

ABBA Christian Childcare Monthly Newsletter

Notes From Amanda



Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

We know that all ABBA parents need to get to work—even in the snow. We are here to take care of your children even on the snowy days. If we have a horrible storm that prevents people from getting around, then we may close. We do not follow the school districts so if District 15 or 16 is closed, we may still be open. Please check your TV or check the Emergency Closing Center’s website to see if we are closed. You are also welcome to call the center if you are not sure if we are open. If we need to close early due to bad weather, we will give you a call.

Remember to bring appropriate clothing for your child (boots, waterproof mittens, snow pants and a hat). Our policy is to go outside as long as the temperature is above 25 degrees wind chill. We may not stay out long, but it gives the children a chance to breathe fresh air and run off some energy. Your child is prone to sickness staying inside all the time—fresh air is great for everyone!



Thank You!



On behalf of all the staff members of ABBA, I’d like to thank you for the wonderful gifts and treats that we received from many families. We hope you enjoyed the gifts that were made for you by your children (with a little help from us.)

Welcome New Families!

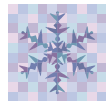
We were blessed to have Mireya, DJ, and Gabriella join us in December. We look forward to having Lincoln and Malaki join us this month!

New Staff Member

We had a new staff member start in December. Her name is Miss Rachel and she has been working in the preschool classroom and with the toddlers. Rachel has taught Sunday School at her church. She is also bi-lingual with English and Spanish. We are so excited to have her join our staff!

Dates to Remember:

- Every Sunday: Worship at Family In Faith, 8am and 10:30am
- Free Panera bread and bagels every Friday!
- Friday, Jan. 1: ABBA Closed—Happy New Year!
- Tuesday, Jan. 12: Silly Sock Day
- Saturdays, Jan. 9 and 23: Food Pantry Open from 9am-12pm
- Wednesdays, Jan. 13 and 27: Food Pantry Open 3pm-6pm



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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all of us at
ABBA Christian Childcare

Need to Clean Your Closet?

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Do you have clothes that no longer fit or you do not want anymore? Do you have linens or shoes to get rid of at home?



Please donate these items in the blue bins out in the parking lot. The items donated are given to people in need and ABBA receives funds based on the amount of items that are donated. The bins are emptied multiple times per week.

January Birthdays



January 10— Miss Ashley N

January 18—Chloe

Happy Anniversary!

On January 11, Miss Ashley N will be celebrating her 13th year at ABBA! We are so blessed to have her on staff!

Happy anniversary toddler teacher Ashley!



Need Ideas for What to Do With Kids in the Winter?

1. Build a snowman in the yard. If it's too cold, bring some snow in the house and build it in a plastic tub!
2. Stick a yardstick in the snow and see how deep the snow gets.
3. Look at the icicles on buildings—see if you can find one that is really big!
4. When riding in the car, count how many snowplows you see.
5. Cuddle up under a blanket and read books.
6. Do something totally outrageous and put on your swimming suits and spread out beach towels and pretend to have a picnic! Your children will be especially surprised if their swimming suit is already too small for them! Talk to them about how they are GROWING!

