

Little Crusaders



Information

Handbook

A Ministry of Faith Baptist Church
& Christian Academy
Ludowici, Georgia 31316

FULLY ACCREDITED

Little Crusaders Pre-School

The mission of Little Crusaders Pre-School is to provide a well-balanced program that strives to meet the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs of each child. The spiritual needs are addressed by the implementation of biblical values within the scope and sequences of the curriculum. This is all one in a loving, disciplined, and nurturing environment.



Believing that each child is unique, we seek to aid the child as an individual made in the image of God, and to develop a pace that has been set forth for him/her. It is also our belief that the family is an institution ordained by God. In order to compliment your home, it is our desire to provide a loving, Christian atmosphere as an extension of our family unit.

Little Crusaders Pre-School has an experienced and loving staff. They view their positions as a ministry to children rather than just a job. We use the A Beka book curriculum which gives the children an enjoyable experience in a hands-on learning environment.

Little Crusaders Pre-School staff is thrilled to influence and hopefully enhance your child's potential skills. Our goal is to provide a well-run, purpose-full program that is responsive to participants needs. Contact the staff providing care and attention to your child anytime.

- Arlyn Sellars (*Director Of Operations*) cell #(912) 294-3583
- Please do not call personal cell number listed above, before 6:00am or after 8:00pm.

Hours of Operations:

- Children must arrive by 10:00am
- Pre-School opens at 7:00am and closes at 6:00pm
- Programs are offered for ages 3, 4, and 5 year-round

Admission Policy

Enrollment is open for any child (Ages 3-5) Monday through Friday. It is preferred that your child be potty trained before beginning preschool; however, our staff will work with children in this area. Parents should provide (*easy open sides*) “pull-ups” for children. We accept pull-ups (*with re-attachable sides*) & diapers!

The following requirements must be fulfilled before enrollment:

- An interview with the school Principal or Pre-School Director
- Registration forms complete
- Registration fee paid
- Book Fee (*Kindergarten students ONLY*) paid
- Copy of your child’s birth certificate
- Immunization & Health forms complete (Form 3231)

Philosophy

Believing that each child is unique, we seek to aid that child as an individual made in the image of God, and to develop him at a pace that has been set forth for him. A well-balanced program is a mission here at Little Crusaders Pre-School. We focus on providing a loving and caring atmosphere where your child can feel safe. We believe in the importance of continuing to teach family values along with the essentials needed for a child to succeed at the next level of education.

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

Three Year Olds

Language Arts - Recognition of name, sound, and picture for short vowels and consonants Language Development & Listening Skills that include color, words, shapes, animals, transportation, countries, community helpers, health, safety, science, table manners, & polite demeanor



- Numbers- Simple Counting 1-30
- Number concepts 1-20

Bible - Songs, Memory verses, and Lessons (KJV) such as but not limited to; Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, The Boyhood of Jesus, The Good Samaritan etc.

Activities provided that develop patterns, gross motor, fine motor and sensory skills.

History

Faith Baptist Christian Academy was founded in 1979. The school has maintained a reputation of excellence for over 40 years. FBCA not only provides a pre-school program, but also provides for an exceptional elementary and secondary program (K4-12th grade) with accreditation through the *National Association of Private Schools*. We are committed to excellence in a Christian environment.

Days Closed

Little Crusaders Pre-School will be closed on all federal holidays and will also closed for spring break, fall break, Thanksgiving break and Christmas Break. Tuition will **NOT** be charged on FULL WEEK CLOSURES.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

Little Crusaders Pre-School, a ministry of Faith Baptist Church & Christian Academy, admits students of any race, color, nationality and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded, or made available, to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of

race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and other school-administered programs.

Financial Policies

We are a nonprofit pre-school. It is, however, our desire to provide “reasonable” tuition. Registration fees are non- refundable. All forms are to be completed prior to enrollment date.

All students must pay weekly (by) 6:00pm on Thursdays. If your payment is turned in late, a late fee of \$15.00 will be added to the following Thursday’s balance due for your child’s care.

