



PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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FBCBOERNE

OUR STORY

Who We Are

FBC Boerne Preschool is a ministry of First Baptist Church Boerne that provides quality early childhood education and care for Boerne and surrounding areas through a stimulating, loving Christian environment and a curriculum of active learning that nurtures the growth of the whole child. Since 1987, our purpose has been to prepare each child for their next learning level and grow cognitively, emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. We try to enrich your child's development through the guidance and instruction of curriculum by qualified and certified teachers with the love of Jesus.

FBC Boerne Preschool offers a creative Christian educational program for children ages 1-5, including a transitional Pre-Kindergarten program for 4-5-year-olds. We have 28 teachers whom all have Preschool teaching experience, with our Pre-K teachers being certified to prepare our 4-5-year-olds for Kindergarten.

Our developmental program combines free play and social interaction with planned learning time.

- 1-year-olds enjoy stories, art, and social interaction.
- 2-year-olds concentrate on colors, shapes, numbers, art activities, music, & stories.
- 3-year-olds begin working with letters and phonic sounds while also enjoying music, outdoor play, art, free play in centers, Bible Stories, and story listening centers.
- 4 to 5-year-olds in our Pre-K program focus on reading using phonics, iPad games, math, art, music, as well as manipulative and physical activities. Children play in activity centers with their friends, learn to write their names and the alphabet, and begin learning sight and Spanish words for Kindergarten. Field trips might include visits to the zoo, gymnastic gyms, and Sea World. The Pre-K offers optional after-school Spanish & Computer classes.

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Some of the developmental functions we try to utilize in our teaching are:

1. Auditory thinking: high and low sounds, listening centers
2. Intellectual thinking: alphabet, numbers, phone numbers
3. Visual thinking: memory, matching, storytelling
4. Lip & tongue movement: word development, music, songs
5. Digital movement: cutting, board, and puzzle games
6. General movement: eye-hand coordination, running, balance
7. Manipulative skills: creative drawing, writing names, painting
8. Logical thinking: classification and ordering
9. Social thinking: drama, interaction with children, house centers
10. Christian education: Bible stories, songs
11. Excursions: field trips, walks
12. Library: reading and listening centers, library visit, storytime

All children participate in outdoor play, Valentine & Easter parties, Rodeo Day, Open House, Thanksgiving Feast, as well as our Christmas and Graduation programs. Each day begins with music and Bible stories. Computer and Spanish classes are available. For more info, please see our calendar.

The monthly tuition fee is \$200 for 1-year-old classes and \$195 for 2-year-old to Pre-K classes. We **require** a yearly non-refundable Registration/Material/Field Trip fee of \$170 due at the time of enrollment. The first month's tuition is due **by July 21**, or you forfeit your child's spot for the fall. All monthly tuition is paid one month in advance; for example, October tuition is due by September 10 and is non-refundable.

FBC Preschool operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Extended Care is available from 8:15-9:30 AM and 2:30-4:20 PM for an additional charge. We follow the Boerne ISD calendar for most holidays and are open until the first week of June for a special camp session.

For more information and registration, please **call Linda Phillips at 210-698-1190** or **email us at preschool@fbcboerne.org**.

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POLICIES

1. **Attendance and Pick-Up:** Please bring your child to their classroom when they arrive at 9:30 AM and pick them up in their classroom by 2:20 PM. If you do not arrive by 2:30 PM, we will send your child to Extended Care, and you will incur an additional charge for Extended Care.
2. **Extended Care:** Extended Care costs \$5.00 per hour. We will bill you at the end of the month for the days of Extended Care used. Extended Care ends at 4:20 PM. A late charge of \$5.00 will be charged to your account for every 5 minutes your child(ren) remain after 4:25 PM.
3. **Tuition:** Tuition payments are due by the 10th of the month for the following month unless otherwise approved by the director. Payments received after the 10th of the month will result in a late fee of \$5.00. This advanced monthly tuition is non-refundable. No credit is given for absences, as we do not take drop-ins. If the need to withdraw occurs, please notify the director one month in advance, or the tuition for that month will be due. Please pay fees by check, money order, or bank bill pay. We do not accept cash greater than \$25.
4. **Sick Child:** You are the best judge of your child's health, and we trust you will not bring a sick child to the Weekday Preschool. However, if the teaching staff or director believes your child is sick, we will call you to come and pick up your child within one hour. Please do not send a sick child to preschool. A child may not attend if running a fever, has a rash, diarrhea, vomiting, or "green noses." See our **Health/COVID Policy** on our website for more details.
5. **Food and Drinks:** Please label everything! Do not send toys or dolls that may get lost or broken. We do not provide lunch for your child. We ask that you only send finger foods with your child's lunch. Due to allergies, do not send food made with peanuts or unpeeled oranges. Drinks must be in a thermos with a bendable straw or spout top to avoid spilling. Otherwise, send a disposable drink. A Camelbak .75L water bottle is best for pre k classes. Please do not send carbonated drinks or red-colored beverages.
6. **Extra Clothes:** We do our best to keep your child clean, but accidents happen. We ask that your child has an extra set of clothes on hand.
7. **Birthdays:** We think birthdays are great and love celebrating them. Please send special cookies for snack time, or see their teacher about their special day. Please

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do not send cupcakes or food items containing peanuts, peanut butter, or orange peels.

8. **Volunteering:** We need volunteers for field trips and helpers for parties. If you are interested in volunteering, please notify your teacher.
9. **T-Shirt and Bag:** Every child is required to purchase a t-shirt and a bag. Your child must wear t-shirts on field trips. We strongly recommend that you buy both of these items at orientation.
10. **Nap Mat:** We provide a Kinder vinyl Nap Mat for our 2-3-year-olds. Please bring a *labeled crib sheet* that we will put over the nap mat for rest time. The pillowcase will be sent home with you daily for washing. The Kinder vinyl nap mat is healthier and easier for us to clean due to the special material in these mats. Each Kinder mat is cleaned each day before and after use.
11. **Preschool Closure:** If Boerne ISD schools are closed due to inclement weather, we will also be closed. Listen to local radio or TV for closure issues. Please see our website for the calendar of dates we are closed for holidays.
12. **Class Placement:** Children are placed in classes due to their birthday by September 1 of that school year. For your child to enter the 3-year-old class in September, they must be potty trained.

Thank you for your child's participation in our program. Our staff of Christian teachers is always available for your questions or comments. If you have any helpful hints, please let us know. We hope you enjoy your child's time at FBC Boerne Preschool.

Sincerely,

FBC Boerne Preschool Staff

**PRIORITIES: "A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW,
IT WILL NOT MATTER WHAT MY BANK ACCOUNT WAS,
THE SORT OF HOUSE I LIVED IN, OR THE KIND OF CAR I DRIVE. . .
BUT THE WORLD MAY BE DIFFERENT
BECAUSE I WAS IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD!"**

