



Around the Ark

"Star Light, Star Bright"

It's May. It brings sunshine, warm weather, spring buds, flowers, shorts and t-shirts. We hope! It's time to open the doors and for all the children to enjoy the outdoor weather.

Our curriculum for the month of May tells us it is time to look to the skies and explore the stars, the Milky Way and the unknown. Space exploration is an adventure for our imagination. Who wants to be an astronaut? Could we live on the moon? How would we travel on the moon? Who can count backwards...5,4,3,2,1, BLAST OFF!

The concepts of day and night, awake and sleep go hand in hand with our outer limit discussions. What happened

when we turned the clock ahead? The world around us is open ended when we let our imagination take over.

Our colors for the month are blue and yellow. Of course our shape is the "star" and our letters are X,Y, and Z. We'll be heading across the border to Mexico for our multicultural celebration learning about their flair for food, music and bright bold colors.

Galileo is our artist of the month. We'll learn of his study of telescopes and pendulums. Look up! Look to the stars!



"Noah's News is Good News"

May 2018

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Public school is out for the summer on Friday, June 7th.
- ☺ Noah's Ark is registering for SUMMER and FALL NOW!
- ☺ Noah's Ark is CLOSED Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day holiday.
- ☺ Our summer program starts on Monday, June 10 for Preschool and School-age summer camp!
- ☺ Are you registered for Fall?
- ☺ There are no sharing days during the summer. Please keep a lookout at the summer calendar to see what days children need to bring something.
- ☺ Are your emergency numbers current?

Fun Fridays for May

Friday, May 3

Cinco de Mayo!

Friday, May 10

Moms are A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!

Friday, May 17

The Stars at Night

Friday, May 24

Little Blue and Little Yellow

Friday, May 31

Day & Night

May marks the end of our monthly newsletters. The summer calendars will be out pretty soon starting with the month of June and then everyday is a Fun Friday! Please remember that everything coming into the Ark needs to be clearly labeled with your child's name!



HAPPY
SUMMER

A Review from You!

We have been working very hard to get the word out across the community about Noah's Ark and what we offer both the children and the parents. Especially now that we are enrolling for both summer and fall we want everyone to call so we can tell them we have spaces available. But we need your help too.

We love that parents tell us that the children are happy at the Ark. We love that parents tell us that the children are learning and growing. We love that they "don't want to go home". What we would really love is if you would take the time to write your thoughts on Google or our Facebook page (Noah's Ark Child Care

Center). Our visibility on these two sites depends upon your thoughts. So we would really appreciate it if you would share these thoughts.

On the other hand...if there is an area in which we can improve, or something we are missing in providing care and services to you and you child...**TELL TIFF!**



Summer is Coming June 10th

Our summer program starts Monday, June 10th and we are ready for summer! Our calendar follows the Washoe County School district. We are filling up rapidly for the summer, but help us get the word out by telling your friends with children from 3-12. At the Ark we have children from 3-5 and at Peavine Elementary School we have children from 1st thru 5th grade. It's all very FUN! Now if we can only get the weather to stay on warm and sunny.

Calendars will be passed out to Neon parents at Neon Night (Tuesday, May 14, 7:00pm) and calendars will soon be made

available to those attending our summer preschool session. Remember, after May there is no newsletter until September. The calendars replace the newsletters.

If you have not turned in summer registration you are not on our list! Please check with the office. SPOTS ARE ALMOST FULL!

Sunscreen, Sunglasses and Close-toed Shoes!

It's finally a little warm and if it stays it will be time to think of what we need to be safe for outdoor play.

Information on sunscreen will be passed out at the end of May. We buy it by the gallon and permission slips need to be signed by the parent. Parents need to apply sunscreen at home in the morning.

Lastly, the children are NOT permitted on the big climbing toy without close-toed shoes. Open-toed are dangerous for the children to wear when they are climbing and even when they are running outside. We prefer that they wear tennis shoes or a sturdy sandals at all times to avoid accidents. Thanks:)



Illness Reminders!

Seasonal changes seem to bring with it the sniffles, strep throat, pink eye, upset tummies and many other maladies. Our policy is that children may not attend the center if they have a temperature of 100 or above or if they have diarrhea. If they come down with a temperature or develop diarrhea during their day we will call you and your child will need to be picked up from the center as soon as possible.

If the child is sent home you need to keep the child out at least 24 hours to allow for recuperation and contagion. In extenuating circumstances we may say 48 hours!

If your child is sick at home please do not medicate them and send them to the center. In most cases the medication wears off about 11:00 A.M. and we need to call you to take the child home. We also do not want the other children exposed to



your child's illness as maladies spread quickly through the center. If your child wakes up with "crusty eyes most likely it is "pink eye" and you will need to see the doctor. Pink eye is contagious and the child needs to be out for 24 hours after the start of medication. If your child develops a rash you will need to have your child see the pediatrician and have him/her give you a note or fax us a note letting us know the nature of the rash and that he/she is not contagious.

We are cautious regarding flu symptoms. We try not to inconvenience parents and at the same time being cautious of maladies that can spread to all of the children. Thank you

New Faces

You may have noticed 'new' teachers around the Ark! We work really hard to keep our groups well under the Washoe County Social Service ratios. We have added a couple groups to help us in making sure this happens. We now have a Circle shape group and a Blue color group. So exciting! We have an amazing staff and these few new additions are a welcome part to our crew!

#WeAreAllInThisBoatTogether

Fall Enrollment

Summer is just around the corner and we are filling up quickly. If your child will not be attending in the summer and you need childcare in the fall please register as soon as possible. A deposit of 1/2 the first weeks tuition is due to reserve your child's space. Even though we are in the summer mode we need to know if your child will be attending. We sure hope so! Ask Tiff or Elizabeth if you have questions



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10th! The Ark will doing some special things for our staff this week. Take a moment and make sure to let your child's teacher/teachers how much you appreciate them! They work so hard and deserve a little love and appreciation!



Dropping In...

If your child is not registered for full time and you find that you need an extra morning, an extra afternoon or an extra day...we would love to help you. You just need to make sure that you make the office aware of this...either the day before or the day of.

Thanks!