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February News

A New Year brings new blessings and challenges, and we look forward to all. The new year is also a time to reflect on the previous year's events. As we reflect on the previous year, we find a great reward in the following facts: Open Arms made it possible for many families to go to work and contribute to the community and economy.

Open Arms provided a safe and healthy learning environment where children's developmental milestones took place. Children formed secure relationships with staff and peers. Forming secure relationships is essential for children's social/emotional development. Here at Open Arms, children celebrated birthdays, holiday parties, field trips, and more under the loving care of our staff.

I look forward to the new adventures God has planned for us in 2024.!

"in his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." *Proverbs 16:9*

May God's path bring you happiness in the new year.

Parenting Tips

Parents are the most valuable and powerful teachers in a child's life. Children watch carefully how the important adults in their life act and

emotional well-being of child care staff affect their ability to connect with the young children who spend many hours in their care.

The chaos of the pandemic for child care programs, coupled with low wages and continuing staff shortages, has had a significant impact on the well-being of early childhood educators.

Volunteer Hour Ideas

- Window washing (indoor/outdoor)
- Toy washing (indoor/outdoor)
- Fundraisers and events
- Yard maintenance
- Backyard clean-up
- Help with professional development days
- Playground reconstruction
- Classroom help
- Laundry
- Classroom donations
- Parent Committee
- Sunday church participation

Please see Ms. Elia regarding volunteer opportunities. For classroom donations please see your child's teacher. Please turn receipts to your classroom teacher.

You'll need to contribute 12 volunteer hours every fiscal year.

TUITION

Infant -	\$1,450.00
Wobbler-	\$1,300.00
Toddler-	\$1,210.00
Preschool	\$985.00

Meals are included in the tuition:

Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:30

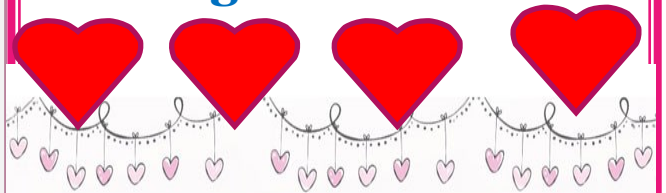
Morning snack is from 10:00-10:30

Lunch is from 11:00-12:30

Afternoon snack is from 3:00-3:30

New Happenings at Open Arms

We are so excited about our building renovations! We have installed new carpet in the rooms and hallways. Please help us maintain the children's environment clean. Wipe the dirt and snow off your shoes before **entering** the center.



**We know how
much God loves us,
and we have put
our trust in his love.**

God is love,

**and all who
live in love
live in God,
and God
lives in them.**

-1 John 4:16

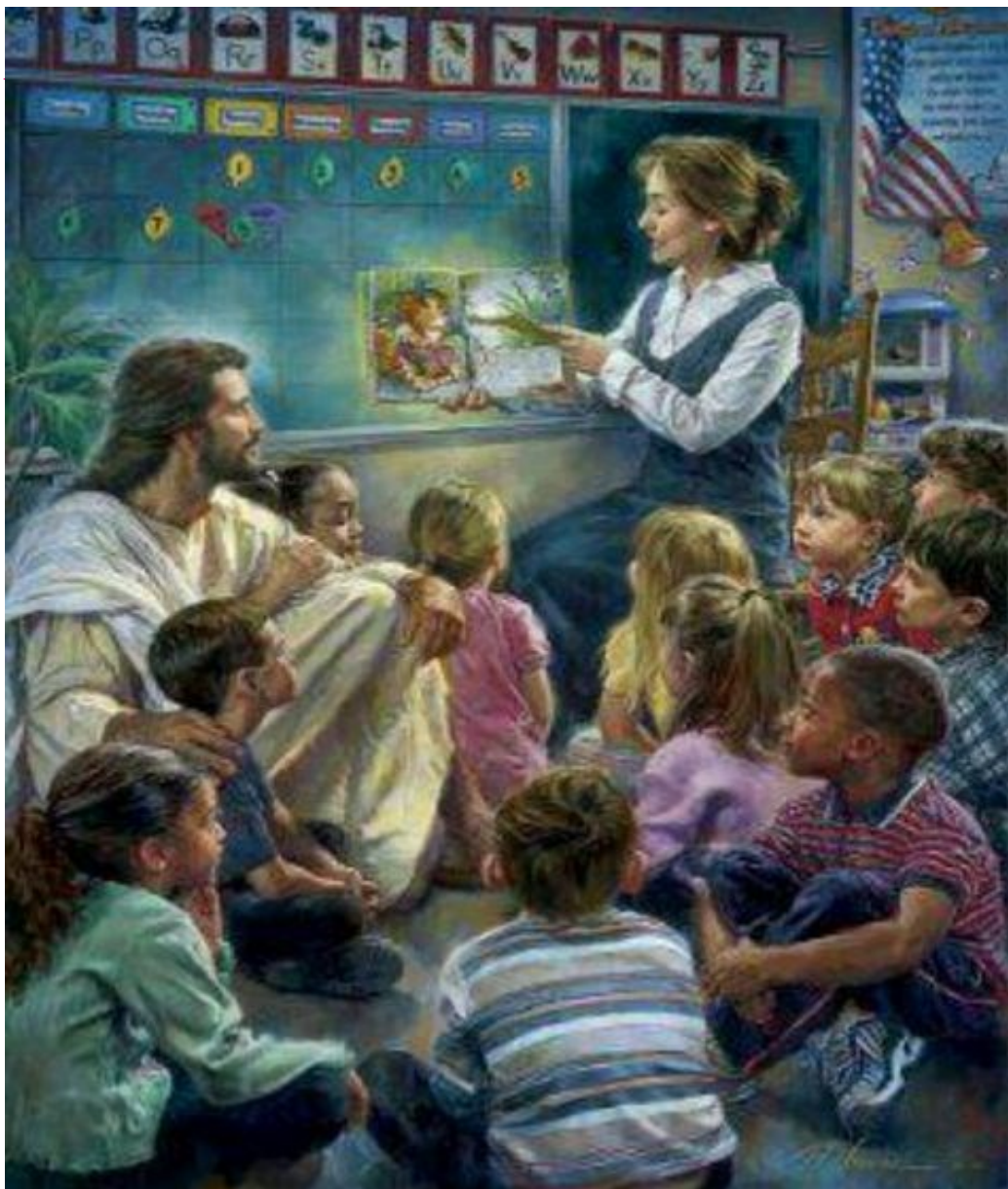


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OUR MISSION

TO PROCLAIM CHRIST'S LOVE TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY
PROVIDING A NURTURING AND EDUCATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of
heaven belongs to such as these."*



THINGS TO REMEMBER



*Please see calendar for minor changes

Please review Family Handbook and return agreement form.

Don't forget to nominate a staff member for the "Employee of the Month award"

3/8/2024 center closed– professional development

3/29/2024 Center closed– Good Friday

Toddler 2

Growing,
learning,
and building
friendships.

In the Spot
light!





We are developing social, physical, language, fine and large motor skills as we tidy up our play area. Wow, we are multi-taskers!



MAGNETS

FIVE THINGS CHILDREN LEARN FROM MAGNETS



- 1) Critical thinking skills
- 2) Language skills
- 3) Fine motor skills
- 4) Problem solving
- 5) Persistence

