



# Arcola Christian Preschool

"Let the little children come to Me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."  
(Luke 18:16 NKJV)

## February 2025

### Director's Note

February! Valentines! Smiles for school pictures! Winter flies by when you are having fun. Especially because we actually got some SNOW this winter! It is amazing to see how much your children have grown and changed so far this year. They are busy making new friends, enjoying new activities, and becoming more confident. There are still lots of fun things to look forward to this school year. We are so happy to spend this time with your children each day. They are a blessing!

I have attached a "Message in a Backpack" entitled *Tinkering and Making at Home*. It highlights some ways you can expand your child's learning by providing playful, open-ended opportunities for exploration. Tinkering helps a child develop science, technology, engineering and math skills (and is a great way to keep them busy on chilly winter days!)

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### Enter in Good Health

As a reminder, when you enter the building or send your child into the building, you are confirming that you or your child do not have symptoms of a contagious illness. Children should be 24 hours symptom free without medication before returning to school. Please stay home if you are unwell!

### 2025-2026 Registration for ACP

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year has begun. Information and forms can be found on the website and hard copies are available in the pink drop box outside our front doors.

**If your child is a current student interested in returning next year, you will need to register again.**

All applications must be received by **noon** on **February 7, 2025**, to be included in the lottery.

[www.ArcolaChurch.org/Preschool](http://www.ArcolaChurch.org/Preschool)

### Valentine's Day Note

*It is a lot of fun for the children to exchange cards on Valentine's Day.*

*Although not necessary, we know that some*

*families like to add treats to their cards. Please plan to be inclusive to our students with food allergies. If you send in a treat with your child's valentines, there must be a label for the parent to read and items must be nut free. However, there are children with other allergies in our preschool so, if you'd like to send a treat, we ask you to consider looking for non-food items that children would enjoy such as pencils, silly straws, stickers, etc.*



### ACP Calendar

The calendar for the school year is posted on our website for you to view at any time.

- February 13 & 14 - Valentine's Day Celebrations
- February 17 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed
- Feb 27 & 28 - School Pictures
- March 31 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed
- April 4 & 7 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that requires advance registration and payment. **The Sign-up for February dates were emailed on Friday, January 25.** Check your spam/junk mail if you don't see the email. If you'd like to sign up your sloth or penguin, please first check with your child's teacher to ensure they are ready.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-54481144-acplunch>

### **Tuition**

Tuition payments are **due the first of each month.** We do not send a bill. The best way to pay is on the preschool tuition [payment page on our website](#). There is a \$25 late fee after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

### **Snack**

All snacks must be nut free – that includes peanuts and tree nuts. We cannot serve items that have been processed or packaged in a facility that also processes or packages peanut products. Snacks must be store bought with labels we can read and be unopened. **Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our students safe.** We will send home any snack that doesn't meet our guidelines.

### **Scholastic Books**

Does your child love books? Reading to your child is the most important thing you can do to help them succeed in school. Books make great gifts too! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child. (If they are a surprise, just let me know and I'll notify you when they arrive.)



**Family Order Due Date: 2/20/2025**

**Shop Our Class Page:**

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZVWY>

**Shop Flyers:** <https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers>

Thanks so much for your support!

### **Absences**

If your child is going to be out of school due to illness or travel, please email your child's teacher or the preschool office.

### **Clothing**

Please be sure to label all clothes, jackets, and school bags with your child's name. Many children do not recognize their own belongings when there are several others that look similar.

### **School Pictures**



Victor O'Neill Studios will take individual and class photos on February 22 & 28, based on your child's school day. All classes and children will be photographed, but there is no requirement to purchase. Please make sure to arrive on time on picture day. Victor O'Neill Studios will communicate directly with you through email to provide access to your child's portraits and purchase options.

## **Arcola Church Happenings**

Arcola Church is an active church with opportunities for Worship, Sunday school for all ages, a variety of bible studies, music groups, support groups, and opportunities to donate to the Hygiene Pantry and the Dulles South Food Pantry. For more information, check out our website or ask me to point you in the right direction. You do not need to be a member of Arcola Church to participate in any of our programs.

### **Parenting Littles with Grace**

***Wednesday, February 26 @ 9:30am***

Caring for littles is its own unique season, and we want to support you in your faith journey! Join us monthly for this low-key Bible study - we'll share a devotion, have childcare available (but please come even if your kids are in school!), and connect about caring for Jesus' littlest disciples. All caregivers welcome (parents, grandparents, and nannies, etc). If you would like to join this group, email [parentinglittles@arcolachurch.org](mailto:parentinglittles@arcolachurch.org). Contact [Allison Bishara](#) with questions.

### **Dates With a Purpose**

***March 1, 4:45-8pm***

Need a date night? DWAP provides an intentional way to do just that. You will meet for 20 minutes, get some discussion questions, then be on your way. Contact [Molly Riedel](#) with questions. Register here: <https://arcolachurch.org/event/23689366-2025-03-01-dates-with-a-purpose/>

### **Wednesday Prayer Service**

**Every Wednesday @11:30am in Pearson Chapel  
(finished before pick-up carline)**

This service is 30 minutes in length and designed to strengthen us until Sunday comes. Prayer is a powerful tool that connects us to God and with each other. During this worship, in addition to a variety of prayer opportunities, we will sing some good hymns, listen to special music, hear a brief inspirational message, and share communion together. All who wish, may also experience anointing during communion time.

## **Arcola United Methodist Church**

**Pastor:** Chris Riedel

**Web site:** [www.arcolachurch.org](http://www.arcolachurch.org)

Worship @ 9am & 11am (Nursery available)

Sunday School for PK -5<sup>th</sup> grade @ 9am

Youth (grades 6-12) Sunday School @ 10am

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening in the life of Arcola Church, please send me an e-mail ([BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org](mailto:BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org)) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.