

Notes From Amanda

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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!

Last month, we welcomed Malaki and Lincoln to the center. We praise God for more families joining us at ABBA!

Gym Shoes are Best

If your child wears snow boots into school, please bring shoes for them to change into or keep a pair of shoes at school. We ask for this because it is hard for the kids to play in the boots—both in the classroom and in the gym. We appreciate your cooperation!

Valentine's Day

Due to COVID, we ask that valentines not be put together at home. Please bring the **unopened** box of valentines to school **by Wednesday, February 10th** and the teachers will prepare them.



Dates to Remember:

- Every Sunday: Worship at Family In Faith, 8am and 10:30am
- Free Panera bread and bagels every Friday!
- Tuesday, Feb. 9: Backwards Day, wear your clothes backwards!
- Sunday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Food Pantry Open:
 - Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 27 from 9a-12p
 - Wednesdays, Feb. 3 and 17 from 3p-6p



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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.

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 7—Malaki



Hoping to Play Outside

As a reminder, we are required to take the children outside if the temperature is 25 degrees or higher. The mornings have been around this temperature but the wind chill has been lower. The temperature will hopefully get warmer and the fresh air will help prevent the kids from getting sick as well!

We need your help by bringing in your child's winter gear:

- Coat
- Winter hat
- Snow pants
- Boots



Please have your child's name or initials on all items. If you decide to take the items back and forth, please remember to bring them in on the appropriate days.

God's
Love
Never
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