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FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

This year, we proudly celebrate an incredible milestone—Open Arms, a Lutheran ministry, has dedicated 25 years of service to this community! Throughout this journey, we've grown together, impacting the lives of countless individuals across the community.

Lutheran education spans 1,600 early childhood programs, 800 elementary schools, and 130 high schools, not to mention our universities across the nation.

As the Lutheran Ministry, we are humbled to be a part of this rich legacy, continuing to educate and care for God's children in a safe, loving environment. Our mission remains steadfast: to help children understand how precious they are, knowing they were lovingly created by God.

We thank each one of you for being part of this amazing journey and for allowing us to be part of your child's life.

Thank you!

We celebrated Open Arms 25th anniversary on January 24. Thank you for trusting us with your children!

A special thank you to all who celebrated with us.

Staff News

We are still waiting for the new teachers from the Philippines.

REMINDERS

Please help us prevent illness by keeping your children home if they are sick.

Please call and let us know if your child will not need to be picked up from school.

For your convenience, there are 4 drop-off parking spaces. Please don't park under the canopy. This rule is for the safety of our children.

If you need volunteer hours, please talk to your child's teacher.

Infant Room

Every month we would like to highlight one class and see what they are doing!

This month the infant room is practicing:

Cognitive Development by observing others activities and examining their environment.

Language Development by responding when their name is called and using eye contact and facial expressions.

Social Development by increasing consistency in sleeping, eating, and walking patterns.

Fine Motor Skills by color introduction to the older babies and holding a toy or finger for the younger babies.

Gross Motor Skills by mimicking hand clapping or waving good-bye and practicing cross lateral exercises.

Music and Movement by singing and dancing to favorite songs such as The Wheels on the Bus and Color Song.

Sensory throughout the day, especially during meal time, floor time, music time, and art time.

If you would like to donate to the infant room, they could use:

- Black or Blue Ink Gel Pens
- AA Batteries
- Soft Washcloths
- Sandwich Size Sealable Bags
- Wipes
- Gallon Size Sealable Bags
- Nuk Cups with Rubber Lids

This can also be counted towards your volunteer hours!

Open Arms 2025 Calendar

NOTES

	3/14 Professional Development Center closed							
	4/18 Good Friday - Center closed							
	5/22 Summer program starts							
	5/26 Memorial Day - Center closed							
	7/4 4 th of July Center closed							
	7/18 Professional Development Center Closed							
	8/19 Last Day of summer program							
	9/1 Labor Day - Center closed							
	10/31 Kids Carnival							
	11/14 Professional Development - Center closed							
	11/27-28 Thanksgiving - Center closed							
	12/12 Kids Christmas program							
	12/22-26 Christmas break Center closed							
	1/1 New Years - Center Closed.							

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Parenting Tip of the Month

Do you have a strong willed child? Try this:

- ♦ Be Calm - Your calmness helps calm a chaotic atmosphere
- ♦ Be Clear - Clarity helps you reinforce boundaries
- ♦ Be Consistent - Consistency helps children learn that being in charge is not up for grabs
- ♦ Follow Through - Children want to know what you mean
- ♦ Delegate Some Control - Let the child earn an appropriate measure of decision making privileges
- ♦ Teach and Reinforce Empathy and Humanity - Help them learn to listen and care about others by modeling

If you would like more information: FocusOnTheFamily.com/Parenting/6-ways-to-respond-to-a-strong-willed-child/

Meals are included in the tuition:

Breakfast: 7:15-8:30

Morning snack: 10:00-10:30

Lunch: 11:15-12:30

Afternoon snack: 3:00-3:30

Tuition

Infant - \$1,450.00

Wobbler- \$1,300.00

Toddler- \$1,210.00

Preschool \$985.00

Toddler 1

music and fine motor activities.



Preschool 3

Discovery time!





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."