

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to develop students with Christian character and a biblical worldview, equipping them for life, learning and leadership.

The Cornerstone of First Baptist Academy is its commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is truly our desire that “in everything He might come to have the supremacy” (Col. 1:18).

Our Goal is that each student would be equipped to pursue God’s plan for his/her life while being salt and light in a decaying and lost world.

Our Prayer for our students is “...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give (them) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that (they) may know Him better...and that the eyes of (their) hearts may be enlightened...” (Eph. 1:17-18a).

Our Foundation is the Word of God and its teaching.

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The education philosophy of First Baptist Academy is based on a God-centered view of truth and man as presented in the Bible.

The entire process of Christian education is seen as a means to be used by the Holy Spirit to bring the student into fellowship with God, to develop in the student the mind of Christ, and to train him/her in godly living, so that the student can fulfill God’s total purpose for this life personally and vocationally.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Cooperation - Galatians 6:10

Respect - Ephesians 6:1-3

Responsibility - Colossians 3:25

Christ-likeness - Philippians 2:5

FIELD TRIPS

Possible fourth grade field trips include:

Old Florida Days or other Florida History trip
South Florida Ranch
Edison & Ford Estates

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible *II Timothy 3:16*

Disciple students to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. Teach students to read, understand and apply Biblical truth. Equip students to serve in God’s kingdom as disciples of Christ

Students will study God’s Word to learn about people in the Bible and how their lives teach us about what God desires from us today. The focus will be applying God’s Word to daily life by developing a daily Bible reading habit. Students actively participate in a grade level ministry project and weekly chapel services.

Language Arts *II Timothy 2:15*

Recognize that God has given us the gift of language to help us understand His Word and communicate His truth through Christ-centered balanced literacy

Through a Balanced Literacy approach, students develop strategies and skills for reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and presenting. Students will read a variety of genre. They will apply reading strategies and specific skills to comprehend reading selections across the curriculum. Students will be able to clearly, adequately, and correctly express themselves through writing in all subject areas in a variety of styles. Students will develop listening and speaking skills.

Math *Colossians 1:16*

Illustrate God’s unchanging character through the timeless, logical mathematical systems He gave to man through His gift of reason

Students will see God’s order and pattern through mathematical studies, which include number operations (basic addition, subtraction, multiplication

and division), measurement, geometry, algebra, data analysis and probability and problem solving. Students will use acquired math skills to solve real world problems.

Creation Science *Nehemiah 9:6*

Know that God makes and sustains His gift of creation

Students know the Genesis account of creation, as they investigate the flora and fauna of Florida. Students will be engaged in active investigation of scientific concepts related to earth science, life science, and physical science. Through hands-on learning labs, students gain a greater appreciation for God’s creation and develop a Biblical Worldview.

Social Studies *I Timothy 2:1,2*

Communicate God’s sovereign control over human history, and develop an appreciation for God’s gift of government

Students will learn about Florida history by exploring the geography, people, places of interest, and important historical events from a Christian perspective.

Physical Education *II Timothy 2:5*

Recognize Physical Education is a gift from God to be developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

Students will know how to move competently, maintain physical fitness, learn personal health skills, apply movement concepts and skill mechanics, develop lifetime activity skills, and demonstrate positive social skills while participating in physical activity. Students will also be introduced to basic sports skills.

Technology *Psalms 89:17b*

Recognize that Technology is a gift of God to be developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

Students develop a deeper understanding of technology systems as they use many different applications. Students improve their keyboarding skills and use the Microsoft Office products as they learn to use technology to problem solve, illustrate ideas and

demonstrate a Christian worldview.

Art *Isaiah 64:8*

Recognize that Art is a gift from God to be appreciated, developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

Students examine God's gift of art as they study the four art disciplines of Art History and Culture, Criticism, Aesthetics and Art Making. They explore a variety of methods and materials to create original works of art that reflect a Christian worldview. The focus is on the elements and principles of design.

Foreign Language *Mark 16:15*

Recognize that the ability to study and learn a Foreign Language is a gift from God to enable people from different nationalities or dialects to communicate with one another

Students are introduced to a foreign language through participation in an interactive, immersion-based Spanish program. Students follow a sequential curriculum designed to expose them to basic Spanish vocabulary using technology to engage the learner.

General Music

Recognize that Music is a gift of God to be appreciated, developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

Music classes will focus on note reading skills and musical concepts. Students have the option to participate in an enrichment choir.

How You Can Help Your Child to be Successful in Elementary School

Pray with your child and your child's teachers daily.

Check your child's Homework Agenda daily and expect your child to take full responsibility for their homework being done and tests being signed.

Encourage your child to participate in the classroom by taking meaningful notes, asking questions, and answering questions as often as possible.

Hold your child accountable for poor grades and assignments that are not turned in.

Do not hesitate to e-mail or call a teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Check your child's grades on-line when interim reports are accessible.

Set a good example at home with your own Christ-like attitude toward your job and toward others.

Encourage your child to read daily.

Encourage your child and take interest in any new vocabulary words he/she is learning each week.

Encourage your child to keep a prayer journal or a journal to express thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

Help your child look for ways to incorporate physical activities that they enjoy into their lifestyle.

Listen to your child sing or play a song that they are working on in their fine arts class.

Instill a strong work ethic by encouraging your child to work "as unto the Lord" (Col. 3:23).

Help your child to relate new concepts to everyday experiences.



FAMILY GUIDE

*"Renewing our minds...
Surrendering our hearts to Christ."
Romans 12:1-2*

4TH GRADE

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