



AROUND THE ARK

"It's Time for School"

Wow! It's "Back to School"! This summer seems to have just flown by! It will be fun to meet new friends and see those who have been gone for the summer but it also means the end of summer freedom.

First off, we want to extend a heart felt welcome to all of our new parents and children. It is so nice to have you with us at the Ark. Please let us know if we can help you in any way. Thank you for entrusting your child into our care. Feel free to ask any questions you might have. We are here to help in

Fun Friday Fun!

Fun Fridays are special days. They are a carry over from our "Summer Fun" calendars. On these Fridays the children can participate in the special activity by bringing something from home to share or just following the teachers lead with the lesson planned at school. Please be sure your child's name is on all items coming to school.

any way we can. Also, please call to check in on your little one any time. 747-3775:)

Reminder: Sharing Day is Monday for the COLORS and Thursday for the SHAPES. Their toy needs to be bigger than what fits in a pocket, but able to fit all the way in the group buckets. Also, NO weapons, please.



Friday- 8/2 Ice Cream Sandwiches!

Friday- 8/9 Watercolor Wonders

Friday- 8/16 Let's Make a Volcano!

Friday- 8/23 Dinosaur Day!

Friday- 8/30- How Tall are YOU?

"Noah's News is
Good News"

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Special points of
interest:

- ☺ Please apply sunscreen before coming to the Ark! We will apply it to those who have signed up at noon. We will continue to do so until the end of Spetember.
- ☺ Only children in Kindergarten and first -sixth grades need backpacks.
- ☺ Be sure the office has your current phone numbers!
- ☺ Colors share on Monday.
- ☺ Shapes share on Thursday.



No Sick Children PLEASE!

Back-to-school brings 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.**

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 will be especially cautious in the fall with flu epidemics! Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Governing Board

Every year about this time we are looking for parents to serve on the Board of Directors for Noah's Ark Child Center. We are currently looking for one new member! The Board consists of parents, church members and the administrative staff of the child care center. We meet quarterly to discuss the budget and issues involving the center and to make necessary operational decisions. Our meetings are held at least quarterly and more often if necessary. The Ark Board is a "policy making" board and makes recommendations to the church administrative board for final approval. Noah's Ark is a mission of the

church and a community outreach for the church and was started by the church and members in 1972.

The Board is open and receptive to any and all issues regarding Noah's Ark Child Center. If you are interested in being on our board, please see Tiffany.



Balloons over Grandview!

The annual Balloon Race is coming to Reno and Noah's Ark is hosting our **Annual Balloon Breakfast** on Friday, September 6 at 6:45 A.M. We are in a wonderful spot in relation to Rancho San Rafael and on Friday morning the balloons go right over our head. We'll have coffee, donut holes, juice and front row seats so you can come early, sit back and relax and watch the show. Then when Saturday morning rolls around you will be able to sleep in because you have already enjoyed the event. It's a "**GRAND VIEW on GRANDVIEW!**"

We need your numbers!

It is critical to be able to reach a parent or guardian at any time during the day in case of emergency, illness or an issue with any one of the children. Please be sure we have your cell numbers and the daily contact numbers of relatives or friends. When a parent cannot be reached after 15 minutes and several calls we start going down the list calling your emergency contacts.

If you are going to be in a special location for just a day...we would very much like that number. Please take the time to update the desk cards when it is appropriate with names and numbers for the safety of the children.

I.D. Please

We want to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new parents and the new children to Noah's Ark. One our main goals is for your child to feel safe, nurtured and loved while attending Noah's Ark. Our main goal for you as a parent is that your child be in a **safe environment**. Therefore, we make it a policy to check identification when your child is taken from the Ark. Please have your identification ready when you come for your child . If someone else will be taking your child in the evening, they also need to have identification and they need to be on the list of people allowed to pick up your child. Even if your child has been at the Ark for awhile, we ask that you be prepared to show I.D. We have new staff in new schedules and when things are busy different staff may be "minding the store". If we are not 100% sure we will ask for I.D. It's always better to be on the safe side. If for any reason you

have people who are not allowed to pick up your child, it is imperative that you give us this information. If there is a custody situation it is very important that we have a copy of the custody papers on file so that we may adhere to the letter of the law. We know at times it is an inconvenience to have to run out to the car for I.D. We know too that if you have been a long term Ark parent that we should remember faces. We do our best but sometimes it's the baseball cap or dark glasses that fool us! So, please be prepared. It's all for the safety of the little people! Also, please see Tiffany or Elizabeth if you need to set up a door code or fingerprint on the kiosk!

NOTICE

**PHOTO ID
REQUIRED**

Like us on Facebook

Nowadays it's all about getting the word out through **social networking**. Are you on Facebook? Noah's Ark is and we would love for you to like our page, Noah's Ark Child Care Center. Help us get the word out to friends and families across town that we are here in a quiet neighborhood in Northwest and we'd love to have them check us out...**especially with your recommendation.**

Our Facebook page will link them to our website where they can learn all about the program and even see pictures. Our website is www.noahsarkreno.com.

Speaking of our website, have you checked it out? There is a Guestbook link where you can say hello and leave notes about the care your child is getting at the Ark. We hope it is all good.

Our "Closets" Runneth Over!

With the numbers of children in the Ark at any given time our closets and spaces are full and many times bursting. We are asking that children bring as little to the Ark as possible on a daily basis. **Children enrolled in Kindergarten and first-fifth grades are the only ones needing backpacks allowing important materials to go back and forth from home and school.** Children do not need extra clothes as we supply it in the event of an accident or spill. The cubbies along the back are only big enough for sweaters and jackets and extra items that go along with winter. Napmats are made available for purchase for rest and nap and these are **required** for the children. A small toy can be rolled in the

mat **only** for children who nap. Resters do not sleep and are discouraged from bringing items for the short rest time. We have lots to keep the children busy at the Ark and we do not want to lose their special things. All items of clothing need to have the child's name or initials on the inside.

Also, please note that we cannot store car seats or booster seats...even for one day. We just do not have the room. Thank you for your help with this!

