

# ABBA Christian Childcare Newsletter

## Notes From Amanda

# June

### 2017 Preschool Graduation



On Friday, June 9th, we will have our 2017 Preschool Graduation at 6:30pm. We have 7 children graduating this year. Many of them will stay for the summer but will leave in August for kindergarten. We will miss all of them so much and wish them the best as they go to new schools!

### New Staff Members in May

We had many new staff join us in May. They have been a blessing and will be with us through August.

Cheyenne is an elementary education student at Augustana University and is mostly working with the infants and toddlers.

Morgan is an elementary education student at Concordia University Chicago and is working in various classrooms.

Abbi is an elementary education student at Concordia University Wisconsin and is working with the 4s/5s.

Ashley P is an early childhood education student at Concordia University Chicago and is working with the toddlers.

Welcome

### New Twos Teacher Starting in June

For the last year, we have been looking to hire a Twos teacher so that Ms Carole can go back to more administrative duties. Our prayers have finally been answered with Miss Marcia. She has an Associates Degree in early childhood education and is excited to join our staff. She will begin the week of June 18th. There will be some overlap with her and Ms Carole so the kids get to know Marcia and she gets to know them.

### Going on Vacation Over the Summer?

If your child will be out on vacation this summer, please let us know as soon as possible. There are vacation forms by the tuition box that you can fill out and return to me or your child's teacher. This helps us staff appropriately and keep our costs down. Thanks for your help in advance!



### Welcome New Families!

We were blessed to have Ryan, Tyler, and Milo join us in May! We look forward to welcoming more friends over the summer.

#### Dates to Remember:

- Every Sunday: Worship at Family In Faith, 8am and 10:30am
- Free Panera bread and bagels every Friday!
- Monday, June 5: Vision and Hearing Rescreening
- Friday, June 9: Preschool Graduation at 6:30pm
- Tuesday, June 13: Mismatched Clothes Day
- Friday, June 16th: All Colors Day

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# Summertime Family Devotions for 5 Favorite Places

**1. The Zoo:** A showcase for God’s creativity. Hunt for five of the most bizarre animal facts. Discuss God’s purpose in His specific design of each animal. Try to find an animal for each letter of the alphabet. Make an A to Z book. Talk about Adam’s job to name the animals. What names would you have chosen?

- Discuss Noah’s faith in building the ark. Sing the “Rise and Shine” song. Eat animal crackers.
- Upon your return, make monkey bread or decorate cupcakes to look like animals. Play a game of animal charades or animal races (hop like a kangaroo, slither like a snake, or walk like an elephant.)

**2. The Beach:** Another display of God’s handiwork. Build a sandcastle near the tide, on the sand. Build another one on a rock on higher land. Discuss the wise man and the foolish man. How does that apply to us? Sing “The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock.”

- Fill a small container with sand. How many granules would you estimate are in there? Talk about Psalm 139:17-18, “How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.”
- Go on a hunt for seashells. Challenge them to find two that are exactly the same.
- Find a recipe for a “sand dirt dessert” and make it when you get home.

**3. The Farm:** A place where man’s hard work meets God’s provision. Ask a local farmer if you can assist him for the day (or even an hour). Ask him questions about his job. Discuss how it relates to scripture. Try to find the four soils explained in Matthew 13.

- Go berry picking. Talk about God being the vine and His people being the branches. Eat some of the fruits of the labor.
- Visit the animals at the farm. Does scripture talk about any of them specifically? Sing, “Old McDonald.”

**4. A Road Race:** An opportunity to witness hard work, perseverance, and accomplishment. Cheer on a friend or family member with signs and support. Encourage people who are tired.

- Set up a water table (with permission) to provide for others. What is it like to be thirsty? Read the story about the Woman at the Well in John 4.
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 or Hebrews 12:1-2. Train for a race yourself and model healthy living for your children. If your child is old enough, have them participate in a race with you just for the fun of it. What do races teach us about living the Christian life?

**5. The Backyard:** Go cloud watching. Read Psalm 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” Replicate the clouds with a cotton ball art project. Read It Looked Like Spilt Milk, by Charles G. Shaw.

- Plant a vegetable or flower garden. Take care of it daily. (Even dead plants are a great object lesson if things don’t work out!) Read Mark 4:30-32, the Parable of the mustard seed.
- Play games, have fun, and be silly. Jesus promises us life to the full. What does that mean?
- Hunt for bugs. Find a caterpillar and a butterfly. Discuss 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- At night, chase fireflies. Notice how they stand out in the darkness. Play flashlight tag. Sing, “This Little Light of Mine.” Search for constellations.

## June Birthdays

June 6—Miss Ashley P

June 16—Lily

June 20—Elijah

Happy Birthday!

