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## August News

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and warmth of summer. Our children participated in many outdoor activities, including picnics, outdoor music sessions, science experiment field trips, and more. It was a season full of fun and learning, creating wonderful memories for everyone involved.

As the summer comes to a close, our dedicated summer teachers will be returning to Wisconsin in the middle of this month. We are incredibly thankful for all the hard work and dedication they put in to make this summer special for our kids. Their efforts have made a significant impact, and we appreciate their commitment to providing enriching experiences for our children.

We are also grateful for all our staff, whose unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in creating a positive and nurturing environment for our students. Their hard work ensures that our programs run smoothly and that our children receive the best care and education possible.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic rest of the year.

## THANK YOU!

Dear Morgan Pohlman and Beth Grassi,

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to both of you for coordinating the Summer Fling. We deeply appreciate all the hours of planning and the genuine care you have for our program. Your dedication and desire to see this program become an asset to the families and the community truly shine through.

Your efforts have not only brought joy and excitement to the children but have also encouraged us to continue serving with enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you so very !





8/14 Last day of summer program  
8/15 First day school  
8/19 Before and after school resumes

As we continue to strive for excellence in our workplace, it's important that we take the time to recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Open Arms staff. This month, we're looking to nominate our next Employee of the Month, and I need your help!

Please take a moment to think about who have gone above and beyond in their roles. Who has consistently shown a positive attitude and a commitment to our values?

Your input is invaluable in ensuring we acknowledge and celebrate those who truly make a difference. Let's show our appreciation and encourage each other by recognizing their outstanding efforts

Please send your nominations, along with a brief explanation of why you believe this person deserves recognition. Find the nomination forms by the sign area. Together, we can continue to foster a supportive and motivating environment for everyone.

## Volunteer Hour Ideas

- Window washing (indoor/outdoor)
- Toy washing (indoor/outdoor)
- Fundraisers and events
- Yard maintenance
- Backyard clean-up
- Help with professional development days
- Playground reconstruction
- Classroom help
- Window washing
- Classroom organizing
- Make playdough
- Laundry
- Classroom donations
- Parent Committee (talk to Morgan Pohlman)
- Sunday church participation

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child.

### Meals are included in the tuition:

Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:30

Morning snack is from 10:00-10:30

Lunch is from 11:00-12:30

Afternoon snack is from 3:00-3:30

### TUITION

Infant -	\$1,450.00
Wobbler-	\$1,300.00
Toddler-	\$1,210.00
Preschool	\$985.00

# Parenting Tips

**Here are some tips to help you prepare your child for Kindergarten:**

**Help him to develop independence at home.** Encourage your child to dress himself, take his coat on and off and hang it up, use the bathroom without assistance and wash his hands without constant reminders, and put on his own shoes. Provide serving spoons so your child can serve himself at the table and clear his own dishes. These skills will take him from the coatroom to the lunchroom and beyond.

**Focus on self-help skills.** Your child should know how to wipe her face after lunch without prompting and blow her nose without assistance. But be sure she is also comfortable asking an adult for help when necessary.

**Teach responsibility.** Start transferring small responsibilities over to your child, if you haven't already. After a family trip to the pool, you might put your child in charge of emptying the backpack, refilling the water bottles, or hanging up his wet swimsuit. Even when it may be easier for you to complete these tasks, let him accept the responsibility.

**Develop and follow routines.** Set up morning routines that will transfer into a school setting. Getting up around the same time every day, getting dressed, and having an early breakfast together is a great way to transition to school.

**Read aloud to your child.** Get your child a library card, take her to the library to check out books, and be sure to read to your child every day. Read a variety of books, read the captions under pictures in the newspaper, even share the comics. Just read!

**Engage her in meaningful literacy activities.** Encourage your child to help you with thank you cards, shopping lists, or notes. They may start with scribbles or pictures, move into scattered letters, and finally some recognizable words as they enter school. Appreciate their attempts and watch their skills develop with practice.

