



Arcola Christian Preschool

"Let the little children come to Me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."
(Luke 18:16 NKJV)

January 2021

Director's Note

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a holiday season full of joy. We were so thankful that snow didn't stop us from our ACP Christmas celebration. Yes, it was different than previous years, but the children still had a wonderful time celebrating the season with stories, crafts, games, and treats. I hope you had time to watch the special video your children made for you. If you didn't receive the link, please let me know so I can get it to you right away. What glorious celebrations of our Savior's birth!

I am so happy to be back at school and able to see your children's happy, smiley faces. They are full of news for us about special time with their families and are so excited to see their friends which is always fun. The teachers have many wonderful learning experiences planned for this month and registration begins for the 2021-2022 school year.

As a current preschool family, I sent you an email regarding Priority Registration. If you did not receive it, please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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2021-2022 Registration for ACP

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Every family of students who are currently attending ACP or were originally registered for the 2020-21 school year was sent an email with information about **Priority Registration**. Those forms are **due by Friday, January 15, at noon**.

If your child is a current student interested in returning next year, you will need to register again.

Registration for siblings, alumni, and the general public will begin on January 25 and that deadline is Friday, February 5 at noon. These forms can be found on our website www.arcolachurch.org/ministries/arcola-christian-preschool/

Scholastic Books

Each month there are new book order fliers available at www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs. Books are a wonderful way to extend your child's learning and they also make great gifts! This month's **orders are due Wednesday, January 20**. You can order online with the information below. Books will be delivered to the preschool and will be sent home with your child unless you choose to have them shipped to your house. Let me know if you want them to be a surprise and I'll notify you when they arrive.

December order due date: 1/20/2021

Web address: scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: GZVWY



Admin Notes

Tuition

Tuition payments are **due the first of each month**. The best way to pay is on the preschool tuition payment page on our [website](#). You can also use bill pay through your bank but please allow at least a week for the check to be delivered. There is a \$25 late fee after the 5th of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

Absences

If your child is going to be out of school due to illness or travel, please email your child's teacher or the preschool office.

Warm Clothes

We play outside every day unless it is raining, or the playground is covered in snow. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with all items labeled. If your child cannot put on their own gloves, please help the teachers and send **MITTENS** instead! We want the children to feel as independent as possible (plus, mittens keep their hands warmer). Thank you!!!

Snacks

Now that we have settled into the school year, families are providing snack for their child's class on a rotating basis. Please keep in mind snacks are being served picnic style and that all snacks must be nut free – that includes peanuts and tree nuts. Snacks must be store bought with labels we can read and be unopened.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe. Unsafe and unacceptable snacks will be returned home. A snack list was attached to the November newsletter and can be found online.

Please continue to send a small, reusable, empty water bottle each day. We will fill it with water.

Odds and Ends

Please be sure to label all clothes, jackets, and school bags with your child's name. Many children do not recognize their own jackets when there are several others that look similar.

Arcola Christian Preschool Calendar:

January 15 – Priority Registration deadline at noon
January 18 – NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day
January 20 – NO SCHOOL – Inauguration Day
January 29 – Pajama Day
February 5 – Regular Registration deadline at noon
February 15 – NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
February 26 – School Pictures (we are working with Lifetouch to do this safely)

50 Ways to Show Kids You Care

1. Notice them.
2. *Smile a lot.*
3. Seek them out.
4. *Remember their birthdays.*
5. **Ask them about themselves.**
6. *Look in their eyes when you talk to them.*
7. Play with them.
8. *Read aloud together.*
9. Tell them their feelings are okay.
10. *Be honest.*
11. Be yourself.
12. **HUG THEM.**
13. *Play outside together.*
14. Surprise them.
15. *Stay with them when they're afraid.*
16. Suggest better behaviors when they act out.
17. **Surprise them.**
18. Feed them when they're hungry.
19. *Delight in their discoveries.*
20. Send them a letter or a postcard.
21. Follow them when they lead.
22. Call them to say hello.
23. *Hide surprises for them to find.*
24. Give them space when they need it.
25. *Laugh at their jokes.*
26. Kneel or sit so you're at their eye level.
27. *Answer their questions.*
28. Learn what they have to teach.
29. Hold hands during a walk.
30. Apologize when you've done something wrong.
31. *Keep your promises.*
32. Display their artwork.
33. Thank them.
34. Tell them what you like about them.
35. *Catch them doing something right.*
36. Ask for their opinion.
37. **HAVE FUN TOGETHER.**
38. Be curious with them.
39. *Meet their friends.*
40. Let them tell you how they feel.
41. Tell them about yourself.
42. Let them act their age.
43. *Praise more and criticize less.*
44. Be consistent.
45. *Give them a nick-name.*
46. Tell them you're proud of them.
47. *Unwind together.*
48. Be happy.
49. Ask them for help.
50. Believe in them.

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel

Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

Sunday livestream worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am

on Facebook & www.arcolachurch.com/live

Stories in the Field – Outdoor gathering for all ages @ 9:45am through mid-November

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening in the life of Arcola Church, please send me an e-mail (BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.