

# ABBA Christian Childcare Monthly Newsletter

## Notes From Amanda

### Welcome New Families!

We were blessed to have several new children join us at ABBA in April. Welcome to Ethan, Wyatt, and LeTayvion. We will welcome Milo in May also. Praise God!

### It's Time to Think About Sunscreen



The weather is starting to warm up and the children are spending more time outside. We want to keep them safe from sunburn, so we are happy to apply sunscreen prior to going outside. We will be providing the Wal-Mart brand of sunscreen for the summer. Cost for the entire summer of sunscreen is \$5 per child. You may choose to bring in your own sunscreen as well and the staff will let you know when the bottle is running low. We **MUST** have written permission to put sunscreen on your child. Look for the permission forms in your mailbox this week.

### Goodbye Miss Hayley!

ABBA has been blessed to have Miss Hayley working in the afternoons as she goes to school at Wheaton College. Sadly, the semester is ending the first week of May and Miss Hayley will be leaving for the summer. She will be in Arica for the summer and fall semester. Her last day this year will be May 4th. We pray God blesses her abundantly in the future. She will be missed!



### Upcoming Changes at ABBA

We will have several new staff helping us out this summer while Ms Mary and Miss Jam are on maternity leave, Ms Kathy C leaves, and the other staff take vacation.

One of them is Sarah Miller. She is a student and Wheaton College, studying elementary education. She also attends Family In Faith while at school and sings in the praise band. She will be helping us out from May 8-June 2. She will spend the rest of the summer in Laos where her parents are Bible translators.

You may have also seen a new staff member in the afternoons over the last couple of weeks. Her name is Sandi and she is a member of Family In Faith. She teaches Sunday School as well.

I will be hiring other college students to help us this summer in the first couple of weeks in May. Once I have hired them, I will send a note to give you more information about them.

I also plan to hire a 2s teacher so that Ms Carole can do more administrative duties. Pray for staff that are a great fit at ABBA.



### Dates to Remember

- Every Sunday: Worship at Family In Faith, 8am and 10:30am
- Free Panera bread and bagels every Friday!
- May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- Saturday, May 13: Food Pantry, 10am-12pm, volunteers at 9am
- Tuesday, May 19: Inside Out Clothes Day
- Friday, May 29: Gray Day, wear something gray today!
- **Monday, May 29: ABBA Closed for Memorial Day**

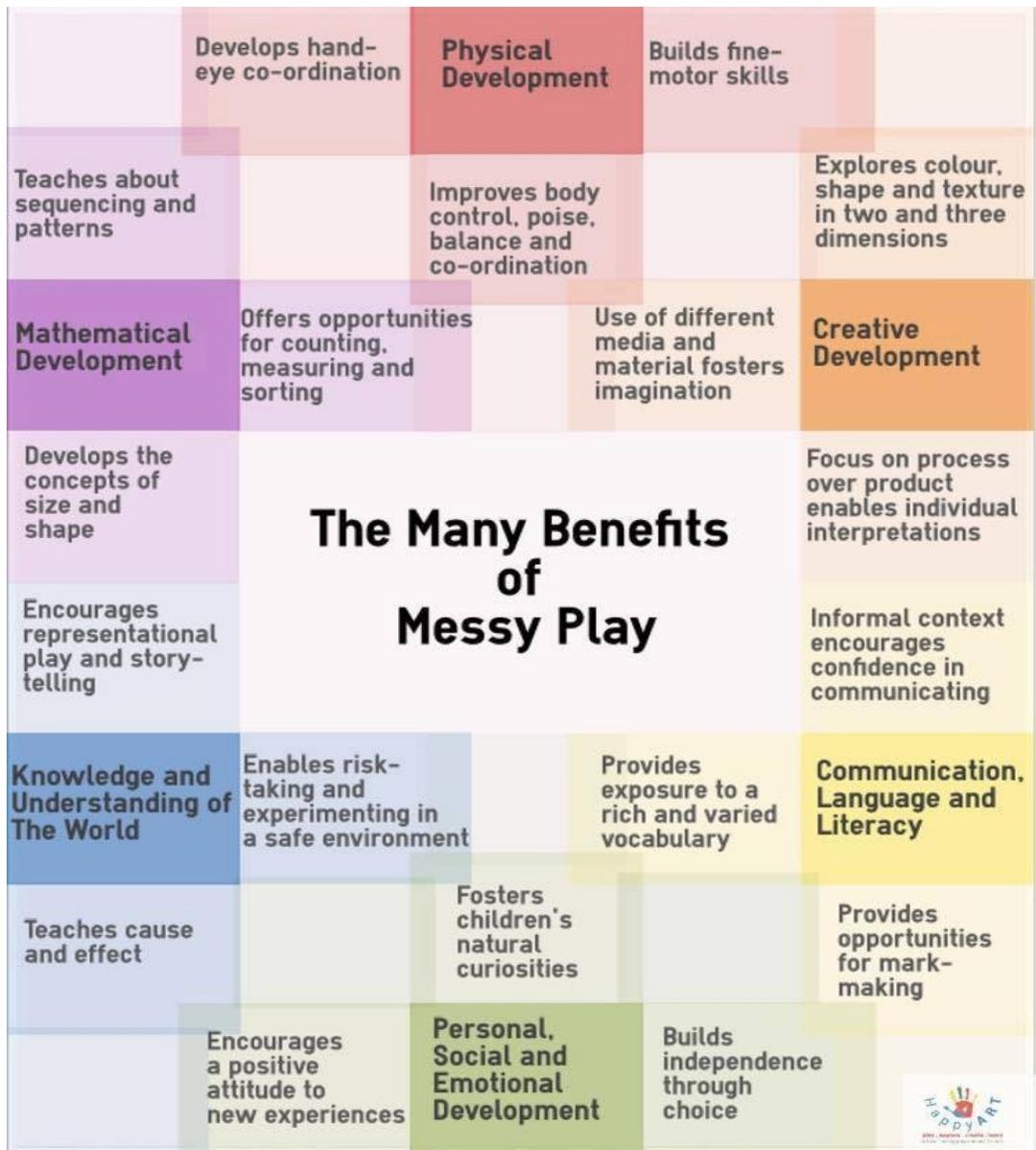
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## Encourage Messy Play!

Does your child sometimes come home with dirt or paint all over them? Children love to get messy and play in the dirt and mud. There are so many benefits of getting messy in their play. This graphic explains the benefits in a great way. Please keep this in mind when you let your child play at home as well.

It can be frustrating to clean up the mess afterwards, but think about how much they are learning! I encourage you to get creative and involve them in the clean-up process also .



### May Birthdays

- May 2—Tristan
- May 13—Ms Kathy C
- May 14—Noah
- May 21—Ms Sandra
- May 30—Kaitlynn



### Infant Parents—Please Help Us

When we did our April fire drill, we discovered a problem that we need your help with every day. If you leave your infant's car seat in the hallway, please set it down parallel to the wall. When they stick out into the middle of the hallway, it is difficult for the infant and toddler classrooms to get out of the building quickly.

Also—please label your infant's bottles. We had a bottle go home with the wrong family recently because they had the same type of bottle and one of them was not labeled. We do not want your child to get the wrong formula or breast milk.