



Around the Ark

"Star Light, Star Bright"

It's May. It brings sunshine, warm weather, spring buds, flowers, shorts and t-shirts. We hope! It's time to open the doors and for all the children to enjoy the outdoor weather..

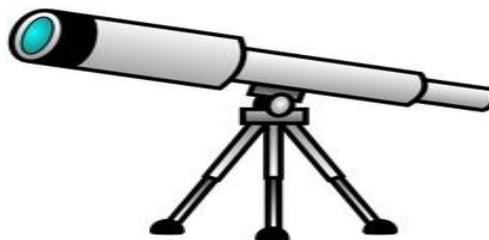
Our curriculum for the month of May tells us it is time to look to the skies and explore the stars, the Milky Way and the unknown. Space exploration is an adventure for our imagination. Who wants to be an astronaut? Could we live on the moon? How would we travel on the moon? Who can count backwards...5,4,3,2,1, BLAST OFF!

The concepts of day and night, awake and sleep go hand in hand with our outer limit discussions. What happened when we turned the clock ahead? The world around us is open ended when we let our imagination take over.

Our colors for the month are blue and yellow. Of course our

shape is the "star" and our letters are X,Y, and Z. We'll be heading across the border to Mexico for our multicultural celebration learning about their flair for food, music and bright bold colors. Ole!

Galileo is our artist of the month. We'll learn of his study of telescopes and pendulums. Look up! Look to the stars!



Final Fun Fridays for May

Friday, May 5

Cinco De mayo

Friday, May 12

Star Light, Star Bright...

Friday, May 19

It's a "Berry" Bonanza

Friday, May 26

Let's have a dance party!

May marks the end of our monthly newsletters. The summer calendars will be out pretty

soon starting with the month of June and then everyday is a Fun Friday! Please remember that everything coming into the Ark needs a name!

"Noah's News is Good News"

May 2017

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Public school is out for the summer on Fri., June 10.
- ☺ Noah's Ark is registering for SUMMER and FALL NOW!
- ☺ Noah's Ark is CLOSED Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.
- ☺ Our summer program starts on Monday, June 13.
- ☺ Are you registered for Fall?
- ☺ There is no sharing in the summer.
- ☺ Are your emergency numbers current???



A Review from You!

We have been working very hard to get the word out across the community about Noah's Ark and what we offer both the children and the parents. Especially now that we are enrolling for both summer and fall we want everyone to call so we can tell them we have spaces available. But we need your help too.

We love that parents tell us that the children are happy at the Ark. We love that parents tell us that the children are learning and growing. We love that they "don't want to go home". What we would really love is if you would take the time to write your thoughts on Google (Google..Noah's Ark Reno) or our Facebook page (Noah's Ark Child Center). Our visibility on these two sites depends upon your thoughts. So we would really appreciate it if you would share these thoughts.

Summer is coming June 12th

Our summer program starts June 12th and we are ready for summer! Our calendar follows the Washoe County School district. We are filling up rapidly for the summer, but help us get the word out by telling your friends with children from 3-12. At the Ark we have children from 3-6 and at Mamie Towles Elementary School we have children from 1st thru 5th grade. It's all very FUN! Now if we can only get the weather to stay on warm and sunny.

Calendars will be passed out to Neon parents at Neon Night (May 16, 7:00 P.M.) and calendars will soon be made available to those

Sunscreen, Sunglasses and Tennis shoes!

It's finally a little warm and if it stays it will be time to think of what we need to be safe for outdoor play.

Information on sunscreen will be passed out at the end of May. We buy it by the gallon and permission slips need to be signed by the parent. Parents need to apply sunscreen at home in the morning. Many of the children are bringing sunglasses and we would really rather that they did **not** unless they have eye problems which require them. They play with them more than they wear them and they usually end up lost or broken.

On the other hand...if there is an area in which we can improve, or something we are missing in providing care and services to you and your child...**TELL COLLEEN!**



attending our summer preschool session. Remember, after May there is no newsletter until September. The calendars replace the newsletters.

If you have not turned in summer registration you are not on our list!
Please check with the office.

Lastly, the children are **NOT** permitted on the big climbing toy without **tennis shoes**. Sandals are dangerous for the children to wear when they are climbing and even when they are running outside. We prefer that they wear tennis shoes or a sturdy play shoe at all times to avoid accidents. Thank you.

Illness reminders!

Seasonal changes seem to bring 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. In extenuating circumstances we may say 48 hours!

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.

We are cautious regarding flu symptoms. We try not to inconvenience parents and at the same time being cautious of maladies that can spread to all of the children. Thank you



I'm sick Mom!

The Importance of I.D. Checking

Please be aware that staff are advised to check the identification of every parent coming into the center in the evening to take a child home. We keep a sign on the front door so that everyone is prepared, but there are still times when we catch parents unaware and they are without I.D.

Please be aware of the fact that we spot check parents on a regular basis and you need to ALWAYS be prepared to present a picture I.D. We have many custody cases and therefore the fact that you are "Mom" or "Dad" has no relevance to the situation. Every

person taking a child from the center needs to be on our list and needs to be able to present a current I.D. We regret this inconvenience but it is for the safety of the children and we will continue to do this on a regular basis.

PLEASE BE PREPARED!

Fall Enrollment

Summer is just around the corner and we are filling up quickly. If your child will not be attending in the summer and you need childcare in the fall please register as soon as possible. A deposit of 1/2 the first weeks tuition is due to reserve your child's space. Even though we are in the summer mode we need to know if your child will be attending. We sure hope so! Ask at the desk if you have questions.

If you child is not registered for full time and you find that you need an extra



Dropping In...

morning, an extra afternoon or an extra day...we would love to help you. You just need to make sure that you make the office aware of this...either the day before ore the day of. It needs to be documented and approved! Thank you