



THE DRAGON BEAT

The Heart of FBCS September

Dear Families,

At Forrest Bird Charter School, our goal is to inspire lifelong learning, creativity, and confidence through Project-Based Learning (PBL). Students thrive when they are present, engaged, and actively involved in hands-on projects and collaboration with peers.

That's why regular, in-person attendance matters so much. Every day in class is a new opportunity for students to build skills, grow in confidence, and strengthen connections with teachers and classmates. Missing time makes it harder to participate fully in project work and can create extra stress when trying to catch up.

We know families work hard to support students, and we are here to partner with you. If challenges come up that make it difficult to attend school, please reach out.

Tips for Supporting Strong Attendance

1. Create consistent evening and morning routines so students arrive ready to learn.
2. Schedule vacations and appointments outside of the school day whenever possible.
3. Keep an eye on your child's overall attendance. Even a few days missed here and there can add up over time. Please view backside of letter to view minutes chart.

On another topic, we are introducing Parent Portal through Lightspeed.

This is an opportunity for parents to engage with student's computer activity. With Parent Portal you will be able to monitor your child's website history and internet use. Please be on the look-out for an email coming to you from Lightspeed. You will be prompted to create a password. We will not be able to help you recover your password so please store it somewhere safe.

Thank you for working with us to build healthy routines that set students up for success academically, socially, and with confidence.

With gratitude,
The FBCS Team



What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!