



Notes From Amanda

Love is the Gift of TIME!

It is easy as a parent to get overwhelmed with the day to day tasks of working, making meals and getting children fed and bathed. Often we substitute “things” for time with our children. Purchasing a reward is easier than taking the time to play Candy land, tag, or hide-and-seek. But if you ask older children what they remember of their childhood, it isn’t the things that the parents purchased for them that they remember. What is more important is the activities and time spent together with their parents. Even if it is only five minutes of bedtime stories, it will make a huge impression on your child.

Welcome New Families!

In January, welcomed JJ, Deshawn, Ca’Myah, Eliana, Nahsia, and Zion. We praise God for more families joining us at ABBA!

New Staff Members



In January, Miss Hayley returned to the ABBA staff. She is a student at Wheaton College and attends Family

In Faith during the school year. She worked at ABBA last school year. She did student teaching this fall semester and is now helping us out in the afternoons 3 days a week. We are thrilled to have Hayley back!

In February, you will see another new face. Her name is Kathy. She has taught for 39 years and was a principal for several years also. She retired from the Lutheran elementary schools but still enjoys working with kids. She will be a floating assistant 3 days a week until we hire someone permanent .

Valentine’s Day

You are welcome to bring in valentines for your child’s classmates. If you are not sure about how many valentines to bring, please ask me or your child’s teacher.



Dates to Remember:

- Every Sunday: Worship at Family In Faith, 8am and 10:30am
- Free Panera bread and bagels every Friday!
- Saturday, Feb. 11: Food Pantry 10a-12p
- Tuesday, Feb. 14: Backwards Day, wear your clothes backwards!
- Tuesday, Feb. 14: Valentine’s Day
- Friday, Feb. 17: Pink Day



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Reading Corner

Reading with your child is one of the best ways to instill a love of learning. Statistics show that children who are read to consistently have a higher success rate of learning to read. It is also a great way to spend time together.

Visiting the library with your child is a no-cost way of allowing them to learn about books. If your child has a specific interest in books or a topic, the librarian will be happy to help you find books that are appropriate for your child. The library also has a Parenting Section with many resources about issues that parents encounter from teething and biting to potty training to sharing. I encourage all of you to check out your local library on your own and with your child.



February Birthdays

February 1—Armando
February 25—Giovanni



Ash Wednesday

Everyone is invited to attend a soup supper on Wednesday, March 1 at 6pm followed by the Ash Wednesday church service at 7pm.

If you would like to join us for supper, please sign-up on the sheet which is on the table outside the sanctuary doors (to the right) or let Amanda know.

Ashes will be available to be put on your forehead during the service.



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