



Around the Ark

"It's Time for School"

Wow! It's "Back to School"! This summer seems to have just flown by with the public schools starting earlier! It will be fun to meet new friends and see those who have been gone for the summer but it also means the end of summer freedom.

First off, we want to extend a heart felt welcome to all of our new parents and children. It is so nice to have you with us at the Ark. Please let us know if we can help you in any way. Thank you for entrusting your child into our care.

August, "The Land Before Time", means dinosaurs, our favorite. Dinosaurs, volcanos, rocks and minerals will help us with large, small, smooth and rough concepts. Our theme for the month of September "Away We Go" allows us to tap into the coming community events—the Balloon

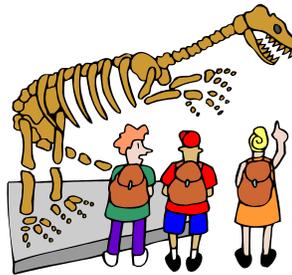
Fun Friday Fun!

Fun Fridays are special days. They are a carry over from our "Summer Fun" calendars. On these Fridays the children can participate in the special activity by bringing something from home to share or just following the teachers lead with the lesson planned at school. Please be sure your child's name is on all items coming to school. Here's August and September.

Friday, 8/14 A Day in the Desert
Friday, 8/21 Rockin' Rocks

Races and the local Air Races . Did you guess, it's transportation month? The red octagon means "stop" and it coincides with our "in and out " doors. "Walking feet" is our inside rule that we stress for indoor safety.

To broaden the children's horizon we have included an artist feature every month in our curriculum. August is George O'Keeffe and September is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Numbers 1,2,3 will be emphasized along with the letters A, B and C for alphabet fun. Our concepts are push, pull, stop, go, slow ,fast ,right, left and forward and backward for September. We are going to be busy, busy but it will be fun, fun!



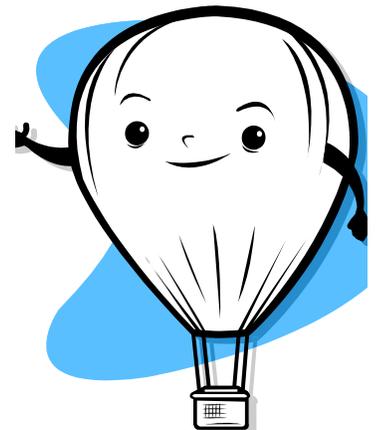
"Noah's News is Good News"

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Please apply sunscreen before coming to the Ark!
- ☺ Only children in Kindergarten and first-sixth grades need backpacks.
- ☺ Be sure the office has your current phone numbers!
- ☺ Colors share on Monday.
- ☺ Shapes share on Thursday.
- ☺ Please check your parent files for information several times during the week.

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| Friday, 8/28 | All About Australia |
| Friday, 9/1 | STOP & Go |
| Friday, 9/8 | How does a Hot Air Balloon float? |
| Friday, 9/15 | National "make a hat" Day |
| Friday, 9/22 | Town and Country Mouse |
| Friday, 9/29 | Tea Party Time |



No Sick Children PLEASE!

Back-to-school brings with it the sniffles, strep throat, pink eye, upset tummies and many other maladies. Our policy is that children may not attend the center if they have a temperature of 100 or above or if they have diarrhea. If they come down with a temperature or develop diarrhea during their day we will call you and your child will need to be picked up from the center as soon as possible. **If the child is sent home you need to keep the child out at least 24 hours to allow for recuperation and contagion.**

If your child is sick at home please do not medicate them and send them to the center. In most cases the medication wears off about 11:00 A.M. and we need to call you to take the child home. We also do not want the other children exposed to your child's illness as maladies spread quickly through the center. If your child wakes up with "crusty eyes most likely it is "pink eye" and you will need to see the doctor. Pink eye is contagious and the child needs to be out for 24 hours after the start of medication.

If your child develops a rash you will need to have your child see the pediatrician and have him/her give you a note or fax us a note letting us know the nature of the rash and that he/she is not contagious.

Pizza with Your Preschoolers!

We struggle every year with how to give you a "sneak preview" of what your child does in preschool without inhibiting the child, taking the parents away from their work or getting in the way of family time in the evening. For the past few years we have planned "Pizza with Your Preschoolers".

