

# School-Age Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

Small Blessings Christian Child care provides a full Out of School Time program for children Kindergarten through 12 years old. We offer full-day care during the summer months, school holidays, days off, half-days and snow days. We also provide before school and after school care with bus pick-up and drop-off for children attending Eaton Rapids Public Schools.

We are excited to work with you and your child to expand their knowledge outside of school. While in our out of school program, your child will expand their academic knowledge in a more hands on approach. We value your child as a whole and encourage them to thrive socially, emotionally, spiritually and as an individual.

Our hands-on approach to learning allows us to augment your child's educational experience through non-traditional ways. We utilize class discussions and projects, quiet times with reading, technology and field trips to fully understand subjects and interests.

Social and emotional support is approached with kindness and understanding of who they are as an individual and as a group. We have many ways and resources to help your child express, learn and manage their feelings, as well as help them learn ways to interact with others in a kind, respectful manner.

Learning and exploring can be messy. Please keep this in mind and send kids in clothes that might get dirty and stained. Each child has a hook and cubby to store their belongings. While we do our best to work with the children to respect each other's belongings, valuable belongings should stay home for best protection.. Electronics are allowed during allotted times and will be signed in and signed out with the teacher in charge and will not be shared with other students.

We take the care of your child to heart, with that communication is key. Feel free to chat with us about concerns or strategies to help your child along in their journey. We have many resources to help understand the whys and hows of their age. We will work hand in hand with you and your child in their out of school learnings. Please check Tadpoles for upcoming events, field trips or just daily notes about what they accomplished with us.

As we get to know each other, we would like to tell you a little bit about your child's teacher. Miss. Janet joined Small Blessings in the beginning of 2022 after seeing how much her son grew and enjoyed it here. She is currently working on her Michigan Youth Development Associate Credentials.

Miss Janet and her teaching aids are excited to be working in a center where children can be taught about the love of Christ as well as a love for learning. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Janet