

Big Fish Academy

5 Year Old Classroom

Welcome to Big Fish Academy! We are Believers in God, Faithful in Serving Him. Our mission is for all involved to have a safe and fun experience that leads children and families to grow in their faith in God. Our vision is to be Believers in God, Faithful in Serving Him every day to have an impact on all students, employees, church families, and the community. Our prayer is to build a Christ-like atmosphere that will encourage all families through the Big Fish ministry. We are thankful and blessed to have the opportunity to invest back into the lives of you and the students!

We welcome you and your child to the 5 year old classroom. We are so glad you are here at Big Fish Academy. We look forward to getting to know you and your child. Our 5 year old classroom is a fun and interactive space that helps your 5 year old student learn through play and social interactions with their peers. We will work on milestones such as social/emotional skills, language and communication skills, cognitive learning and problem solving, and movement and physical development.

Let us introduce you to our 5 year old teacher, Ms. Connie.

My name is Connie and I will be your child's prek 5 teacher this school year. I've been teaching preschool since 1995, and I believe I've found my calling. Watching them flourish and grow in a safe, loving environment is my goal for your child. I will help your child learn to navigate the kindergarten classroom. BFA uses the Abeka curriculum, which has a great phonics program, while also incorporating hands-on science and social studies as well. I also use kid directed lessons. I love how their little minds take us off the beaten path. We will have devotion in our classroom daily, as well as a Big Chapel in the sanctuary once a week.

We welcome you to email us with any questions or concerns.

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Required Items:

- 2" thick Rest mat
- 1 fitted crib sheet (for rest time)
- 1 small Blanket (for rest time)
- 1 full size backpack (no small preschool backpacks please)
- Extra Clothes: Each child will need a complete change of seasonally appropriate clothing - shirt, shorts/pants, socks and underwear. Please label ALL clothing and place in a gallon size Ziploc bag.
- Lunch Box, labeled with child's name
- Water Bottle, labeled with child's name (no sippy cups please)
- Sunscreen – Please apply sunscreen to your child every morning prior to school. For afternoon extended care enrollees needing reapplication after rest time, send in a SPRAY can of sunscreen with your child's name written on the bottle.

Supply Needs:

- 1 pack Crayola washable markers
- 1 pair pointed Fiskar school scissors
- 1 Crayola watercolor paint
- 2-8 count of Crayola crayons (primary colors please)
- 1 pack white computer paper
- 2 containers playdoh
- 1 plastic folder with pockets and prongs
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 2 large packages of paper plates
- 2 packages of plastic spoons
- 1 package of disinfectant wipes
- 1 box facial tissues
- 1 box of bandaids

*****WHAT TO WEAR** – Dress for Play!!! We are super active in the 5 year old class and enjoy getting a little dirty. Please dress your child in clothing that is comfy and ready for action. Also, **ALL** shoes must be closed toe with back support. Open toe and backless shoes pose a tripping hazard and are unsafe at school. Tennis shoes are the preferred choice for school.

*****REST TIME** – Each child will need a 2-inch thick (blue/green) rest mat. They will also need a loose fitted crib sheet and a small blanket. Please **DO NOT** send large blankets, pillows or special fitted nap mat covers. These make it very difficult for storage and mat set-up. Please label **ALL** items with their name on it for rest time.

*****LUNCHES** – Please send a healthy lunch every day for your child. Please send an insulated/non spill sippy cup of milk, 100% juice, boxed milk/juice or bottled water for lunch. We **CAN NOT** heat up food, so a thermos (steel-lined works best at keeping food warm) is a great alternative. If items need to stay cold until our 11:00 lunchtime, please include an ice pack. PLEASE LABEL all lunch boxes, ices packs, thermoses, etc.

TOP 10 CHOKING FOODS FOR CHILDREN

1. HOT DOGS: (Vienna sausages, meat sticks, etc.) cut the meat lengthwise so that it is in thin strips and easier to chew.
2. HARD/ROUND CANDY: a danger anytime – please do not send to school.
3. PEANUTS: difficult to chew, easily inhaled; many children are allergic – not appropriate for school.
4. GRAPES: should be cut lengthwise making the fruit thin.
5. MEAT CHUNKS: cut small enough to chew
6. RAW CARROT SLICES: please cut into long, thin slices.
7. PEANUT BUTTER: should be spread thinly onto bread or crackers.
8. APPLE CHUNKS: should be peeled and cut into thin slices.
9. POPCORN: Please do not send to school.
10. RAISINS