Weekly tuition will not be adjusted for sickness, holidays, or closing due to inclement weather. If you are planning to withdraw your child, please give two weeks’ notice in order that we might contact someone on a waiting list. If advance notice is not given, you will be charged two weeks of tuition.

A late pick-up fee of \$15.00 is charged per child, per hour, anytime after 6:00PM. There is a one-hour minimum. All returned checks will incur a charge of \$25.00 for each occurrence. We except payments in cash, check, money order and CASHAPP form ONLY. Checks should be made payable to Faith Baptist Christian Academy, FBCA, or Little Crusaders.

- If a payment is made with large bills and change is needed, we will note a “*credit*” for your child's next payment.

Child/Staff Ratio

We maintain the proper child/staff ratio according to the *Georgia Association of Child Care Services* regulations.

Staff Qualifications

Staff personnel are all experienced and trained for their respective positions. All “teaching” staff are required to earn A Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. A (CDA) Candidate is an individual who has successfully completed the 120 clock hours of formal child care education, CDA assessment process and has been awarded the CDA Credential by the Council for Professional Recognition, a national association that supports professional development in early education and care.

Child Development Associates (CDA) are trained to meet the specific needs of children and work with parents and other adults to nurture children's

physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a child development framework. Our staff is CPR and first aid qualified.

Sick Policy

A child that has a fever of 99F, diarrhea, unexplained rash, runny nose of “green or yellow” (this usually means there is an infection), infectious diseases, any viral symptoms, or vomiting, will not be allowed to attend pre-school until the child has recovered. If your child is sick during the night, he/she should not attend pre-school the following day. Please do not give medication to simply control the symptoms. In most cases, the child will run a fever after the medication wears off and is still contagious to the other children and teachers. If your child becomes sick at pre-school, you will be contacted and asked to pick them up immediately. Children may return after they have been SYMPTOM FREE for 24 hours.

Medication

Medication will only be administered after parent/guardian has filled out authorization form for the medication in its entirety and turned it into the pre-school. We do not administer medicine on a “if/when needed” basis. We will not give patent medicine that is contraindicated, or that is past its expiration date, or was not prescribed to the child. All medications including aspirin, cough drops, chap stick, and Tylenol must accompany a signed note from parent with instructions for administrations records.

We will not administer ANY medication, if the authorization form has not been filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and turned into pre-school staff.

Outside Play

Except in intense heat or inclement weather, children will have an outdoor time each day. If your child has been absent due to sickness, he/she will still be expected to go outside for fresh air and sunshine with his/her class; however, the child will be encouraged not to get hot or overdo it.

Food and Personal Articles

Parents are required to bring a packed lunch for their child. Children are not allowed to bring toys, games, etc...unless it is listed on their activity calendar, or the teacher had given special permission. We cannot be responsible for any articles brought from home that are lost or damaged. Children’s personal jackets, Sippy cups, etc. ... should have name or initials plainly marked on the article.

Birthday Parties

Parents are welcome to provide cupcakes, cookies, or birthday cake for their child's birthday. These items will be served during the child's PM snack time (2:00). Parties that include invitations, visits from clowns, etc... should not be held at the preschool.



Parent Communication

Teacher/ parent conference will be held as needed. The parent, as well as the teacher, may request them. Any minor problems that may occur should be directed to the teacher before bringing them to the attention of the administrator. If you believe there is still a problem after talking with the teacher, please contact the Director of Operations (Arlyn Sellars).

Teachers will strive to keep you informed of your child's progress. Please check your child's cubby DAILY, for upcoming events, children's arts & crafts, behavior forms etc.

Arrival and Departure

The Parent/Guardian is required at every occasion of arrival and departure to enter the facility. sign their child in/out by signature or initial and document the time. If you need help locating the sign-in/out form, please ask the preschool staff. A child will never be sent out of the building to your vehicle.

We would like to encourage you to drop off you children with a hug, kiss, and promise to pick them up as soon as you are able. Please keep conversations during drop-off/pickup short with teachers, for their responsibility is to focus on several children at once: it is a job that demands their attention.

