

Good News

Loving Arms Child Care Center

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January 2012

Dates to Remember

- Jan 11 100 Days of School
Jan 13 Birthday Celebrations 2:45 p.m.
Jan 14 Scrapbooking 9-5 p.m.
Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(We are open!)
Jan 17 Staff meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
Jan 20 Pajama Day!
Jan 29 Happy Birthday Kansas!
Feb 7 Storytime with Aunt Anne
Feb 10 – Birthday Celebrations@ 2:45 p.m.
Feb 14 Valentine's Day Party @ 2:45 p.m.
Feb 20 President's Day
(We are open!)

March 6 Picture Day Clix – starts at 8 a.m.
March 9 Birthday Celebrations @ 2:45 p.m.

Your tax statements for
2011 are ready for pick up
in the office.



“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



From the Director

I trust you all had a wonderful time with your families as you celebrated our Savior’s birth! It was so nice to gather with family and friends during the Christmas season, but it is also nice when things get back into a routine schedule and are normal! Our “normal” will look just a little different this coming semester.

Starting on January 9, we have made a few adjustments to our classroom teams and schedules. I hope you have noticed that if you drop your preschool and Kindergarten-aged children off after 7:30, they will be in the gymnasium until their teacher comes to get them at 7:45 a.m. Miss Robin will be in the Purple Room at 7:15 a.m. My prayer is that this will create a sense of calm and have fewer children in our Blue Room in the early mornings. **Please be sure to check your child in with the lead teacher upon arrival.** Please close the classroom door behind you. Please do not leave your child unattended in a classroom without supervision. As you know, Miss Cassie and Miss Autumn are pursuing other interests. I hope you have found time to read the letter on our new team in our Blue Room. We have moved a few other teachers to different rooms to strengthen and freshen up our teams to avoid burn out. A change isn’t always bad. It can be very good! As a result, Stephanie Yost will assume the lead teacher duties in the Blue Room. She has an excellent team! Most of the children and families are familiar with the teachers, but they may be in a different classroom this semester. I hope you are as optimistic as I am about the changes. They are well thought out and will create growth opportunities for the staff and the children at the center this next semester. As always, I welcome your suggestions and feedback. Thank you for your cooperation. Your family partnerships with the center are an important part to your child’s continued success.♥



Research shows certain skills can keep your child away from drugs

Research confirms: There are certain skills and traits you can help your preschooler develop now that will help her say no to drugs later. Be sure your child:

- Feels secure. Have her draw a picture of herself. Tell her how happy she makes you feel. Point out police officers and other adults she can trust to help her.
- Knows how to solve problems. Break small tasks down into even smaller steps.
- Feels responsibility toward others. Encourage her to feed the cat and do chores to "help the family out."
- Is self-confident. Find a talent or trait that makes her feel special. Give her tasks she can do successfully. Tell her what a big help she is.
- Understands the need for rules. Explain why she shouldn't handle medicines in your home. Make sure she knows what will happen if she breaks rules.
- Knows the difference between fantasy and reality. Ask your child if the characters and actions in books or cartoons are real or pretend.

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"No Child Left Inside" - Don't forget -- we strive to go outside to play whenever we can. Please keep up with the weather and see that your child dresses in appropriate clothing. Thank you for your cooperation.



The following holidays will be observed by the Center during 2012. Please make a note on your calendar that we will be closed the following days:

January 2	New Year's Break - Monday
April 6	Good Friday - Friday
May 28	Memorial Day - Monday
July 4	Independence Day - Wednesday
Sept 3	Labor Day - Monday
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Day - Thursday
Nov 23	Friday after Thanksgiving Day
Dec 24	Christmas Eve - Monday
Dec 25	Christmas Day - Tuesday
Dec 31	New Year's Eve - Monday

Thank you!! We all greatly appreciate the personal gifts, the classroom gifts, and the hats and mittens that were donated along with the other goodies received from our child care families. It is a privilege and joy to care for your children.



Trinity Snowman

When you see a snowman
Three snowballs round,
He is reminding you
That in God Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father,
Our strong rock and foundation
The Creator of all living things,
People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son
With His arms spread open wide.
Who died on the cross for each of us
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit
Who is our counselor and friend,
He speaks to our hearts and minds
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,
Listen carefully and he'll tell you,
"Remember God is Three in One".

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