



**FBA**  
First Baptist Academy

NEWSLETTER  
April 3, 2024



# ART FAIR

We will have our in-house Art Fair tomorrow, April 4th. Projects may be viewed in the cafeteria on Friday, April 5th from 8:10 a.m.-10:15 a.m.



On Monday, April 8th, all students in kinder through 12th grades will be going out to experience the eclipse. Safety glasses have been purchased for everyone and McDonald Observatory donated viewers for everyone.



## *FBA Elementary K5-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Favorite Book Day*

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Students are to bring their favorite book to school  
and

may also come to school dressed as a character from their favorite book.  
More information is located on a flyer that will be sent home  
in the student's daily folders.





Pre-packaged school supply orders are due by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. **No late orders will be accepted.**



***Vacation Stations* review books help students retain math, language, and reading skills they have worked on all year. Keep your child's brain tuned up all summer with only two pages per day of review. Available for students entering 1st– 6th Grade. If you are interested in ordering one, please email [ilatka@fbauc.org](mailto:ilatka@fbauc.org) with your child's name and teacher. Your account will be charged \$15.00. Deadline to order is Friday, April 12th.**

## *Achievement Testing for K5 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade*

### *Preparing your Child*

During the week of April 15-19, your child will be taking the Iowa Assessment. **Students need to be present every day, on time (students will not be admitted to class once the test has started)** in order to receive the full report for the year. For your child/children to do well, we suggest the following:

#### **REST**

Be sure your child gets a good night's rest each night before the testing begins and during the week of testing. **STUDENTS MUST BE ON TIME!** *Students may not enter rooms after testing begins.* Teachers will begin tests promptly after the morning attendance/lunch count routine.

#### **FOOD**

Give your child a good breakfast each morning throughout the testing. Send a healthy snack each day: raisins, crackers, fruit (already prepared – apples sliced, etc.) Do **not** send sugary snacks, such as cookies or candy.

**SUPPLIES**

Please ensure that your child has two sharpened No. 2 pencils and an eraser to use during testing.

- **LISTENING**

Encourage your child to listen carefully to the teacher's directions and follow them exactly. If they do not understand what to do, they should ask the teacher to explain again.

- **EFFORT**

Encourage your child to do his/her best. S/he will not be expected to know the answers to every question! The questions test a broad area. Although some of the questions may seem difficult, students should answer to the best of their ability.

- **DISCUSS**

Help your child understand that the Iowa Assessment provides a chance to show what a student knows about a subject and how the teacher can best help that student to learn. Make sure your child understands that the test scores simply give information and are not used to reward or withhold anything from students. **Middle school parents:** Please stress the importance of these tests, as this information is sent if a student transfers to another school and this test-taking style helps prepare students for college entrance exams.

- **RELAX**

Reassure your child about the test-taking experience. Students who are calm and sure of themselves do better.

- **PRAY**

Please pray with your child. Prayer is powerful!

Thank you for helping your child to prepare both physically and mentally for this special week. Students will have a lightened homework load, which should allow for more family time. Enjoy the week!