Information Change

Any changes that occur on your child's application or health form must be turned into a member of the pre- school staff as soon as possible. Expired immunization forms must be updated and turned in ASAP as well.

Visitation

Feel free to pick your child up at any time after the academic day (12:00PM) without prior arrangements; however, keep in mind that your child, as well as other children, tend to act differently when parents are in the room.

We would ask that you not come to the preschool for a visit and then leave without taking your child. Having to make another break from the parent is usually upsetting for a young child. This is especially disruptive since we have a structured, academic program. Of course, there may be exceptions, but please consult with a member of the pre-school staff prior to your visit if you will be leaving without your child.

Field Trip

Occasional field trips may be scheduled throughout the year for fun, experience, and education. Field Trips such as; a “Pumpkin Patch” in the fall, a “Disney On Ice Show” in the winter, etc. A parent or Guardian is required to attend the event if your child is attending. We do not supply the transportation for these events; however, we will have directions and details of event printed out in memorandum for your assistance.

Preschool Dress Code

Preschool children are not required to wear the school uniform, but we do ask that children be dressed appropriate and modest in appearance and with the intention of having fun!

Girls: Girls may wear dresses or skirts; however, we ask that shorts are worn under them for outdoor play reasons. Please provide a change of clothes including: underwear, socks, and an outfit for their cubby.

Boys: All clothing must be appropriate and modest in appearance. Please provide a change of clothes including: underwear, socks, and an outfit for their cubby.

Discipline Policy

We believe that consistent, loving discipline is essential in contributing to an efficient program. The basic responsibility for discipline resides in the home; therefore, parents will be informed when unusual circumstances arise, such as bad behavior. It is almost impossible to be of any help to your child unless you are in active support of what we are attempting to do. (Prov. 3:12, 13:24, 19:18, 22:15)

Sometimes a child will persistently have a behavioral problem such as: hitting, biting, push, pulling hair or some other form of disobedience. We handle these situations by talking to the child, separating him from the rest of the group, and taking a privilege (Line-leader, Treasure Box Friday etc.) away as well as making him/her apologize for their actions. For problems that continue, the parent will be asked to come to the school for a conference and discuss the child's behavior. The pre-school reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any student whose parents are not willing to follow the well-established disciplinary procedures of the preschool. After incidents such as; continuous misbehavior (hitting, kicking, biting etc.) towards teachers or students, the parent of the misbehaving child will receive a form stating the child has two more strikes of misbehavior. On the child's third strike, he/she will have one day suspension from pre-school.

Physical examinations

The State of Georgia requires that all children have their immunization up-to-date, and on file at the pre-school the child is attending. The appropriate form (form #3231) MUST be turned into the pre-school prior to the Childs first day.

Progress Reports

No report cards are issued for pre-school; however, reports will be sent home daily, informing you of your Childs behavior, and class performance. Parents can consult with the teacher and staff about their child's progress and behavior anytime.

Facilities Conditions

The facilities of the Little Crusaders Pre-School are modern, clean, and kept in a state of good repair. It is built of brick, block, and wood construction with central heating and air conditioning. The present facilities allow accommodation for up to 30 students.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio/TV stations for announcements regarding the closing. Little Crusaders Pre-School follows Long County schools in regard to bad weather decisions. If you have questions regarding closing, contact Arlyn Sellars @ (912) 294-3583.

Memorandum(s)

Memos and notes are important means of communicating between parents and the teachers. Please make sure you check your child's cubby at pick-up, for all recent progress/ behavior reports, memos, crafts, etc.

Parent Teacher Conferences

You may request a conference at anytime. Your child should not attend these conferences.

