

Big Fish Academy

2 Year Old Classrooms

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 2 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 2 year old classrooms are fun and interactive spaces that help your 2 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.

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

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Meet Our Teachers

Ms. Rachel just got married to her best friend! She and her husband live in Lebanon and attend 109 Church of Christ. When not working at BFA, Rachel enjoys spending time with family and friends. Rachel loves the kiddos at BFA and can not wait to teach another year in the 2 year old class.

Ms. Morgan is a native of Tennessee and loves to read and do the occasional waterfall hike. This is Morgan's first year teaching 2 year olds and couldn't be more excited!

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)
- Diapers/Pull Ups: Please keep diapers and/or pull-ups stocked in the cubby. If using pull-ups please have the kind with Velcro on the sides. The brands that sell these are Huggies, Walmart and Target. Please communicate with your child's teacher when your child is potty training. We would love to help you in this process.
- Extra Clothes: Each child will need a complete change of seasonally appropriate clothing - shirt, shorts/pants, socks and underwear (if potty-trained). Please label ALL clothing and place in a gallon size Ziploc bag.
- Lunch Box, labeled with child's name
- Sippy Cup, labeled with child's name
- 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 **plastic** two pocket folder w/prongs
- 2 boxes (or refills) of diaper wipes
- 1 box of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks (disappearing purple stick preferred)
- 3-4 Non-Returnable Family Photos
- 4 bottles of foaming soap
- 1 large package uncoated paper plates
- 4 pack playdough
- 1 Crayola watercolor palette
- 1 pack Crayola markers (primary colors please)
- 1 pair safety kid scissors (rounded edge please)
- 1 box of facial tissue
- 1 box sidewalk chalk (girls)
- 1 bottle of bubbles (boys)
- 1 box of bandaids

*****WHAT TO WEAR** – Dress for Play!!! We are super active in the 2 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 UNDER AGE 3

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