

# Around the Ark

#### Autumn Harvest

October is a time we all look forward to at the Ark. All of our new little people are feeling safe and secure and are enjoying being with us everyday. They know the familiar face they call "Teacher", They have made friends with a few other children and they know that Mom and Dad will come back at the end of their day. Life is good!

Our theme for October is Autumn Harvest and we can feel it, smell it, taste it and touch it. Mornings are cooler now and we are actually needing a light jacket. When we walk through the leaves there is that dry fall crackling noise and we are seeing yellows, oranges and reds on the edges of leaves in the trees. Some people are burning wood and we can smell it in the air. Apples are almost ready and it's almost time for apple cider. Fall is here!

This month also brings with it the

discussion of letters D, E and F, numbers 4 and 5 and the triangle shape. We will be discussing heavy and light, big and little and beside and between. Our country for the month is Germany and our artist is Pablo Picasso. We have lots of Picasso's here at Noah's Ark already and we have the art work to prove it.

We haven't forgotten Halloween and we will be celebrating the occasion with songs, stories, pumpkin fun, special treats, spiders, masks, ghosts but <u>NO COSTUMES</u> please! We lay the ground work for a safe Halloween and leave the dress-up to night time fun.



"Noah's News is Good News"

# October 2018

# Special points of interest:

- Wednesdays are early dismissal days for all public school children.
- © No Halloween costumes PLEASE!
- © Closed...Fri.,Oct. 26 To celebrate Nevada Day!
- © Coats and jackets on cool days please.
- Please check your parent files.

### A Place for Everything!

On top of the art cubbies are bags to go home with wet or soiled clothes and any other bags that go back and forth from home for the children. The top of the art cubby is a perfect place to put the items that need to be picked up or exchanged at the end of the day. Please take time to check the top of the cubbies every once in a while.

Sorry!
We cannot store car
seats.

#### FUN FRIDAYS for October!

Friday, 10/6

All About Apples!

Friday, 10/12

If You Give a Moose A Muffin

Friday, 10/19

Autumn Science

Friday, 10/26

CLOSED—Nevada Day



# You child needs to stay home if...

he (or she) awakened in the A.M. with his eye "glued" shut. ( check for pink eye)

he (or she) is running a temperature of 100 or higher, without medication.

he (or she) has had diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours.

he (or she) has an unidentifiable rash on any part of their body. (contagious??)

he or she has a golden, oozing sore around mouth or nose. (check for impetigo)

he (or she) is congested with cold, coughing continually and has green nasal discharge.

he or she complains of a sore throat, cannot swallow and has swollen glands.

he or she has evidence of nits (even just **ONE**) or lice in their hair, even after treatment with medicated shampoo.

he (or she) has been sent home from elem. school due to illness within the last 24 hours.

<u>Please note that depending upon a child's symptoms they will need to remain home from 24-72 hours after all symptoms have disappeared.</u>

# Payment Policy Reminder

It is important that everyone be aware of our existing payment policy.

Parents are billed for childcare tuition every two weeks in advance. A statement of billing dates is made available in your sign-up folder and at the office window...always. All child care payments are paid thru "auto-pay". We no longer accept cash or checks for payment. Please be sure and sign up for our Sentext cell phone program so you get the tuition alerts. Auto-pay is initiated at 10:00 A.M. on the Monday tuition is due.

Tuition payments can also be paid by credit card at the front desk sign-in kiosk at any time. Payments and accounts can be monitored at "myprocare.com" also. This allows the use of a different card/

account than the one we have online. Auto-pay will only pull the amount that is due. A \$35.00

charge is added if payments are declined. Sign up for Sentext

#### Coats and Sweaters Please!

Fall is in the air and it is really noticeable in the early mornings and late evenings when there is a slight chill in the air. Please remember that the children start going outside at 8:00 A.M. and stay out until 5:00 P.M. Outdoors is a very important part of our program and we go outside everyday. If your child is well enough to be at school, he/she is well enough to go outside. Please send your child with a light jacket or sweater so that they will be warm enough. The last couple of days we have had to dip into our "lost and found" piles in order to keep the children warm. Also, please remember to put your child's name on all of their outer garments. Thank you.

# Google Us!

If you are not pleased with your child's care at the Ark PLEASE take the time to tell Colleen so that changes can be made and attention to issues can be dealt with. HOWEVER, if you are PLEASED, please GOOGLE us on RENO CHILD CARE CENTERS, click on Noah's Ark and write a review or write a review on our FACEBOOK. We are working towards a STAR rating and your opinion COUNTS!

#### Pizza for Preschoolers and Parents

All parents are invited for "Pizza with your Preschooler" during the first two weeks of October. We have special days set aside just for this occasion.

Parents of the Color Group children are invited to come on Tuesday,

October 9 at 11:00 for pizza. This will give you a little time to visit with your child and have a little fun and then enjoy lunch. Naptime follows right after lunch so this will be time for a hug and goodbye.

Parents of Shape Group children are invited on Thursday, October 11 at 11:45 A.M. for a pizza party with the Shape Group children.

A sign up sheet will be available at the front desk. **RESERVATIONS ARE** 

NECESSARY so that we have enough pizza. If you are not fond of pizza you are welcome to "brown bag it". The children will be having pizza.

Thank you for taking the time to join us.



Pizza Party!

#### Lost and Found

Are you missing anything...a coat, shoe, jacket, sweater, hat, gloves, etc. Chances are it is in the "Lost and Fond" bucket located right inside the front door on the right side. From Monday to Friday the children's items of clothing are kept in the back cubbies. Each child has a cubby space determined by their Color or Shape group. Of course, that is ideal and their clothing items do not always end up on the right hook. On Fridays, all left over items of clothing are collected at 6:00 P.M. and placed in the "Lost and Found" bucket. We get quite a collection of clothing items. After a few weeks the items are placed on the table in the hopes that you will recognize an item that belongs to you and claim it. All unclaimed items are donated to the clothing box in the church and further donated to charity.

#### No Costumes Please!

Halloween is quickly approaching so we want to let all of the parents know early on that we do not have a Halloween party and we do not dress in costume. We have lots of fun on a daily basis singing songs with the children, carving jack-olanterns and making masks, spiders and ghostly creations. We will talk to the children about Halloween safety and the groups usually incorporated special treats

into their cooking projects.

We will lay all of the ground work for our families to have a wonderfully fun Halloween night. Enjoy!



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