



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!



"Noah's News is Good

November, 2017

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Noah's Ark will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24
- ☺ Public schools are closed on Friday, November 10, and Wednesday, Nov. 22. Noah's Ark is OPEN.
- ☺ All children need jackets for outside everyday!. Even NEONS.

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.



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

PRO CARE is coming!

Starting the first of the year (hopefully) we will have a whole new check in and accounting system which is guaranteed to make your life easier. Check in/out will be by fingerprint recognition and payments will be able to be made at our front monitor, in the office or the privacy of your home online. We will be asking for security papers to be completed and we will be giving everyone a code for registering at the desk. It will track the children's' immunizations and physicals and notations to parents will be on the check-in computer. It's a process! Stay tuned!

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 3

Who lives in the forest?

Friday, November 10

We are thankful.

Friday, November 17

National "Home-made" bread day

Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving

CLOSED!

Enjoy!



Raley's Extra Credit Program

Do you shop at Raley's, Bel Air or Nob Hill Foods? If you do you can contribute to their Extra Credit Program which donates money to educational organizations...i.e. Noah's Ark.

. Just go to www.raleys.com/extracredit and sign up. Select Noah's Ark with the Zip Code 89503. confirm your selection and that is it. A portion of your shopping proceeds will be donated to the Ark. We are all set up and ready to go so shop, shop, shop. There are no fees to you or the Ark and nothing extra that you need to



do. Family members are encouraged to sign up also. We have already gotten checks from this program. Yay!

Thank you to our parents for all that you do to help Noah's Ark Child Center.

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 12 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

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