



## Mothers Morning Out Information for Parents

### Purpose

The purpose of the Mothers' Morning Out program is to provide care and development of each child spiritually, mentally, physically, emotionally and socially. This is accomplished by providing learning experiences consistent with the Christian principles of First Baptist Church.

Children can benefit from the opportunities offered by a group program only if they attend regularly. One of the important developmental opportunities offered in a group experience is the relationship with other children. If a child is absent frequently, that child will always feel strange and unacquainted with the other children. During an absence, the others will form friendships, learning how to play together and acquiring new skills and knowledge.

We will strive to give your child the loving care and guidance that children need in their formative years. We welcome your child to the weekday program and hope the learning experiences here will be happy ones. As parents, you are invited to visit us, ask questions and make suggestions. The best assurance for the success of your child's experiences is the close cooperation and understanding of parents and staff.

The weekday program has been planned for toddlers through 3 year-old children. This information has been prepared so you may know the policies and better understand the program.

Your child will participate in a variety of activities, such as:

- working with paints, clay, crayons, blocks and other manipulative materials
- enjoying stories, poetry, dramatization, films and books
- learning to share, take turns, plan, work, think and reason as he works and plays with others
- learning to respond rhythmically to music, singing new songs, and listening to different kinds of music
- acquiring good health and hygiene habits
- experiencing and learning foundational truths of the Christian faith

### Hours

Children should not be brought to the church before 9:00. The teachers' planning time is from 8:30 until just before 9:00. Children should be picked up **promptly** at 12:00 noon. Children will not be permitted to leave the building without an adult. If your child is not picked up by 12:00 noon there will be a late charge as follows:

- 10 minutes late: \$5.00
- 15 minutes late: \$7.50
- 20 minutes late: \$10.00

The program will close because of bad weather whenever the Fort Mill Public Schools close. The program will follow the same schedule as the school system unless otherwise posted.

### Sickness

Children with fever and/or vomiting should be kept at home for 24 hours after the fever is gone.

### Drop-Off

When dropping off your child, please walk your child into their classroom. The entrance to the MMO hall is located on the preschool wing of the building. Please do not bring your child into the classroom before 9:00.

### Pick-UP

When picking up your child, please drive up through the canopy as far as possible so that we can load more than one child at a time. We will put the child in the car for you; however, we are not allowed to buckle them. Please pull down in the parking lot to buckle them. If you would like to get out and get your child, please park in the parking lot and walk up to get your child.

### School Bag

A bag clearly marked with your child's name should include a change of clothes (socks, too) in case of spills or accidents. If your child is potty-trained, include 2 pairs of underwear or panties; if not, include diapers with your child's name on each diaper.

### Clothing

Children should be dressed appropriately for play. Athletic shoes are ideal for the playground. Heavy boots are not appropriate and can hurt when someone is accidentally kicked.

### Snacks

The children will be given juice and crackers/cookies during mid-morning. Let the teachers know when your child's birthday is and if you would like to provide a special snack for that day.

### Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home to school. Small games, purses, coins, chewing gum, candy and carbonated beverages should be left at home. Natural finds such as rocks, shells, leaves, etc. are interesting for our circle time and are always welcome.

### Discipline

Discipline in our room is determined by two things:

- The safety of the children
- Respect for others

We have simple rules:

- Be a good friend (no hitting, pushing, biting, pinching)
- Be kind to toys and equipment
- Take turns and share
- Use quiet voice indoors and save loud voice for outside play
- Walk indoors and save running for outdoors
- Sit on chairs. Do not climb or stand on chairs/tables
- Obey teachers

***Train up a child in the way he should go;  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it  
Proverbs 22:6***