Parties

Parents will be given an opportunity to help with class parties. Birthday parties are allowed during regular snack time, 2:00PM. Please notify your Childs teacher in advance, if you are planning to bring birthday cake or cupcakes.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Discounts always apply to the lesser amount of tuition or after-care charges. There is no discount on hourly, daily, or summer after-care fees.
2. Summer care services open at 7:00AM and closes at 6:00PM.
 - AM ONLY begins at 7:00AM and ends at 12:00 noon.
 - PM ONLY begins at 12:00PM and ends at 6:00PM.
3. Breakfast is only provided for students that arrive by 8:15AM.
4. After-care is provided for FBCA students k4-5th grade for \$150.00 per month.
5. During holiday weeks or when Little Crusaders Pre-School is closed, the care rates remain the same.
6. Summer care (day camp) is available on a per student, per week, basis for ages 3 to 10.
7. If your child is attending the full day program, you must supply a sleep-mat, blanket, & pillow (for nap time)

Payments and Fees:

- Aftercare accounts are to be paid weekly by 6:00pm on Thursday.
- Miscellaneous Fees:

Return check fee \$25

Late pick-up for ALL students (After 6:00PM, for any part of an hour.) \$15.

NOTE: Other fees may be incurred (I.e., art, etc.).

- **If parents accumulate 3 weeks late tuition, the total balance must be paid in order for your child to return to school.**

Biting Policy:

Biting is a natural developmental stage that many children go through. It is usually a temporary condition that is most common between thirteen and twenty-four months of age. The safety of the children at ***Little Crusaders*** is our primary concern. The ***Little Crusaders*** biting policy addresses the actions our staff will take if a biting incident occurs.

Toddlers bite other toddlers for many different reasons. A child might be teething or overly tired and frustrated. He or she might be experimenting or trying to get the attention of the teacher or his peers. ***Little Crusaders*** will encourage the children to "use their words" if they become angry or frustrated. Our staff members will maintain a close and constant supervision of the children at all times.

Please note the following:

- Any student that bites a student or staff member, ***2 times in the same day***, will be suspended for the remainder of that day, and the following day.
- Any student that bites a student or staff member, ***4 times in 1 week***, will be suspended an additional 2 days.
- Any student that is suspended ***twice in the same month*** will be expelled from Little Crusaders.

Please keep in mind that the safety of the student is our primary concern, and we are attempting to implement policies to further the well-being of each student here at ***Little Crusaders***. If you need any further clarification on this change of policy, please contact me at (912) 294-3583.

Pre-School Fees & Rates

Programs & Available Rates

If your bill is delinquent for a period of three weeks, your child will not be allowed to attend until the bill is brought up to date.

- Registration Fee per Family (Non-Refundable)..... \$100
- Facility & Supply Fee per Child (Non-Refundable) \$65

3 Year Old Program - \$130 Weekly:

Discount Rate

Military	10%
Second Child.....	15%
Third Child.....	20%
Fourth & Succeeding Children	25%

Preschool Supply List

- 1 Container of Clorox wipes
- 1 Can of disinfectant spray
- 1 Labelled lunch box (DAILY)
- 1 Labelled, spill-proof cup (DAILY)
- 1 Packs of crayons (JUMBO 16ct.)
- Labelled, plastic, pencil box
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 boxes of JUMBO crayons (8 count, primary colors)
- 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- 1 tube of Elmer's liquid glue
- 1 pack of (multi-colored) construction paper
- 1 double pack of glue sticks
- 1 pack of Play-Doh (4 count)
- 1 full change of clothes (including socks, shoes, and a lite jacket)
- Napping materials:** 1 Kindermat & nap mat (pictured below)



Toilet training students –

Must bring pull-ups with re-attachable sides

(PLEASE LABEL ALL STUDENT'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES CLEARLY)

Optional: -POP POMS/ DRIED BEANS/ DRIED NOODLES

FBCA KINDERGARTEN

Ages 4 and 5 SUPPLY LIST

- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 Boxes of large crayons (*8 count, primary colors*)
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- 1 Pair of Blunt tip scissors
- 1 Box of Crayola washable markers
- 1 Tube of Elmer's liquid glue
- 1 Pack of number two pencils (sharpened)
- 1 Large pink eraser
- 1 Pack of (*multi-colored*) construction paper
- 1 Double pack of glue sticks
- 1 Pack of Play-dough (*4 count*)
- 1 Full change of clothes (*including shoes and socks*)
- 1 Book bag
- 1 Heavy duty pocket folder
- 1 School supply box (*small*)



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