



Good News

Loving Arms Child Care Center



April 2018

Dates to Remember

March 30	CLOSED - Good Friday
April 1	Easter Services 8:15 & 10:45am Easter Breakfast 9:30am
April 9	6:30pm Young Artist Exhibit Reception for Loving Arms @Westlink Library
April 13	2:45pm April Birthday Celebrations
April 16-20	Week of the Young Child
April 16	"Leave Your Child a Note Day"
April 17	"Decorate a Cookie Day"
April 18	"Build a Tower With Your Child Day"
April 19	"Read to Your Child Day"
April 20	6-9:30pm Parents Night Out
April 25	10am Teal Room - Field Trip Wichita Children's Theater "3 Billy Goats Gruff"
May 9	4:00pm Pre-K Graduation
May 10	8-9:30am Mother's Day Brunch

Week of the Young Child

During the week of April 16-20, we will be celebrating "The Week of the Young Child." Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize that

children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning. Please see the monthly calendar for our special days that will celebrate our wonderful children.

Young Artists' Exhibit

Each classroom at the Westlink Public Library. There will be an art opening reception for our center held on Monday, April 9 at 6:30pm. There will be punch, cookies and a story time for the children. Loving Arms is happy to partner with the Wichita Public Library in honor of the Week of the Young Child.



Teal Room Field Trip

The Teal Room will be taking their annual "End of the School Year" field trip to attend the Wichita Children's Theater spring production of "Chicken Little." The play starts at 10:30am and is hosted at the Little Lambs Preschool. We will leave the center at 10:00am and return to Loving Arms by 11:30am for lunch. If you are able to help drive children to and from the performance, please sign up as a driver in the Teal Room. Permission slips will be available in the classroom soon. Our field trips are made possible by parent volunteers who are able to help shuttle children to and from the event. Thank you in advance!



Mother's Day Brunch

Moms, grandmas, aunts, or another special family friend is invited to attend our annual Mother's Day event on Thursday, May 10. This year, we will be hosting Mother's Day Brunch from 8:00am - 9:30am. It will be a come and go style event, so you can spend time with your special child. Enjoy a wonderful breakfast together before heading off to your day's work. We are excited to celebrate the wonderful person you are in your child's life. Please watch for sign up sheets as they will be posted in classrooms later in the month.

"Jesus died and rose again."

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Gardening With Children

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- **Start Small:** A garden does not have to be large. It can be a raised bed or as simple as a window box filled with herbs.
- **Choose easy to grow seeds:** Generally speaking, the larger the seed, the easier it is to grow. Pick veggies such as peas, beans, corn, squash, peppers, broccoli and tomatoes.
- **Look for plant extremes:** To interest children in gardening, select plants that either grow tall and sprawl, or stay teeny-tiny. Sunflowers are an excellent choice for a children's garden since they grow to be tall.
- **Be creative with containers and props:** Make it playful and interesting. Plant in rubber boots, coffee can with holes poked in the bottom. Climbing plants such as green beans can climb up a teepee made of bamboo or sticks.
- **Don't be afraid of a little dirt:** Allow children to get their hands-dirty. It will feel like a special privilege. Use garden tools and allow them to work away!
- **Eat what you have grown:** When you harvest your fruits and veggies, savor the flavor.
- **Foster Responsibility:** Create helpers for watering, weeding and monitoring pests. Children can pick veggies too. Children will begin to take ownership of the garden and take pride in their new responsibility.



Daily Devotion from Pastor

Lord, Hear My Prayer

Standing on the South Pole is like being in the eye of a hurricane -- it's deceptively calm. As you stand on that frozen tundra, there is no wind, no severe weather. The quietness seems inconsistent with the fact that mighty winds originate there. How is this possible?

Warm air from the equator cools over the ice and descends, becoming cold and dense. Gravity then violently pulls the heavy air down the slopes toward the oceans, picking up tremendous speed. Eventually it is heated by the sun and begins to rise, creating a circular pattern that drives our earth's weather machine.

Most people will admit that at one time or another they have offered up a prayer. Maybe it was something like, "God, help me" or "Lord, protect me." Yet many give up on prayer because nothing seems to happen. We want action! Then our urges take over: *I gotta move, do something, work, worry, struggle. I just can't sit here.*

Prayer is like standing on the South Pole. Try it sometime. Find a quiet place and calmly offer a prayer to God. Then get up off your knees and listen. What will you hear? Nothing, right? But the unbelievable winds and power originating from the South Pole are nothing compared to the prayer you just prayed. For even though it seems as if nothing is happening, that things are quiet, God is powerfully answering your prayer. Many times you won't hear it or see it, but things are happening -- awesome things!

Jesus, God's Son, once said, "If you have faith and do not doubt ... you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." With a faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and a real belief in the power of prayer, we can move mountains in our lives that we thought were immovable. God listens to and answers our prayers.

Pastor Rockhoff