



## Arcola Christian Preschool

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

# February 2026

### Director's Note

February! Valentines! Smiles for school pictures! Winter flies by when you are having fun. We've missed everyone with all the snow days! 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 couple "Message in a Backpack" articles to help you mindfully fill some of your cold winter days. *Harnessing the Joy of Open-Ended Materials with Your Child and Encouraging Curiosity* highlight some ways you can help guide your child's learning and reinforce the active learning we do at preschool.

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### 2026-2027 Registration for ACP

Applications must be received by **noon on February 6, 2026**, to be included in the lottery.

Returning students are guaranteed a spot but the lottery is used for class placement.

[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.*



### 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/20F0B49A8AE292-61630376-acpfebruary>



### ACP Calendar

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

February 5 & 6 – Rescheduled Pajama Days  
February 12 & 13 - Valentine's Day Celebrations  
February 16 & 17 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed  
Feb 26 & 27 - School Pictures – all students  
March 19 & 20 NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed  
March 30 – April 3 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break  
April 10 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed  
May 1 – May 8 - Parent/Teacher conferences -3s & 4/5s only (students attend school as usual)  
May 21 & 22 - Last Days of school for all students (Family celebration begins @ 11am)

### 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 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.

## **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: **2/22/2026**

Shop Our Class Page:

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

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

Thanks so much for your support!

## **School Pictures**



Victor O'Neill Studios will take individual and class photos on February 26 & 27, based on your child's school day (Ladybugs are on the 27<sup>th</sup>). 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 United Methodist Church**

**Pastor:** Chris Riedel

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

Wednesday Prayer Service @11:30am

Sunday Worship @ 9am & 11am

(Preschool & Nursery available during both services)

Sunday School for K-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org)) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.