



Around the Ark

'Tis the Season

It's December! To say this year went fast is an understatement!

It's evident with the children that Christmas planning is happening at home. The children are humming carols while they play and whispers of Santa can be heard. Pretty soon the glitter will be flying and we will all be stuck to the floor with decorations of red, white and green. Group time conversations will take the children to the holiday as it is celebrated in our country and in different countries around the world. **You mean everyone doesn't believe in Santa Claus?** This is hard for them to believe. We will try to explain this to the children by introducing foods, dances, folk tales, language and artifacts and show how these cele-

brations influenced our own Christmas holiday.

Wrapped gifts will be sent home so please check all of the counters in the evening. Don't be surprised though if you get yours handed to you right out of Noah's Arks door! **"Open it now Mommy!"**

Do you have our **Annual Sing-a-long** on your calendar for Tuesday the 11th at 7:00 P.M? It's a special night for all of our families and we hope you are planning on joining us.

Happy Holidays!



"Noah's News is Good News"

December 2018

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Public School is CLOSED from Dec. 21 -Jan 15 for Christmas vacation.
- ☺ All outer garments need to have your child's name clearly marked on it.
- ☺ Please do not leave unmarked bags of clothes, backpacks etc. on top of the cubbies.
- ☺ Please call the Ark if your child is sick and stays home from the Ark or goes home sick from elementary school.

December Fun Fridays

Closed for the Holidays

Fun Friday...

- Dec. 7 Color, Light and Electricity
- Dec. 14 Jingle Bells
- Dec. 21 Ribbons & Tags
- Dec. 28 National Card Playing Day

Noah's Ark is CLOSED on Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1, in celebration of the Christmas and New Years holiday. Happy Holidays to all.

We close at 4:00 P.M. on



Just a few reminders....

Communicating with all of the parents as you come and go through the center on different schedules is always a challenge. Here are a few reminders :

- **Please try and check your parent files at least every other day.** You never know what important information is placed in your file.
- Please be sure and sign your child into the center and sign them out every evening. This is a state licensing regulation.
- Please be sure and write your child's name or initials on all outer garments that can be taken off.
- Please be sure all your personal information (phone numbers) is



up to date with the office. We need to be able to reach one person at anytime during the day.

- Sharing is on Monday for Colors and Thursday for Shapes. Be sure sharing toys go home in the evenings. **The children are not to bring toys etc., at any other time.**
- Questions?? Problems!! Give us a call anytime. It's important.
- **PLEASE remember we are a PEANUT FREE facility!**

Are U Signed Up for SendText?

Coats! Hats! Gloves!

Good communication is important in all aspects of our relationship with our families of the Ark. Therefore, it is so very important for all of our parents to opt in to the **SendText** system so you can receive messages from the Ark on your cell phone. It is difficult to communicate important information by posted signs and we want you to be on top of billings, illness and events of the Center.

So, PLEASE opt in by Texting NOAH to 51660. Thank you.

Cold weather is upon us and we have children coming to school without coat, hats or gloves. We are being told that they do not want to wear one. Please be aware that we go outside even on the coldest of days just for the fresh air. **If your child has no coat, gloves or hat we are assuming that it is OK for your child to go outside without these clothes.** We have a few extra coats, gloves and jackets but not enough to go around. Your child needs to be dressed for cold weather everyday! No exception. Children are only allowed to remain inside if the weather outdoors contributes to their already existing asthmatic condition.

2018 is coming to an end!

2018 is too quickly coming to a close. We are all looking forward to the start of 2019. It's scary to even say that!! :)

Please note the following in terms of auto-payments:

- ♦ The fiscal years ends Friday, Dec. 29. Payment for 12/26-12/29 will be drawn on 12/26 so that it falls in the 2018 tax year.
- ♦ 1/1/19-1/12/19 will be deducted on 1/2/19 and every two weeks after that. Then we

will be on our normal two week schedule.

You are able to monitor your accounts on "Myprocare.com" in terms of payments, charges and credits.

Year end tax totals will be made available.

We are unable to retrieve any fiscal data from 2017 due to the old computer system crashing at year end.

"Joy to the World"

We hope everyone has marked their calendar and reserved Tuesday, December 11 for special fun. It's our **Annual Christmas Sing-a-Long**.

Parents, brothers and sisters and grandparents are invited to join with us in the church sanctuary at 7:00 P.M. to sing Christmas carols. The children stay with the parents and the teachers will lead each song. After our songfest we will move into Thurman Hall where Santa will be waiting to greet



Come to the Christmas Sing-a-long.

each child and hear what they want for Christmas. Be prepared, the line for Santa can be a long one. Bring your cameras also, so that you can capture your child's moment with Santa on film. Refreshments will also be served. Usually we end about 8:15 but parents and children are free to leave anytime if the evening stretches past bedtimes. We hope that everyone is planning on joining us for this fun night.

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Christmas Holiday

Christmas is just around the corner (even though we are still eating turkey leftovers) and many of our parents are making plans for the holiday time. Please let us know your plans by signing the sheet at the front desk. You are charged whether your child attends or not to reserve his/her space. By letting us know your plans we are able to plan menus and staffing according to the number of children attending. Thank you

Neon Calendars

Watch your files for the activities calendar for Kindergarten and Neons for Christmas break. It is packed full of fun activities to keep the children happy and busy while out of school.

Let It Snow!

Please be aware of the following in the event of a major snowfall:

- If the Washoe County School District closes schools, Noah's Ark will also be closed for the day. WCSD makes this announcement at 6:00 A.M. The only exception to this is if the schools are closed because snow cannot be removed from school property specifically but most other roads are passable...as happened in the past.
- Noah's Ark will announce any closings by way of your cell phone with Sendtext at

6:00 A.M.

- In the event of a delayed start for WCSD, Noah's Ark will make every effort to open on time. Please let us know if you plan on taking your child to school on late start days. All children are welcome on these mornings.
- Dress for the weather. We go out every day!



Snow Policy!