



Around the Ark

Please Be My Valentine!

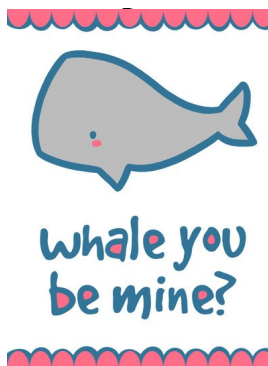
Hearts and flowers are in style around the Ark as we teach the children caring and sharing with the arrival of Valentine's Day. The Valentine means "I love you" and "Will You Be My Friend?" and that's what we will be talking about during this month. February is a time for fantasy too and we can be princes, princesses and even frogs in our imaginary and far away places.

Our focus this month will also be on the beauty of the rainforests. Why is it called a rainforest? How is it different from our forest? Who lives there? Can we go to a rainforest? Be prepared for questions, questions, questions!

February is Dental Health Month. We will be talking about the Tooth Fairy, Mr. Sugar Bug and Mr. Healthy Food. We'll practice brushing our teeth and learning about "good dental hygiene" from

Healthy Smiles Dentistry coming on Feb. 9.

Our colors for the month are purple and pink and of course our shape is the heart. President's Day is coming too, so our month is full of fun! We'll be learning about China and a special food tasting is planned plus our artist for the month is Leonardo da Vinci. Busy, busy!!



February Fun Fridays

Friday, February 3
Chinese New Year!

Friday, February 10
Love is in the Air

Friday, February 17
Once Upon a Time...

Friday, February 24
Leonardo da Vinci

Spring seems to be the time for birthday parties among the children. Please be sure and dig deep in

Birthdays

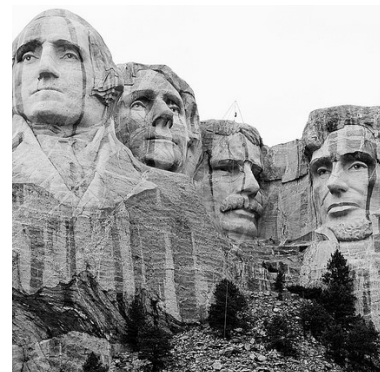
your parent files so you don't miss your child's invitations. Also, please be sure to contact the parent of the birthday child. Parents get busy and forget and then planning is an issue for the parent of the birthday child. It's almost more important for the parent to have the party be successful than the child. :)

"Noah's News is Good News"

February 2017

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Public School and Noah's Ark is CLOSED on Monday, February 20 for President's Day.
- ☺ Please put your child's name on all outer garments and on all sharing coming to the Ark.
- ☺ Be sure the office has ALL of your current phone numbers. We need to be able to reach someone everyday.
- ☺ Coats Please! Everyday!



Are You Connected??

I strongly encourage you to sign up for our text message communication system, **Sen-text Solutions**. I know in the course of your busy day you get lots of text messages but in the year that we have had this in effect it has proven to be an effective means of communicating with the parents. We are trying to eliminate the notes on the front desk which rarely get noticed when you are in a hurry in the AM or PM. So sign on... Text NOAH to 51660 .

Communication



“Our Parents have Talent”

It is always a very special time when we have parents visit the center and share with the children. We have had hairdressers, musicians, dancers, story tellers and more over the years. Do you have a special talent or hobby that you would like to share? Don't be shy. We would love to have you and it would be so special for your little one. Just check with Colleen or Tiff and we will put you on the calendar.

No Valentines Please!

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and we wanted everyone to know that we ask that the children not bring valentines to Noah's Ark. Years and years of experience has taught us that it is hard on everyone, parents and children alike. Parents struggle the night before trying desperately to get their children to remember the names of the friends in their group at school. If the children do remember names, sometimes they are hard to understand and many names are left out, much to the despair of the children waiting for valentines. Too often also, the children prepare all of their valentines, neatly stack them at home and eagerly await the special day. By the time they get to school they are so attached to them that it is heartbreaking to try to

get them to understand that they have to give them away. So no valentines please! We'll be celebrating on Friday, the 12th. We will be coloring, cutting, pasting and painting hearts of all shapes and sizes for everyone on your child's list. So don't worry. We have it covered! If you want to send a treat, please be sure that there are NO NUTS!

Summer Registration is Coming!

Mark your calendars because registration for various programs are quickly approaching.

Our school age summer program begins on Monday, June 12 for all children first through fifth grade. We average about 30 children in our groups with 4 staff members. This program is held in Peavine Elementary School for 8 weeks during the summer. We have full time and part-time spaces available and plenty of space for all. Registration forms will be available in March.

Also, coming in March is registration for our Before and After School Program for the Fall of 2017. If your child will be in first through fifth grade at Peavine, Mamie Towles, Elmcrest, Grace Werner or Rollan Melton and you need after school care you will want to register for this program. Space is very limited in this program so

be ready to register as soon as possible. Information will be posted in time for everyone to participate. We offer part-time A.M.'s and P.M.'s for 2017.

Registration will also take place for the Pre-school program for both Summer and Fall, 2017. Again, space is limited. Questions?



Oh, my gosh... Summer is Coming!