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.

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. 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 charged for every 15 minutes. This applies also to Happy Wednesday pick-up. A late fee of $5.00 will be charged after 2:05.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Communication

So that parents will be informed of all upcoming events, field trips, and topics of discussion, as well as music and playground times, a class calendar is prepared at the beginning of each month that will outline the schedule of these activities.

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 teacher immediately if a child should contract a contagious illness. We ask that your child be fever-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.

Arrival and Departure

Early drop-off will be available from 7:45 until 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 8:15. Beginning at 8:15, the fee will be $2.00 per day.

Regular drop-off will begin at 8:45 a.m. The teachers will get the children from the cars and get them to their rooms or the playground.

Children may be picked up between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon. When picking up children, we ask that you remain in your car. Please use name strips as identification in the car line. As soon as we see your name, we will bring your children to you. If you have more than one child to buckle in, please pull into a parking space. Arrival and departure locations will be explained at Orientation.

School Calendars

Cheerful Cherubs Preschool will generally follow the annual calendar of Greenwood District 50. In case of snow days (or other inclement weather) closings, tune into 103.5 radio station, WYFF (Channel 4), WSPA (Channel 7) and WHNS (Fox Carolina). 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.

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**.**

Holidays/Birthdays

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!

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 fun in music to our children.

Chapel

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

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.

Children should not bring toys to preschool except when necessary to bring a favorite stuffed animal as a "security blanket," or if he/she has received a special gift and wishes to share it with the group. We encourage the bringing of books, tapes or CDs, and nature objects. Jewelry and things of this kind are not desired.

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.

Visitation

We encourage parents to be a vital and active part of our program. You are welcome to visit us or share your talents with us at any time.