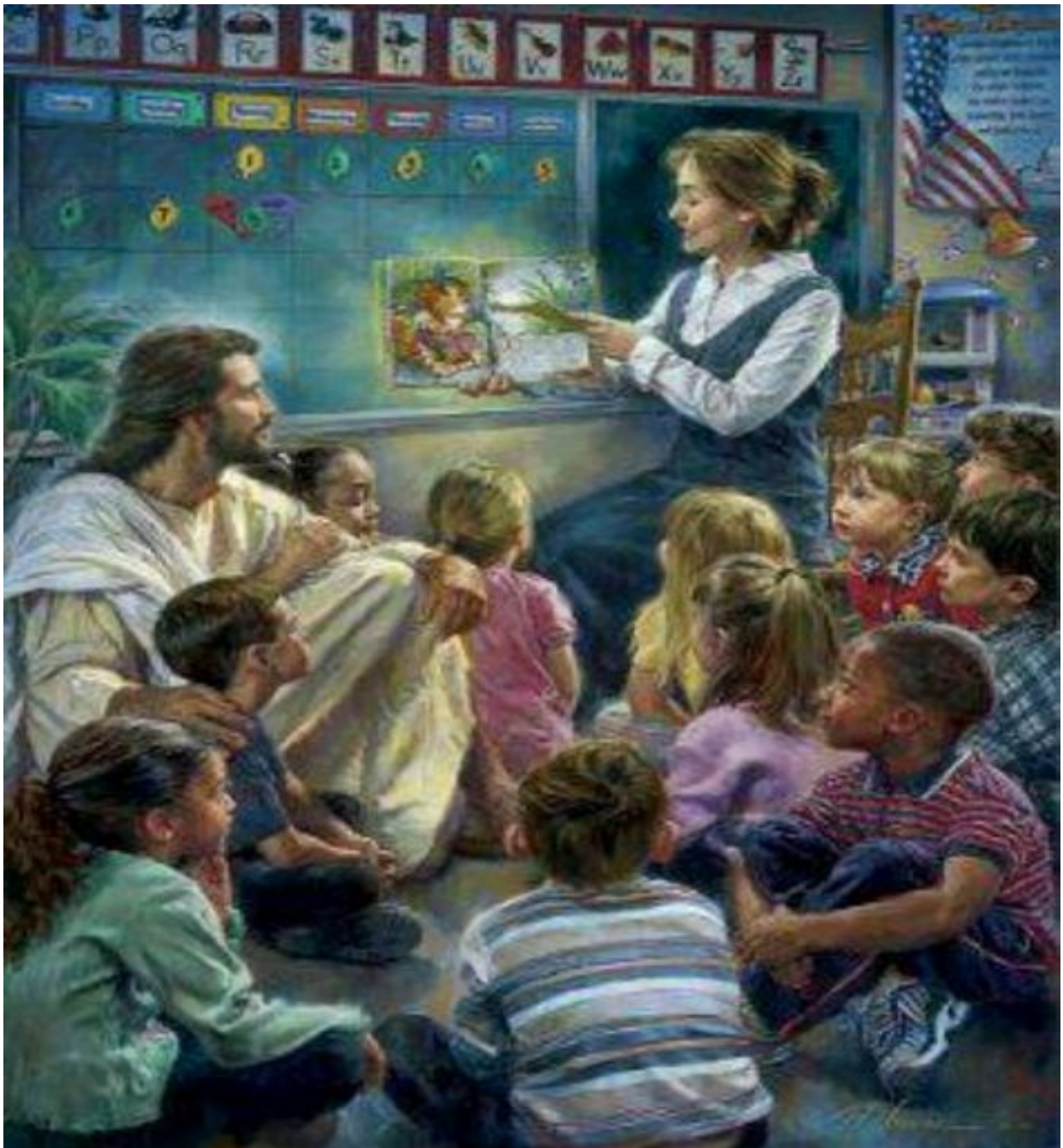
**Acknowledge his feelings.** Avoid talking about school too much, or wait until the end of summer is near. Your child may express being nervous, not wanting to go or, alternately, feeling very excited to start school. Whatever they feel, take time to appreciate where they are.



## OUR MISSION

TO PROCLAIM CHRIST'S LOVE TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY PROVIDING A NURTURING AND EDUCATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*





# Summer Fling





# Prek 3

Preschool science and writing.

