



Around the Ark

The Warmth of Winter

It's hard to believe that winter could be just around the corner. It doesn't quite feel like fall but not winter either. One minute we are in t-shirts and the next winter coats. It's time to prepare for snowfall. As we discuss this with the children we will also be talking about how animals prepare for the winter. Some change colors, some head south for the winter and some burrow down for a long winter's nap! The latter sounds like a great plan! Some add an extra layer of fur which is why we all need to remember our coats everyday!

Of course the Thanksgiving holiday is not to be forgotten. Even though the holiday is a European tradition the children will be learning of the relationship of the Native American tribes and the Eu-

ropean settlers. Did you know "maize" meant corn? We'll be learning this as we bake bread, pop popcorn and learn about gathering food for the winter months.

Our color for the month is turkey brown and camouflage, and our number are 6 and 7. Letters G, H, and I are in our plans also. Our artist is Vincent Van Gogh along with concepts over and under, open, close, in, out and front and back.

Enjoy!



Housekeeping Reminders!

- Group starts at 8:45 A.M. if you want your child to fully participate in the A.M. program...especially Colors!
- Please call when your child will not be attending. It helps us to keep track of the children as well as illnesses. Please call in advance for extra time.
- Backpacks are necessary for kindergarten and school-age children ONLY. We do not have room for preschoolers to have extra items.
- If your child is transported, PLEASE call us and tell us if there is a daily cancellation. If we know in advance there are days when transportation is not necessary.

"Noah's News is Good

November, 2018

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Noah's Ark will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23
- ☺ Public schools are closed on Tuesday, November 6 and Monday, Nov. 12 and Wed. Nov. 21. Noah's Ark is OPEN.
- ☺ All children need jackets for outside everyday!. Even NEONS.
- ☺ Please check your child in/out daily.



The Coming of Winter

It hard to tell what the weather is going to do from day to day. We love being outdoors but we want the children to be wrapped up for the weather. Here are just a few reminders for the approaching season.

Please be sure and send your child with warm clothes on a daily basis. We go outside everyday. If your child is at the Ark, he/she will go out too. We feel strongly that the fresh air and sunshine are as important to the children as the structured preschool program. If you want your child to stay indoors, he/she will need to be kept at home. Asthmatic children are the only exception to this policy. **Be sure your child's name is on all of his/her re-**



Dress for the weather

movable garments.

Right along with the cold weather comes the cold and flu season. Our policy is to send a child home if he/she has a temperature of 100 or higher. We do not restrict a child with sniffles or a slight runny nose but if they are very congested, warm and having trouble participating with the children we will call you.

Please do not medicate your child in the A.M. and send him/her to

school. The only way we will all stay well is if we work to reduce the germ level. . It is important also to not expose each other unnecessarily. **For illnesses, 24 hours at home and medication does the trick . For the Norovirus, 72 hours after symptoms subside.**

Extra Days

The children are always welcome to come to the Ark for extra time. **Please give us a call the night before or in the A.M. to let us know** and then please give us a reminder when you come into the Ark. This way we will be sure to let everyone know that we have an extra little friend with us for the day. If for some reason you have a change in your child's schedule for the day, always take the time to talk to the person at the desk. We don't always see it if it is just written on the sign -in sheets. Thank you

Amazon "SMILES"

Amazon has a new program for non-profit organizations. When you shop Amazon, go to "Smile.amazon.com" and put in your favorite charity organization. Amazon contributes a certain percentage of your order to the non-profit registered.

Noah's Ark is not registered but St. Paul's United Methodist Church is registered. We could not as we share the same tax I.D. But if you choose St. Paul's it does help Noah's Ark in the "trickle down". So...shop Amazon and help the organization of your choice or.....St. Paul's.

Fun for Fridays

Mark you calendar for the coming **Friday Fun Days**. If your child brings an item to share, please be sure there is a name on the item.

Friday, November 2

Stone Soup

Friday, November 9

Bear snores on...

Friday, November 16

I am Thankful

Friday, November 23

Thanksgiving

CLOSED!

Friday, November 30

"Over the River and Through the Woods"



Mark your Calendars

Santa Claus is coming to the Ark!

Even though we really discourage talking about Christmas before the Thanksgiving holiday we want to give you plenty of notice to mark your calendars and block out an evening for a very important Ark event.

Tuesday, December 11 is our annual Noah's Ark Sing-a-long.

This is a night for children, families, and friends of the Ark to come together for an old fashioned evening of Christmas carols. We all gather in the church sanctuary with the children, family and friends before 7:00 (come early). Our songfest begins at 7:00 and goes until about 7:30 at which



time we move slowly into Thurman Hall to meet the guy in RED! Santa Claus will be seated in a royal chair to greet the children, one by one, talk to them about their holiday wishes and smile with them for a picture.

Be sure to bring your camera because we don't have a camera to take photos of the children. We'll have cookies and juice for

the occasion while you are waiting your turn and of course, Santa passes out candy canes. So, mark your calendars, reserve the night, invite the rest of the family and join us for our Annual Noah's Ark Christmas Sing-a-long.

Sharing Time

The children love to bring things from home, hidden in their pockets, shoes and even their underwear! :) We totally discourage the children from bringing anything from home except on their sharing days. The children in the Color Group share on Monday and the children in the Shape Group share on Thursdays. When selecting a sharing please do not allow your child to bring guns or war toys. Also, his/her sharing has to fit in the bucket with 9 other items from other children so size is im-

portant. Please make sure and put your child's name on their toy as we have had them disappear in the past. Also, if the items is small or has removable pieces a plastic bag is recommended.

The purpose of sharing is to encourage the children to use their verbal skills and their imagination. If they forget their sharing I'm sure there is an object in your car somewhere that would foot the bill. Also, new shoes or a new hat are always a hit.

Snow Days! Snow Closings?

We hate to be thinking about snow when the leaves are still on the trees and we've only just begun to wear our warm clothes, but.....you never know. This is Nevada!

In the event of snow we try not to penalize our working parents but maintain safety at the same time. **If the schools have a LATE START Noah's Ark opens on time.** All enrolled school-age children are welcome to come on **LATE START** days and we will

make sure they get to school at the later time. When Washoe County schools CLOSE due to snow, Noah's Ark is also closed. Radio stations and TV stations are notified about 6:00 A.M. to make the announcement for the Ark. **Parents will also be notified by Sentext.** Unfortunately tuition is charged for snow days.



Snow Closing