

# Learning-ie

Learning - Intentionally Enhanced

## THE FIRST ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER

Working with you to intentionally enhance your child's educational experience at TFA.

### Faculty and Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year

#### Director:

**Luci Higgins, Ed.D, MS, BS, BS**

Dr. Higgins is beginning her eight year of serving the students and families of The First Academy (TFA) and her 22<sup>nd</sup> year of service in the fields of education and psychology. She holds a Doctorate Degree in Child and Youth Studies from Nova Southeastern University; a Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disabilities, and Varying Exceptionalities as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disabilities, and Varying Exceptionalities *Magna Cum Laude* from The Florida State University. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Theater from The Florida State University.

Dr. Higgins' instructional experiences range from public to non-public schools, teaching Transitional Kindergarten to Graduate School students, as well as instructional and administrative roles and responsibilities. During her years as an exceptional education teacher in the state of Florida's public school system, she was blessed with the 1996-1997 Wakulla County Teacher of the Year and the 1996 Distinguished Educator of Florida Recipient; The University of Florida. She has served as an adjunct professor in the Graduate Teacher Education Program at Nova Southeastern University for 13 years.

As TFA's Director of Curriculum and Instruction K4-12, Dr. Higgins is eager to serve an active role in the enrichment of TFA's Learning Center.

#### Faculty:

**Jennifer Jackson, MS, BA**

Jennifer Jackson is beginning her second year at TFA. She holds a Master of Education degree in special education from The University of Georgia as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Furman University. For the past 12 years, she has been employed at various elementary schools in the public sector in both Orlando and Gainesville, Florida. Her classroom experience ranges from educating students with learning and emotional disabilities to the regular education setting including high achieving and gifted students. For the past six years Mrs. Jackson has been serving in an instructional support role with an emphasis on curriculum, assessment, literacy, and instructional support. Her most recent professional endeavors have afforded her vast experience with using assessment data to map instruction as well as monitoring student progress.

She has been married to her husband Jay for 13 years and they have two daughters. Mrs. Jackson is a member of the First Baptist Church of Windermere where she is a regular volunteer with the preschool ministry, AWANA, and Vacation Bible School.