



Around the Ark

Ringling in the New Year !!

Happy New Year! We are ready for a fun filled 2018, hoping for snow and more snow! We are excited for the New Year and looking forward to lots of fun. Did you make a resolution? How about more time for fun with family?

We will start the children off this year talking about our bodies, identifying parts and learning how to keep them strong and healthy. Knowing their knees from their elbows is important. We also want the children to know that putting good food into our bodies, exposing our bodies to clean fresh air and resting our bodies with a good night's sleep will keep us happy and smiling all the day. We love smiles.

Our lessons this month focus on the

far away lands where snow shoes and mittens are everyday attire. Learning the facts of winter temperatures is a little easier when we have lots of snow instead of sunshine and chilly temps. There is so much to learn from the snow and snowflakes. Where do they come from and how do they get their pretty shapes. Can we cut snowflakes?

Our artist for the month is Andy Warhol, our colors are black, white and gray, and our shape is the rectangle. Our letters are M,N, and O and "O" are we going to have lots of fun.



"Noah's News is Good News"

January 2018

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Happy New Year
- ☺ Martin Luther King Day, Jan 15.
- ☺ Check your Parent files for information.
- ☺ Tuition payments are due two weeks in ADVANCE on Monday!
- ☺ All nap and rest mats need to go home each week!

Fun Friday's

- Jan 5 Making Music!
- Jan 12 Popsicle Sticks, T.P. Tubes & Cardboard
- Jan 19 All about Scandinavia!
- Jan 26 Soup with Andy Warhol

Martin Luther King Day

Washoe County public schools are closed Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day. **Noah's Ark is open for business as usual.** Christmas calendars included this day for Washoe Count students since it was tacked onto Christmas vacation. **Please check in the office if your preschooler need extra time.**



ProCare Information

Hopefully by the time you read this our new system for signing the children in/out and paying tuition has launched **SUCCESSFULLY**.

ProCare is a nationally recognized system for child care. After we iron out any bugs in the new system we will be adding additions to the programming. One will be for the staff instead of timecards and another will be for sending important text messages when necessary by way of ProCare instead of our current system. The system will also allow us to personalize important notes to individual parents that will be seen



when checking in/out. Progress.

What everyone needs to know now is that within the next few months we will advance the whole system and method of paying tuition to **AUTOMATIC BILLING**. This means that everyone will have to have a bank account, turn in the information and be ready on our payday to have the tuition deducted automatically. Many of our parents have elected this system already and are excited that it will make things one step easier for them.

Moving into the age of technology...slowly! :)

Parking, Parking, Parking

We have had many complaints about how some parents are parking. Please be considerate of others and park within the marked spaces. If you drive a big truck or SUV be careful not to take up more than one spot during our busy pick up and drop off times. **Please do not park at an angle!** Also, there is **NO Parking** along the curb behind the allocated parking areas. This is very dangerous to everyone. There is a reserved area

on Grandview for "Bus" parking. Please keep this area clear as the busses come at various times.

We have 4 spots marked for pick-up and drop-off. Please do not leave your car parked in these spaces during the day for any reason. We hope too that this will discourage Peavine parents from parking here long term also. Do not leave purses in unlocked vehicles! **Also, Please do not leave children in the car while you run in.**

Current Phone Numbers Please!

Please be sure that the front desk has all of your current numbers. If a number changes please do not hesitate to give us a quick call and we will gladly change all of your forms. Office numbers, home numbers, cell phones and emergency contacts need to be updated as soon as they change. If you move, please ask for a new registration and emergency card. **Also, we need to have everyones current e-mail on file for our new system.** Thank you

Items for Sharing!

Please remember when your child chooses an item for sharing that it needs to fit in the bucket with at **least 9 other** toys brought by the other children. The sharing items are **GROWING**. Sharing items need to be unbreakable and fit into the sharing bucket. Also no masks, weapons or war toys **PLEASE!!**



Sharing items!

Schedule Changes

Over the holidays we had several questions come up regarding the children's schedules and tuition. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone.

You are charged according to the schedule you choose for your child whether your child attends or not.

We are making every effort to be flexible with schedules to meet parent needs. If you need to change your child's schedule you need to check with the office to see if that schedule is available. Schedule changes can only be made for permanent changes and must be made at least one week in advance. **We are not able to alter schedules for holidays or vacation times such as Christmas or Easter.** For example, if your child normally attends full time we cannot change your child to mornings only for the week of Easter.

We have also have had questions regarding a child being absent for an extended period of time.

*Tuition is expected to reserve your child's space whenever they are gone.

*If a child is withdrawn and returns the registration fee of \$100.00 is charged. However, please note that we cannot

guarantee your child's space unless it has been reserved with payment. We cannot do this for Christmas or Easter school vacations.

School-age children also have a fixed schedules but are offered additional time when school is out early or closed for a period of time. Forms are sent home for sign-up for this time and parents are charged accordingly regardless of a child's attendance. **Please call Colleen with ???**



**Full-time? Part-time?
Schedule changes!**

Boots, Mittens, Snow Pants, Hats.....HELP!!

Please be reminded that we will be going outside everyday to play **no matter what the weather!** Please send your child for the weather. If it snows we need boots, snow pants, gloves, hats and scarves. If they are not dressed properly they get very cold and they get very wet and muddy. We can always take it off if the child is too warm. It is very hard to let half of the children play in the snow when it sticks and keep the

other half on the side walk or in the center.

We go outside everyday! The children need warm clothes everyday. We cannot stress this enough. Please dress your child for the weather!

