Learning center choices promoting all areas of development 4 times each day
- Large group circle time promoting Bible stories and verses, literacy, story time, and music and movement
- Outside time with weather permitting, a total of two hours per day in morning and afternoon
- Small group activities planned to promote the Mississippi Early Learning Standards. These activities allow children to explore learning materials with teacher guidance. Activities are offered each morning and afternoon for 15 to 20 minutes each.
- Each class attends music once a week with our music teacher, Ms. Donna.
- 2 parent/teacher meetings per year.

# SUMMER CARE PROGRAM

Summer care for children in PreK - 2nd grade includes thematic units with correlated field trips.