



January 5, 2021

Dear Open Arms Parents,

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday. It's hard to believe we are headed into the second half of the school year, isn't it? We have lived through 12 months unlike any other and I pray for God's peace in this New Year Time!

Our enrollment is growing, thanks to you for sharing your Open Arms experience with your friends and neighbors. Our referral program remains in place, which awards a \$100 tuition credit for any families you bring to our center (GA Pre-K registration is ineligible for referral program). You can also help by writing a review on Google or Facebook for us. Thank you!

Registration is coming up for next year's Georgia Pre-K. This is a State-funded Kindergarten-readiness program for children that turn four-years old by September 1, 2021. The only charge is a \$130/month meal charge and any extended day care. Current students get priority placement and will receive enrollment packets on January 20, 2020. Registration begins for the community on February 3 at 10:00 a.m.

I'd like to clarify some changes to our Covid-19 Close Contact policy as directed by Bright from the Start and the Georgia Department of Health. If your child has come within six feet for at least fifteen cumulative minutes of a positive Covid-19 case, they are a Close Contact. Close Contacts have two quarantine options. First is to quarantine at home for seven days from the last day of contact. IF they present a negative test taken AFTER the fifth day AND remain asymptomatic, they can return to school on the eighth day. The second option is to quarantine for ten days, returning on day eleven, with no test needed, IF they remain asymptomatic. Tuition will not be charged for the first 5 days of quarantine and weekly/monthly rates will be prorated thereafter, regardless of the student's return date. Please be sure to call or email if you have any questions.

Many of you know that our awesome Ms. Laura is expecting her first child at the beginning of February. In Laura's absence, Ms. Melodi will be greeting families in the morning, along with Ms. Elizabeth, and I will be working mid-morning through closing. Please join me in wishing Laura and her husband, Matt, all the joy that this new life will bring! We look forward to Laura and baby boy's return to us in late Spring – Thank you, God! 😊

As we dive into the new year, I would love to hear feedback concerning any and all areas at the preschool. Please call or drop me a note and tell me what you enjoy, would like to change or areas in which we should do better. We are always looking for ways to enhance our program and improve our service to our families.

Thank you all for being part of our Open Arms community. We wouldn't be here without you!

In His Peace and Joy,

Barbara

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.