



## First Baptist MOPS Kids Guidelines and Policies

We welcome you and your child to the First Baptist MOPS of Corpus Christi's MOPS Kids' program. Our goal is to show God's love to your children through loving care and guidance in their formative years.

Mothers can relax and enjoy MOPS if they know the MOPS Kids program is caring for their children in the best possible way. Moms instinctively look to meet their child's needs before thinking about their own. She needs assurance about her child's well-being and happiness before she can get the most of her time in the meeting. MOPS Kids meets the needs of children, as well as the needs of their moms. The quality care and biblical teaching in MOPS Kids impacts the entire family.

Thank you for your trust and the opportunity you have given us to be a part of your child's early years.

*All children over six months will be expected to try MOPS Kids. We understand that this can be a stressful time for both moms and kids. If your child cannot settle down after ten minutes, we will notify you so that you can console your child. At this time, if you choose to bring your child to the MOPS meeting, the child must be quiet and contained.*

*If you need special accommodations, please contact the MOPS Kids Leader.*

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The MOPS Kids program is operated under the supervision of the Children's Director of First Baptist Church, as well as the MOPS Kids Coordinator.

### **ENROLLMENT**

We welcome children, ages birth through kindergarten. All children must have a completed registration form or visitor slip on file in order to attend.

In addition to our MOPS Kids program, we will provide a classroom for homeschooled, elementary aged siblings of MOPS Kids attendees.

### **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

It is important your child is picked up in a timely matter. Drop off is no earlier than 9:15, pick up is no later than 11:45.

A parent must accompany the child to his/her classroom and leave the child in the care of a staff member. MOPS Kids will only release a child to a parent or authorized adult listed on the registration form.

## **ILLNESSES**

Children must be kept home if they have fever, severe cough, vomiting, diarrhea or other symptoms of a contagious disease. Children are able to return to MOPS Kids upon being fever-free and symptom free for 24 hours. If the child becomes ill at MOPS Kids, you will be notified and expected to pick up your child immediately.

When deciding to take your child to MOPS Kids, a good rule of thumb is to consider if you want your child to be exposed to another child with similar symptoms.

## **FOOD**

Each child will be required to bring his/her own breakfast or snack. Please send items that are ready to be eaten. The children should bring their own juice or drink. Children should bring a sippee cup or water bottle that they can handle.

Please notify the director and your child's teacher of any food allergies that your child might have.

Please label everything you send with your child's first name and last initial.

## **DISCIPLINE & BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY**

In order to make our MOPS a friendly and safe place for all children attending, as well as for the teachers, the following policy is in place.

Discipline at MOPS does not include physical punishment of any kind. MOPS will provide an environment of instruction and guidance in helping children to learn the appropriate behavior in the classroom.

Appropriate behavior is defined as a cooperative spirit on the part of the child to follow guidelines and rules. (Example: willing to put away toys, follow instructions during craft time, etc...) Appropriate behavior will be rewarded with praise and recognition including verbal rewards.

Inappropriate behavior is defined as an uncooperative or harmful behavior to oneself or others. (Example: biting, hitting, screaming, fighting, unwilling to follow instructions, etc...) Inappropriate behavior will be handled by verbal correction (reminding child of limits), redirecting the inappropriate behavior toward appropriate behavior, using positive reinforcement for appropriate behavior, time out, and with extreme behavior, removal from the classroom for a time out under supervision.

Behavior reports are written when a child displays extreme disruptive behavior. To help resolve behavior issues, a parent/teacher conference maybe be scheduled. If behavior is not resolved, a child may be dismissed from the program.