Plan on visiting the Ark for a little while at lunch during the week of October 10th. **Parents of Colors** are invited to visit on **Tuesday, Oct.10** at about 11:00. Lunch will be served with the children at 11:30. Parent's of **Shape Group** children are invited on **Thurs., Oct.12** at about 11:45

A.M.

You will get to participate in a few fun activities together plus observe your child in the rhythm of preschool. As planned we will have **"Pizza with Your Preschooler"** outside on the patio... weather permitting. Both parents are invited on both days or you can have just "one family representative" due to hectic schedules. We want you to see what goes on after the dust settles, meet your child's friends and see your child busy and happy at Noah's Ark. Plan on a little fun, a little lunch and remember...**little chairs!**

Balloons over Grandview!

The annual Balloon Race is coming to Reno and Noah's Ark is hosting our **Annual Balloon Breakfast** on Friday, September 8 at 6:45 A.M. We are in a wonderful spot in relation to Rancho San Rafael and on Friday morning the balloons go right over our head. We'll have coffee, donut holes, juice and front row seats so you can come early, sit back and relax and watch the show. The school-age children actually have the opportunity for a tethered ride on Friday A.M. Then when Saturday morning rolls around you will be able to sleep in because you have already enjoyed the event. It's a **"grand view on Grandview"!!!!**

Are you on Sentext?

Be sure you and all of the family members with cell phones are signed up on our SENTEXT Program. You can do this simply by putting NOAH in the "To" space and 51660 in the text box. This will connect you to our system. I send a text to the connected families every other Friday as a reminder that tuition is due. Other important notices are to keep you informed as to events or incidents occurring at the Ark. Feel free to share this with other family members who are connected to

I.D. Please

We want to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new parents and the new children to Noah's Ark. One our main goals is for your child to feel safe, nurtured and loved while attending Noah's Ark. Our main goal for you as a parent is that your child be in a **safe environment**. Therefore, we make it a policy to check identification when your child is taken from the Ark. Please have your identification ready when you come for your child . If someone else will be taking your child in the evening, they also need to have identification and they need to be on the list of people allowed to pick up your child. Even if your child has been at the Ark for awhile, we ask that you be prepared to show I.D. We have new staff in new schedules and when things are busy different staff may be "minding



And you are...?

the store". If we are not 100% sure we will ask for I.D. It's always better to be on the safe side. If for any reason you have people who are not allowed to pick up your child, it is imperative that you give us this information. If there is a custody situation it is very important that we have a copy of the custody papers on file so that we may adhere to the letter of the law. We know at times it is an inconvenience to have to run out to the car for I.D. We know too that if you have been a long term Ark parent that we should remember faces. We do our best but sometimes it's the baseball cap or dark glasses that fool us! So, please be prepared. It's all for the safety of the little people!

Friend us on Facebook and wink us on the Web!

Nowadays it's all about getting the word out through "**social networking**" and Noah's Ark has jumped on board. Are you on Facebook? Noah's Ark is and we would love to be your friend. Help us get the word out to friends and families across town that we are here in a quiet neighborhood in Northwest and we'd love to have them check us out...**especially with your recommendation**. Our Facebook page will link them to our website where they can learn all about the program and even see

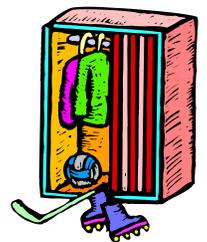
pictures. Our website is www.noahsarkreno.com! Our website has everything and more that anyone needs to know about the Ark.

Speaking of Facebook, have you checked it out lately? Are you friends with us on Facebook? Follow the children and their antics on Facebook. See snippets of your child's fun day on Facebook. LIKE us and SHARE it.

Our "Closets" Runneth Over!

With the numbers of children in the Ark at any given time our closets and spaces are full and many times bursting. We are asking that children bring as little to the Ark as possible on a daily basis. **Children enrolled in Kindergarten and first-fifth grades are the only ones needing back-packs allowing important materials to go back and forth from home and school.** Children do not need extra clothes as we supply it in the event of an accident or spill. The cubbies along the back are only big enough for sweaters and jackets and extra items that go along with winter. Napmats are made available for purchase for rest and nap

and these are **required** for the children. A small toy can be rolled in the mat **only** for children who nap. Resters do not sleep and are discouraged from bringing items for the short rest time. Colors may bring a small item on Mondays to share and Shape children share on Thursdays. We have lots to keep the children busy at the Ark and we do not want to lose their special things. All items of clothing need to have the child's name or initials on the inside.



Our closets and shelves are full!