

## Apex Classroom Expectations

Thank you for taking the time to read and acknowledge the Apex classroom expectations page. For many, this this will seem like common sense because you went to a public or private school, but so many of our little ones have grown up learning in our arms and these skills might not come naturally to them. First, let me reassure you, it is okay if your children do not yet have these skills. However, we believe they are important skills, and we will gently reinforce them in the classroom, please support us and have continued conversations at home.

1. Come to class prepared and ready to learn. Please try to be on time, with the tools you need for class. Please use the restroom before class, if possible.
2. Class time is for instruction only, it is not time for toys, snacks, or socializing. Only eat snacks with instructor permission. There are some classes where snacks will never be allowed (science classes). There are some rooms where the facility asks us not to eat (anywhere with carpet). Honestly, some snacks are just disruptive. Loud crumbling of bags or crunching of chips may distract the entire classroom. If your child needs special accommodations, please discuss with the instructor.
3. Be respectful to others. This is a great time to practice listening skills. Raising hands instead of shouting out answers is something all home educated children struggle with. Why would we have our children raise their hands at home? Learning the timing of interpersonal interactions is an invaluable skill to gain.
4. Be respectful to FBCA's property. Homeschool families tend to do this well. However, you need to know the rules to be able to follow them, read and acknowledge the church rules provided to us by FBCA. First Baptist Church of Arnold and The Family Life Center graciously allow us to use their space, please let us all be good stewards of it. Leave it better than you found it.
5. Children need to remain in their classroom for the entirety of their class. Children cannot be in the halls during co-op. If your child does not have a class, there is a designated room for study hall. This may seem silly, but this is a working church. Pastor Jeff makes sick calls on Monday mornings and children running in the hall could make it difficult for him to hear.
6. Children should never leave class without permission. We understand that at home they can come to you whenever they want to ask questions or just get reassurance, but in this environment, they need to do this between classes and if it absolutely cannot wait it needs to be done with instructor permission. If there were a fire drill or an emergency and we could not locate your child, this would be devastating.