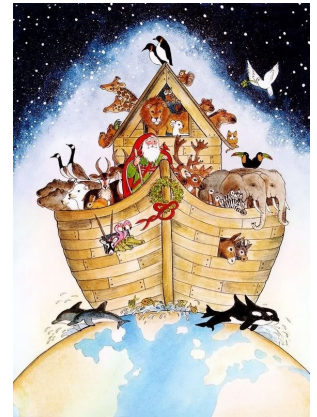


AROUND THE ARK



"Noah's News is Good News"

It's a Small World After All

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, Gladig Yul, Happy Hanukkah! The time of year is upon us to celebrate our customs, traditions and celebrations. During this month, we will prepare for the hustle and bustle of the holidays, but take a moment to reflect on different cultures and their celebrations. Ornaments on trees, wreaths on doors and halos hovering above an angels, are a few simple reminders that circles are everywhere we look this month. Flickering candles, twinkling lights and shimmering trees are simple ways to incorporate our science theme. And, if all goes well, we will have some snow in December, letting us experience an Artic chill and enjoy a winter wonderland. Happy Holidays to all!

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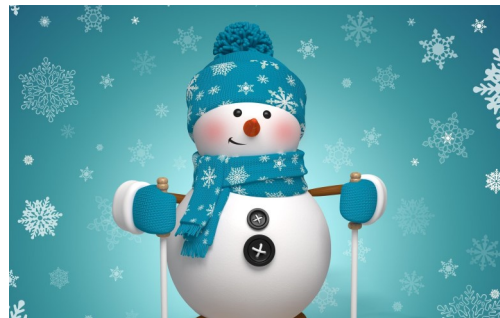
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Science: Color, Light & Electricity

Cultural Study: Customs & Celebrations

Artist: Henri Matisse



December 2019

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Public School is closed from Dec. 23rd-Jan. 3rd for Christmas vacation. Be on the lookout for school-age break forms and the break calendars for all ages.
- ☺ December 11th is our Cinema & Sugar Night! Doors open at 6:15pm. Wear your jammies!
- ☺ Please LABEL all of your child's belongings!
- ☺ Please remember 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

Friday...

Dec. 6- Festive Science!

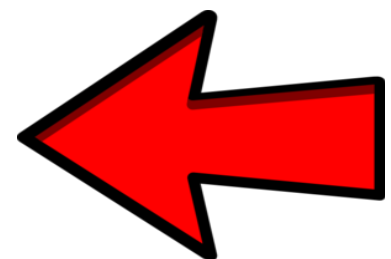
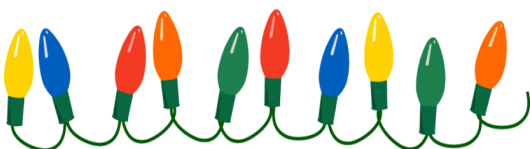
Dec. 13- Holiday Traditions!

Dec. 20- Snowmen & Snowflakes!

Dec. 27- Teeny Tiny Chefs!

Noah's Ark will close at 4pm on Tuesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve. Late fees will apply after 4pm. We will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas.

Noah's Ark will close at 4pm on Tuesday, December 31st for New Year's Eve. Late fees will apply after 4pm. We will also be closed



Our Very First Cinema & Sugar Night!

Santa Claus is coming to the Ark! We know it is still a bit early to be talking about Christmas, but we are SO excited about our upcoming Family Christmas Cinema & Sugar Night! Wednesday, December 11th. Doors open at 6:15 and the movie, How the Grinch Stole Christmas will start at 6:45. Children may not stay at the Ark after we close at 6:00 as we will be busy getting ready for the festivities! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket for your family to curl up on. We will have festive treats, along with apple cider and hot cocoa! After the movie, we will even have a visit from Santa, so have

your cameras ready! Everyone is welcome! Our Scholastic Book Fair will also be open that night as well, so you will have time if you would like to take a peek! We are looking forward to new tradition here at the Ark!



Sign up for SenText

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 SenText 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 special events at the center. So, PLEASE opt in by texting NOAH to 51660.

Thank you!



Santa Bags for Seniors

Be on the lookout for Senior Santa Bags! Attached you will find a simple list of some things a local senior would love to receive. This is such a fun and special way to show your child how giving back to our community is so important. Please see Tiff or Elizabeth with any questions. We need to have all bags returned no later than Wednesday, December 18th.



Coats! Hats! Gloves!

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 in 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! Children are only allowed to remain inside if the weather outdoors contributes to their already existing asthmatic condition.

2019 is Coming to an End!

2019 is too quickly coming to a close. We are all looking forward to the start of 2020.

The fiscal year for the Ark ends Friday, December 27th. All accounts must be paid in full by then. The holidays are such a busy time we want to be sure that everyone is aware of this special note.

Also, if you need an end-of-year tax statement in January, please go onto myprocare.com and you will find everything you need. Thank you for a wonderful 2019 and we are looking forward to 2020!