



Arcola Christian Preschool

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

January 2026

Director's Note

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a holiday season full of joy. We had a wonderful end to 2025 and certainly enjoyed the Family Christmas Sing-along and fellowship time a few weeks ago. Your children are delightful!

I am happy to be back at school and able to see our students' happy, smiley faces. They are full of news for us about special times spent with their families and they are excited to reunite with their friends, which is always fun. The teachers have many wonderful learning experiences planned for this month.

I know it's hard to believe, but registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins next week. **Returning students are guaranteed a spot, but there is a lottery for class placement.** Please help us spread the word about registration! Information sessions and tours are available for new families shopping for a preschool. Our Facebook page could use some more followers, so if you are on Facebook, please follow us! When we make a Facebook post about preschool registration, it is very helpful if you share it.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time.

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2026-2027 Registration for ACP

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins January 12. Information and forms can be found on the website, and a copy is attached to this newsletter in case you need it or want to pass it on to a friend.

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 6, 2026**, to be included in the lottery.

www.ArcolaChurch.org/Preschool

Lunch Bunch opportunity

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that occurs Monday – Thursday for children enrolled in regular morning classes. It offers the opportunity for students to extend their school day occasionally until 1:30pm while enjoying lunch, friends, and play. The link to sign up for your desired days can always be found in our Friday emails. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-61203661-copy>

ACP Calendar

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



January 19 - NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Birthday)

January 23 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

Jan 29 & 30 - Pajama Days

February 12 & 13 - Valentine's Day Celebrations

February 16 & 17 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

Feb 26 & 27 - School Pictures – all students

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!

Snack Policy

Snacks must be in unopened, INDIVIDUAL, commercial packaging with a label we can read. The label can be on the box holding the individual packages. **We will not serve any foods at Arcola Christian Preschool that may contain peanut or tree nut products or that**

were processed/manufactured in a facility that processes nuts (including coconut) or peanuts. Do not send beverages (i.e. juice, milk). There is a list of some snack suggestions in the Parent Handbook, but there are many more options available in stores.

To assist in preventing choking, please do not send grapes, raw carrots or popcorn.

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 5th of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

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.

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. Each month, new flyers will be posted. Please take a few moments to explore the selection together and let your child help choose books he or she is excited to read. Orders will be submitted toward the end of each month. Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child.



You'll have access to expertly curated, affordable books that help boost your child's reading skills, build your home library, and maybe even create moments of quality time you can share together.

Family Order Due Date: **1/25/2026**

Shop Our Class Page:

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

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

Thanks so much for your support!

50 Ways to Show Kids You Care

1. Notice them.
2. *Smile a lot.*
3. Seek them out.
4. *Remember their birthdays.*
5. **Ask them about themselves.**
6. *Look in their eyes when you talk to them.*
7. Play with them.
8. *Read aloud together.*
9. Tell them their feelings are okay.
10. *Be honest.*
11. Be yourself.
12. **HUG THEM.**
13. *Play outside together.*
14. Surprise them.
15. *Stay with them when they're afraid.*
16. Suggest better behaviors when they act out.
17. **Surprise them.**
18. Feed them when they're hungry.
19. *Delight in their discoveries.*
20. Send them a letter or a postcard.
21. Follow them when they lead.
22. Call them to say hello.
23. *Hide surprises for them to find.*
24. Give them space when they need it.
25. Laugh at their jokes.
26. Kneel or sit so you're at their eye level.
27. *Answer their questions.*
28. Learn what they have to teach.
29. Hold hands during a walk.
30. Apologize when you've done something wrong.
31. *Keep your promises.*
32. Display their artwork.
33. Thank them.
34. Tell them what you like about them.
35. *Catch them doing something right.*
36. Ask for their opinion.
37. **HAVE FUN TOGETHER.**
38. Be curious with them.
39. *Meet their friends.*
40. Let them tell you how they feel.
41. Tell them about yourself.
42. Let them act their age.
43. *Praise more and criticize less.*
44. Be consistent.
45. Give them a nick-name.
46. Tell them you're proud of them.
47. *Unwind together.*
48. Be happy.
49. Ask them for help.
50. Believe in them.

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel

Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

Wednesday Prayer Service @11:30am

Sunday Worship @ 9am & 11am

(Preschool & Nursery available during both services)

Sunday School for K-5th grade @ 9am

Youth (grades 6-12) Sunday School/Fellowship @ 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) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.