

Purpose

The purpose of Cheerful Cherubs Preschool is to provide young children with a happy and well-rounded developmental experience in a loving and caring environment. Emphasis is placed on developing a positive self-image and learning to relate to other children and to adults. An additional objective is to foster readiness skills for later success in school. The teachers understand the serious nature of their responsibility and seek to help each child learn that he/she is a unique and important part of God's world. It is policy of Cheerful Cherubs Preschool to be open to all children regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

Registration

Registration begins in January, beginning with presently-enrolled Cherubs and their siblings and First Baptist Church members. Enrollment is open to the public after two weeks.

Arrival and Departure

Early drop-off will be available from 8:00-8:45 each day. Children must be brought into the school and signed in with the teacher on duty. A fee of \$3.00 per day will be charged before 8:20. Beginning at 8:20, the fee will be \$2.00 per day.

K5 drop-off begins at 8:10. Regular preschool drop-off will begin at 8:45 a.m. Parents are asked to stay in the car line but to unbuckle your child and walk them to the waiting teachers. The teachers will get them to their rooms or the playground.

Children may be picked up between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon for preschoolers and 12:10-12:15 for K5. When picking up children, please use name strips as identification in the car line. As soon as we see your child's name, we will bring your children to you. For safety reasons, we ask that you get out of the car and buckle in your child.

Fees

A registration fee is payable at the time of registration. It is refundable by June 1 if approved by the Board of Directors. No fee will be required from those on the waiting list but will be due upon acceptance.

Tuition is due the first of every month. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged if payment is made after the 10th. Accounts are considered delinquent when they are unpaid by the 10th

without explanation. Failure to respond to a reminder by the 20th may result in the dismissal of the child from the school.

Pick-up time is from 11:45 - 12:00 noon for preschoolers and 12:10-12:15 for K5. Please be prompt. After 12:05, a late fee of \$5.00 will be charged. After 12:15, a late fee of \$5.00 will be added for every 15 minutes.

Discipline

Discipline is a necessary part of learning and growing. Each teacher will handle discipline in a loving, but firm manner with “time-out” used when necessary. Serious problems will be brought to the attention of parents.

Health and Liability

The preschool will make every effort to protect the safety and health of the children. **Of great importance is the cooperation of the parents in helping to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.** Parents should notify the director immediately if a child should contract a highly contagious disease. We also require that your child be fever-free with no fever reducing medication and symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school after a sickness. Up-dated immunization records need to be provided to the school at the beginning of the school year.

First Baptist Church, the preschool teachers, the Director, and anyone employed by the church are in no way liable for accidents on the way to and from the preschool.

Withdrawal

A 30-day notice is requested before withdrawal of a child from the school. A parent may be asked to withdraw a child who has not adequately adjusted to school and is a disruptive influence in the classroom. If it becomes apparent that a child needs special resources (behavior or academic) that we are unable to provide, that child may be asked to withdraw for the best interests of the child. This action will be determined by the Cheerful Cherubs Board.

If a child’s tuition has not been paid on time and arrangements for payment have not been made with the Director, withdrawal of the child may be required.

Communication

So that parents will be informed of all topics of discussion and upcoming events and field trips, a class calendar is prepared at the beginning of each month. This will outline the schedule of class activities. These calendars are also available on the Cheerful Cherubs web site.

Messages

Please give your child’s car pool schedule in writing to his/her teacher. We must have all messages and any changes in car pool in writing. This policy is for the absolute safety of your child. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Chapel

Chapel services are led weekly by members of the ministerial staff at First Baptist Church.

Music

Music is an exciting and important part of our curriculum. Either the Minister of Music of First Baptist Church or an experienced music teacher will provide our music program. He/she brings much experience and the fun and benefits of music to our children.

Holidays

We enjoy celebrating birthdays at Cheerful Cherubs Preschool. Please discuss the date and refreshments with your child's teacher a few days in advance. If you send party invitations with your child, include the entire class to avoid hurt feelings. Otherwise, please mail them.

A sign-up sheet will be provided for holiday parties. We appreciate your participation and so does your child!

Field Trips

Permission for field trips is given when completing the registration form. Parents will be notified on the monthly calendar of upcoming trips. A car seat or booster seat will be required of every child going on the trip. Parent volunteers are welcome and needed to help on the trips.

Personal Belongings

All personal items of clothing such as coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, etc. must be marked with the child's name. Weather permitting (40 degrees or above), all classes will spend time on the playground each day. Please dress your child appropriately for this.

For health and safety, children should not bring toys or blankets from home to preschool. We ask that jewelry and items of this kind are also left at home.

School Calendars

Cheerful Cherubs Preschool will generally follow the annual calendar of Greenwood District 50. During some of the remediation weeks, we will offer an "optional" week for the families that want or need it. Sign-up for these weeks is required in advance.

In case of snow day closings (or other inclement weather), we will send closing information in an email and post on Facebook. If the public school is delayed by 1 hour, we will start receiving children at 9:00. If it is delayed by 2 hours, we will start receiving children from 9:50-10:00.

Visitation

We encourage parents to be a vital and active part of our program.

Safety Policies

Please refer to our Safety policies for 2024-2025 for more information.