



Good News

Loving Arms Child Care Center



May 2018

Dates to Remember

- May 1 8:45am - Storytime with Library Anne
- May 7-11 Teacher Appreciation/Spirit Week
- May 7 **Dress From Another Country**
- May 8 **Dress Up Like An Athlete**
- May 9 **Dress In Your Loving Arms Shirt**
- May 9 4:00pm - PreK Graduation
- May 10 **Dress To Impress**
- May 10 8:00-9:30am - *Mother's Day Brunch Come and Go Event*
- May 11 **Dress Up Like A Tourist**
- May 11 2:45pm - May Birthday Celebrations
- May 12 8:00am-Noon - Playground Work Day
- May 28 **CLOSED** - Memorial Day
- May 29 Kick Off for Summer Program
- June 11-14 VBS Soccer Camp 3yrs+
- June 14 Father's Day BBQ

Spirit Week

Each year, we coincide our Teacher Appreciation Week with a center-wide Spirit Week. From May 7-11, there will be a fun dress up day for each day of the week. We look forward to seeing so much school spirit!

Monday, May 7 - Dress From Another Country

Tuesday, May 8 - Dress Up Like An Athlete

Wednesday, May 9 - Dress In Loving Arms Shirt

Thursday, May 10 - Dress To Impress

Friday, May 11 - Dress Up Like A Tourist

Teacher Appreciation Week

Our annual Teacher Appreciation and Spirit Week is coming up quickly. Our theme this year is "The Best Teachers in the World." Each day during the week, we will have a treat or gift for our teachers based around different countries. Thank you to all of those that have offered to help or volunteer in some way! We could not make this week so special without you! Please let us know if you are still wishing to help.

- Monday - Swedish Massages & Spa**
- Tuesday - English Breakfast**
- Wednesday - Italian Lunch**
- Thursday - Arctic Drink**
- Friday - Mexican Appetizers**

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."
Philippians 2:13

Summer Events

We are gearing up for a fun filled summer! The center is planning to have special weekly camps over the summer with a center-wide event or visitor each week. We will rotate the days to accommodate the children that come part time. We would love any ideas from you! If you have any connections with an activity or visitor that would work well with the children, please let us know. We are scheduling dates for the summer and are open to your suggestions of guests or special days we could incorporate. Please feel free to share your ideas!

Mother's Day Brunch



Our Mother's Day event is coming up next week on Thursday, May 10. Please make sure to utilize the sign up sheet located in your child's classroom. If you are not able to attend, feel free to send a grandma, aunt, or another special family friend! The event will be a come and go style breakfast with made to order pancakes, fruit and refreshments. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful person we know you are!

Toys From Home

It has come to our attention that children are bringing in toys from home. The center is equipped with age-appropriate toys and we strive to create a sense of community in the classrooms by sharing and caring for them. We are asking for your help to keep personal toys at home in order to avoid arguments and hurt feelings. A sleepy buddy from home is allowed but will be kept in the child's cubby until naptime.



Wrapping Up The School Year

It's almost hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the 2017-18 school year. We will be saying, "See you later," to those who will be taking time off over the summer and, "God's blessings," to those children in our class of 2031 who will be leaving for Kindergarten. It truly has been a blessing to be a part of each and every child's life. Most times we feel that they impact us more than we impact them. We thank you all so much for choosing Loving Arms. If there is anything we can do for your family in the future, please let us know!

A Message from Pastor

Don't Depend on Spring

A change for the better! That's how most folks in the Midwest view spring. It's hard to love sloppy roads, icy walks, and chapped lips. The warm breezes, the signing birds, the blooming flowers ... No matter how lousy and long the winter, spring never fails to pick us up.

It isn't only when the snow is falling, however, that we feel pressured by life. It isn't only when it's below zero outside that the world gives us a cold shoulder. The gentleness of spring doesn't make everyone patient. The sun of summer doesn't automatically produce warm friendships.

Since that's the case, we really can't blame the weather for our problems, can we? Nor can we depend on a change of seasons to be the solution. If we can't depend on spring, then what? Wrong question. Don't ask, "What?" Rather ask, "Who?"

We are easily convinced we can depend on something when what we really need is someone. We spend all kinds of time and energy amassing "something." We assume the more things we own, the better our life will be. But people are more important than things. And the most benefit comes from being close to that someone who has all the answers.

Who is that someone? It wasn't long ago that we were celebrating his birthday. Christmas announces that God entered our world to help us. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Earlier this month we commemorated his death and resurrection. Easter announces that God is stronger than a grave and wants us to live with him forever. He said, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Joseph, his foster father, was told, "You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

His name is Jesus! Get to know him this spring. He offers joy and hope and peace year round!

-Pastor Jonathan Rockhoff