



Dear Sparks Parent/Guardian,

We are very pleased to have your child in Sparks this year at Appleton Community Evangelical Free Church! It is a privilege to work together with you in the spiritual, mental, and social training of your child. The Sparks club is for children in the kindergarten through 2nd grade. Children in Sparks wear a red vest and earn awards for their achievement in the handbooks. The awards are worn on the red vest. Handbooks include Bible memorization and other Bible centered activities. Here is some information to help you understand the program.

**Flight 3:16 Entrance Book:** When starting the Sparks Club, children in K-2 nd grade will be given the Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet. This booklet helps clubbers learn the Sparks Motto, Sparks Key Verse, the AWANA Pledge, etc. Upon completion of this booklet, the clubber receives their vest and handbook. To complete this entrance book, clubbers must recite John 3:16 and come to club 2 times. Parents/guardians should initial each section on the entrance booklet to indicate their child has worked on the those sections prior to club.

**Handbooks:** Each child will work in their own handbook, at their own pace. When Sparks are reciting verses, they are required to say the reference (ex: John 3:16) as well as the verse. The leader can give them two helps during the reciting of the verse. If he/she requires more than two helps, then they will be asked to work on the verse some more. Leaders can sign up to four sections per week in club books. At the end of the AWANA year, book awards are given for the completion of the books. Children will learn the most from their handbooks if parents go over the lessons and review the verses at home, which is why we ask that parents initial the verse tracker in the front of the handbooks. We encourage you to read the Bible stories with your children and share excitement for each verse that they learn and say to you at home. Look at their books, encourage them as they memorize the verses, and let them practice in the car as you are riding along.

**SPARKS Uniform:** As Sparks complete sections in each handbook, they earn patches that are ironed or sewn on their vest. They also earn different colored jewels that are attached to a flight pin that is worn on their vest. The awards earned are issued during club time. Awards will only be issued if the clubber has on their Sparks vest. This keeps the jewels from getting lost since they are small and are meant to be attached to the vest. If a child forgets their vest, the awards will be kept till the next week. See the picture below for placement reference.

