

# Around the Ark

## "Peep", "Peep" means Spring????

It's April! It's Spring! It's warm! It's cool! It's snowing! We're not complaining. It's Nevada.

Noah's Ark is celebrating the birth of spring and all of the baby animals that come with the season. We have "multicultural" chick eggs in the incubator in the office scheduled to begin hatching any day now. Tiffany is in charge of their hatching. The children love watching and learning at all the different stages. Be sure and take a moment to see the progress of our babies! They take between 25-31 days from the start. They are due this week...April 4.

April is farm month in keeping with spring and baby chicks, and it's a favorite among the children. Can we hear them in their shell? How do the chicks get out of the egg? Can they see? When do they

start to chirp? Why do they look like chicks? These are all questions that we expect to answer for the children over the next few weeks. On beautiful sunny days the children are walking the neighborhood looking for signs of spring. Flowers, blue birds and sweaters instead of jackets are a dead give away that summer is just around the corner. Our country of the month is France and our artist is Georges Seurat, the painter. Our colors are pastels, our shape is oval

for the eggs and the numbers are 1-10. Hard, soft, top, bottom and up and down are the monthly concepts.

Happy Spring!

## "Noah's News is Good News"

#### **April** 2018

Special points of interest:

- Our Summer Program starts Monday, June 11.
- All registration forms for Summer and Fall are due ASAP!
- © Registration for Kindergarten and First Grade is happening NOW!
- Our NEON Summer program is now open to children who have completed kindergarten. Sign up now! Space is limited.

## April Fun Fridays

Friday, April 6

Messy Science

Friday, April 13

Nat. Peach Cobbler Day!.

Friday, April 20

Chickens, Hatched or Born?

Friday, April 27

Bonjour Means Hello!

#### **Napmats**

#### Napmats are required....

if your child is at Noah's Ark full day and required to take a nap or a rest. Each child has their own and they are sent home at the end of the week to be washed and returned. Please be sure that your child has his/her own napmat. Napmats are available in the office for \$35.00. Please do not send sleeping bags, blankets or pillows as the health Department does not allow them and they are cumbersome.



#### Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be 5 by the end of September, he/she is eligible for kindergarten and will need to be registered. Children must meet the age requirement for entrance. Kindergarten registration started

early and it begins with online registration. Go to the Washoe County School District site and click on the Parent Portal to register your child in the district. Once the online registration is complete you still need to go to the child's school to register them. You will need to bring all pertinent emergency information plus your child's birth certificate and a shot record to complete

registration paperwork and proof of residency.

If you are applying for a variance for kindergarten at any of the elementary schools you should call the school and talk

with the secretary or principal to find out the process as all of the schools are different. You need only to get your name on a list and you will be notified shortly before school starts.. Variances are at the discretion of the individual principals at each school. If you apply for a variance you still need to register at your child's zoned school.

## Fall Registration for kndg-5th Grade

Registration forms are in the parent files for all of our current school-age children as well as those children going into kindergarten. If you need Before and After School care for the fall <u>now</u> is the time to register. Children can attend on the following schedules:

A.M. only \$60.00 P.M. only \$65.00 A.M./P.M. \$86.00 In order to reserve your child's space you need to <u>pay half the first week</u> of tuition, and the registration fee if you are not at the Ark in the summer. If you have questions please see Colleen but <u>hurry</u>...<u>spaces</u> <u>are filling up.</u> We transport to and from Peavine, Mamie Towles, Grace Warner, Elmcrest, and Rollan Melton this fall. Let us know if you have another request. We will work it into our schedule if possible.

### Summer and Fall Registration!

School-age: Registration forms have been filed in parent files for summer sign ups. Please help us get the word out by telling your friends who have children who have completed kindergarten up to the fifth grade. Our program is 8 weeks long and children need to be registered for a 4 week minimum. Forms are available at the front desk so please be sure and take what you need. Please see Colleen or Tiffany if you have questions. Space is limited!

<u>Preschool:</u> Preschool registration forms are in parent files. Please be sure and turn these into the office so you can be guaranteed space and any necessary schedule changes. All children regardless of enrollment preference need to return a form. If you have any questions, please see Colleen.

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Summer is coming!

#### Sharing

A few tips about sharing:

COLORS share on Monday SHAPES share on Thursday

- Please only bring toys on your child's sharing day.
- Your child's sharing needs to fit in the bucket with 9 other toys.
- Please put your child's name on sharing items so they are not mixed up.
- Make sure your child takes ONLY his /her sharing
- No war toys or weapons

#### Tuition—Auto Withdrawal

We hope everyone is as happy with our new "autopay" program as we are. It has almost totally eliminated "late fees" which is great. Here are a few tips to remember:

- Tuition is automatically withdrawn at 10:00 A.M. on Monday when tuition is due. Please see the tuition schedule if unsure of the date.
- You can monitor your account at "Myprocare.com". You can also pay tuition ahead of the due date on this site.
- There is a \$35.00 charge for auto-pay accounts that are reversed due to lack of funds.
- Tuition payments can also be paid ahead of time at the sign-in kiosk.
- Questions —see Colleen or Tiffany

#### Parent Information

The front desk is such a busy place and it can get so cluttered with special information for the parents. We try to keep you updated on "what's what" with kiosk messages without overwhelming you or repeating ourselves. Please take the time to check out items, letters, and lists placed in this area. Communication with the parents is very important to us.

The children's wet or dirty bags of clothes will be placed on the counter to the right of the payment window. Please return them A.S.A.P.

Please take the time also to sign up for our SENTEXT program and get important updates on your cell phone.!

Sign up for SENTEXT!

#### Extra Time

Children are regularly scheduled according to the days and times needed for care. If your child is absent for one of these days it is not possible to substitute a day or time. Accounts are still charged for the normal schedule. We love having the children come for extra days if your child is not schedule d for full time. We just ask that you give us a call the night before or morning of and then be sure and

let the office know when you bring your child to the center. We can always make room for one more of our little friends.



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