

Welcome Back, NEONS!!!

Welcome back to Noah's Ark! Our teachers have been getting ready for the summer with new centers, lots of fun activities and fresh ideas that all comply with the CDC's suggestions for a safe environment. Things in our world look a lot different now, and so will some of the procedures at the Ark. We have been working closely with the Health Department along with our licensor from Social Services, to make sure we have a smooth and safe transition into the daily routines at our school.

Here are some new procedures to note:

1. All Noah's Ark Staff members are mandated to wear a face mask. Along with the masks, all staff members will have their temperatures taken and shoes cleaned before entering our facility.
2. **Face Masks:** The CDC and our licensor recommend wearing a face mask, but it is not required. If your child chooses to bring one, please stress to them the importance of keeping their hands off, of the mask, as much as possible. If we feel that it is not being worn safely, it will be removed, and sent home.
3. **Screening:** Please note that no child or staff will be allowed to stay at Noah's Ark, if they show any signs of illness. Excess fatigue, headaches, stomach bug, runny nose, sore throat, cough, red eyes, etc. are just some of the symptoms that we cannot allow in the school. If anyone shows any such symptoms during the day, they will be immediately sent home. If sent home, will need a note from a doctor or a negative COVID test to return.
4. **Hand Washing:** Everyone will wash their hands upon entering the building. We will be washing our hands between each transition, along with before/after eating, and on their way out of the school. **On field trips, teachers will have hand sanitizer with them. We suggest each NEON to also bring a hand sanitizer and/or wipes with them, to use at will, when we are away from Noah's Ark.** There will be a lot of hand washing and sanitizing, please be on the lookout for dry hands that might need some extra TLC at home. We are not allowed to administer hand lotion without a doctor's note.
5. **Sanitizing:** We will have two staff members that are continually sanitizing throughout the day, inside and out. Our vans will be sanitized, daily. Nightly, we have a janitorial service that is well versed in the CDC's cleaning recommendations and weekly, we have an outside company that will be disinfecting the whole school, walls, carpets, and everything in between.
6. **Social Distancing:** The overall enrollment has been cut in half. Backpacks will be stored in separate cubbies away from others. We will be using three different areas of the school for the NEON program. We will be rotating through them as smaller groups. Drinking fountains are closed. NEONS will need to bring 2 water bottles, every day that can be refilled.

7. **Drop-off:** We will be welcoming every student at the side gate entrance to the playground. GUARDIANS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL FOR THE TIME BEING. A teacher will be there to greet and screen each child. Along with taking a daily temperature and disinfecting shoes, the TEACHER will sign in your child. ***A teacher will be stationed at the side gate entrance, from **7:00-9:00**, if it is after 9:00, please call the school (**775-747-3775**), and we will send a teacher to meet you at the side gate. The front doors will be locked.***

8. **Pick up:** Please call about 5 minutes before arrival so we can help your child gather their personal items and wash their hands before they leave. (**775-747-3775**) We will have a teacher hand deliver your little one to the side gate that they were dropped off at, earlier in the day. We will sign out your child. If you want to pick up your NEON, and they are on a field trip, we ask you to call Noah's Ark, we will then let you know where you can meet up with your child. Please, DO NOT ask the teacher for their personal phone number.

9. **Field Trip:** We will begin the summer by visiting lots of parks and going on small hikes. As the summer progresses and entertainment facilities open back up, we will be able to go on more field trips. Our Staff has been educated on social distancing and the importance of keeping the hands clean. We will keep you updated, on our calendar or by text, what our plans will entail.

10. **Calendar:** The calendars look a little different this year, but just as much fun. Please, check your calendar, every day. There are days where you will need swimsuits and towels, bikes, super soakers, etc. Every Friday, is an electronics day, when the kids can bring a phone, a tablet or gaming object, to play with at Noah's Ark. Everything from home needs to be labeled. Some days you will notice times of departure, you will need to have your child at the school before that specific time. We will not be able to transport the child if the vans have already left. Expect the group to be back at Noah's Ark by 4:30, unless noted otherwise.

11. **What Does Your Child Need to Bring, Daily:** Backpack*
 - Lunch with an ice pack, NO NUTS*
 - 2 water bottles*
 - Sunscreen*
 - Hand sanitizer or wipes (optional)
 - Face Mask (optional)
 - Hat (optional)

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Noah's Ark at 775-747-3775, and ask to speak with Tiffany or Elizabeth.

Thank you!