

## **FBCM GUIDELINES CONCERNING SICKNESS**

In conjunction with the privilege of teaching, we have been given the responsibility for the safety and well being of each child in our care. Just as any preschool program, one of our concerns is that of sickness. The health and safety of each child is of the utmost priority to our staff.

In a group setting such as ours, parents rely on our staff to determine if children within our care are sick, showing signs of sickness, or have been exposed to other children with sickness. Therefore, in order for the welfare of ALL children to be considered, the following health guidelines have been set for our program:

### **Preschool / Kindergarten Well Child Policy**

A well child has:

- No fever over 99.6 for the last 24 hours
- No vomiting or diarrhea currently or for the last 24 hours
- No runny nose from onset through one week
- No cough or sore throat
- No unexplained rashes
- No skin infections (impetigo, ringworm, etc.)
- No eye infections
- No childhood diseases such as chicken pox, mumps, measles, rubella

**\*If a child currently has any of these symptoms, the teacher will not be able to accept him/her into any preschool classroom.**

If a child becomes ill at kindergarten, parents will be notified to pick him/her up immediately. We will not administer medication of any kind.

Children with any of the following symptoms should be monitored for illness: lethargy, listlessness, loss of appetite, poor color, and persistent crying or fussy behavior. **Please use discretion when bringing children with these symptoms.**

**First Baptist Kindergarten has a no nit policy against head lice.** If a child is found to have nits during our regularly-scheduled head checks, the parent will be called to pick the child up immediately. Upon the child's return to Kindergarten after home treatment, the child will need to be walked in by parent/guardian and have their head checked by someone in the kindergarten office.

If you have any questions concerning the guidelines and procedures on bringing sick children to our preschool, please contact the Director, Becky Ridgway at 770-948-2473 or [bridgway@fbcmableton.com](mailto:bridgway@fbcmableton.com)