



A Ministry of
The Lutheran Church of the
Savior
Bedford, MA

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Statement of Purpose

Open Arms Christian Preschool (OACP) has been providing a Christian learning environment since 1996. We believe that each child is a unique individual, and they are encouraged to develop at a comfortable rate of growth. Our curriculum provides guidance to promote seven areas of development -- spiritual, social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and self-help skill. Our goal is to share the gift of Jesus' word by providing a Christian learning environment and education for the children of our community.

Staff

Our teachers are dedicated to educating and nurturing children to be successful during their first learning experience in a classroom setting. Open Arms Christian Preschool takes pride in the fact that all staff members are certified Early Childhood Educators licensed through and meets the requirements of the Early Education and Care of Massachusetts (EEC).

Christian Education

In addition to our traditional age appropriate learning, each day we share an interactive Bible lesson and strive to model the values made evident through Jesus and his love. Chapel is held each month as a group with the Pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Savior, Jonathan Manor, for songs, music and a Bible story.

Daily Schedule/Activities

Open Arms curriculum follows the *Massachusetts Department of Education Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences*. It offers language and literacy skills, math, history and science concepts, the arts, health education, and fine and large motor skills.

- Free Play/Center Time
- Morning Snack
- Academic Activities (*fine motor, Language Arts, Math/Science*)
- Group Time (*Bible, Calendar, weather*)
- Playground/Gym (gross motor)
- Story time/Music





Programs

Open Arms Christian Preschool offers the following programs to children from the ages of 2 years and 9 months to 6 years of age. Toilet training is not a requirement for enrollment.

Half Day Program

9:00AM-12:00PM

Preschool 3's –2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week

Preschool 4's –3, 4 or 5 days a week

Pre-Kindergarten—4 or 5 days a week

Full Day program

8:00AM or 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Preschool 3's & 4's—3, 4 or 5 days a week

Pre-kindergarten—4 or 5 days a week

Early drop at 8:00AM or 8:30PM is available upon request.

Our school starts the Monday after Labor Day and closes the end of May. We follow the Bedford Public Schools calendar for Winter Break and Spring Break. Open Arms takes a two-week break during the Christmas/New Year holiday. If Bedford Schools are closed or has a delayed opening due to inclement weather, Open Arms will be closed for the day.

Registration Process

The registration process at Open Arms includes a tour of the school, completing and returning a registration form with a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Once the form has been processed parents will receive a tuition agreement and a Parent Handbook. The child's spot will be held upon receipt of the agreement, handbook insert and a non-refundable deposit equal to one month's tuition.

Tuition & Fees

Our program is based on an annual tuition that is divided up into 9 equal payments due on the 1st of every month. There is a late fee of \$25 for payments received after the 7th of each month.

Tuition payments are made from September 1st through April 1st and the non-refundable deposit will go towards the May 1st tuition.

A current fee schedule will be given upon request. The rates are effective for the current school year and rates are subject to change without notice.



Background

Open Arms Christian Preschool has been providing a quality Christian education to the children of Bedford, MA and the surrounding communities since 1996. OACP is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Church Council of The Lutheran Church of the Savior, Bedford.

Checklist:

Prior to first day of school

- ✓ **Registration Form & Fee**
- ✓ **Deposit**
- ✓ **Tuition Agreement**
- ✓ **Handbook Insert**
- ✓ **Immunization Record**
- ✓ **Annual Physical Well Check**
- ✓ **Lead Test w/ results**
- ✓ **Change of clothing (1st day)**
- ✓ **Large Backpack (1st day)**
- ✓ **Sign up for the REMIND app**

Open Arms is a Peanut/Nut Free Environment

Non-Discrimination Policy

Open Arms Christian Preschool admits all children and all families and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, cultural heritage, disability, or marital status in its educational programs or admission policies.