



Dear FPNS Family,

We are delighted you have chosen First Pres Nursery School. Our wonderful staff is looking forward to meeting you and your child at our Open House Drop-In on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm. Our first day of school will be Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our school-year hours are from 9:00am-2:00pm, Monday – Friday, with early stay beginning at 8:00am and late stay until 2:30pm. We will send any reminders and newsletters VIA email and/or GroupMe.

We use a monthly theme to plan fun and exciting activities for the toddlers. Please send your little one in comfortable play clothes. Though we try to use smocks and care when crafting, we still get a little messy! We also enjoy buggy rides & playground time. You may wish to apply sunscreen before arriving and be sure to send toddlers in shoes. Please bring a container of wipes at the start of the fall and another in the New Year. We also request a seasonally-appropriate outfit in a zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name to keep here. If that outfit is needed, the dirty clothes will be sent home in the bag. This will remind you to send in another clean one!

A mid-morning snack is provided for the children and each classroom has a posted list of the snacks we serve. Send a cup (or bottle with lid), lunch, diapers, pacifier or comfort toy. All of these items must be labeled, even the individual contents of your child's lunch should be labeled (once items like cheese are placed in the refrigerator, they can get confused). Remember, we are a **nut-free** facility (no almond or peanut butter, etc.)

When you arrive at FPNS, please park in the lot on the Buncombe Street side of our building and enter through the main church office door under the portico (by the flagpole.) We ask that no one park under the portico. This space is for quick unloading only.

All tuition is due and will be drafted on the 1<sup>st</sup> business day of each. This year August and May's tuition will be prorated. All late payments and/or declined drafts will incur a \$25.00 fee. You will receive an invoice statement via email before each draft occurs as a courtesy reminder.

Please read the FPNS handbook carefully. It contains important information ranging from our wellness policy to our 2025-2026 calendar. If you misplace our handbook, it is posted on our webpage. Please contact me if you have any questions or changes to your personal information (address, cell, email, etc).

Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gift. We look forward to serving your family!

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# First Pres Nursery School FAQs

Whether you are a first-time mom or are bringing your fourth child, you are likely to have some questions about how First Pres Nursery School operates. The following is a short question-answer list that hopefully will lessen your anxiety and make this transition to “school” an easy one.

## **What do I need to send with my child?**

Send a lunch, drink(s), change of clothes, diapers, wipes and a “lovey” if needed. All bottles must have lids. Label EVERYTHING!

## **What do the children do while they are here?**

Play, play, play! We believe learning through play is what little ones do best! We do this by “teaching” through crafts, Bible songs and rhymes, pretending with the children, creating a variety of play centers and offering both indoor and outdoor play opportunities. Each month we have a theme that includes a color, a shape and a verse. Crafts, decorations, songs and playtime will all reemphasize this theme.

## **When is tuition due and how is it calculated?**

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## **What are the class sizes?**

In our infant room, we have a ratio of 1:5. In the toddler rooms, our ratio is 1:6. In addition, we have our own requirement of at least 2 childcare providers at all times in each room. No teacher is ever left alone.

## **What should they wear?**

Play clothes!!! Bring a jacket/coat when it begins to cool off outside.

## **What are the hours?**

We are ready to care for your child at 9:00am and close at 2:00pm, unless you have previously signed up for early and late stay (early stay begins at 8:00am and late stay goes until 2:30pm). We operate Monday –Friday during the school-year. Please refer to our 2025-2026 calendar for exact holiday closings.

## **What are the training requirements of the staff?**

Because we are a registered child care facility, we follow state requirements. Each employee must take 15 hours of continuing education in Early Childhood each year. The Director must take 20 hours of CE training. Our staff is also certified in CPR, First Aid and Stewards of Children (child protection training).

## **Do I still pay even when my child misses a day?**

Yes, we count on you to commit to your day(s) each month. Your child will eventually miss a day due to travel or illness. When this happens, it helps if you notify us as soon as possible so we can offer your “spot” to another child. Then, in turn, you may possibly do a make-up day at no additional charge when someone else is out. DO NOT make your own “switching” arrangements, please go through the FPNS office. We often have someone who has been waiting for a make-up day! We also must be certain we do not exceed our DSS ratio guidelines.

## First Pres Nursery School 2025-2026 Tuition

All tuition is due and will be drafted on the 1st business day of each month. All late payments and/or declined drafts will incur a \$25 fee. You will receive an invoice statement via email before each draft occurs as a courtesy reminder. Your tuition is calculated on a monthly rate regardless of how many days your child attends or how many days are in the billing month.

### Monthly Tuition is as follows:

- 1 day per week / \$140 per month
- 2 days per week / \$280 per month
- 3 days per week / \$420 per month
- 4 days per week / \$560 per month
- 5 days per week / \$685 per month (\$15 discount for 5 days)

### Additional Fees:

- Drop-in day / \$35 per day
- Early stay / \$15 per day
- Late stay / \$10 per day
- Siblings receive 25% off tuition