



# Noah's Ark Preschool Newsletter

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IN THIS ISSUE: VALENTINE'S DAY, MS. LISA, ASSESSMENTS, BOOK ORDERS, AND MORE!

## Tuition

March tuition is due Tuesday February 19. Please submit payments when you drop off your children by placing payments in the blue box on top of the lockers. If you pay with cash, please place it in an envelope with your name and the amount written on it. Checks can be placed in the blue box, too. Since your name is already on your check, a labeled envelope is not necessary. The Director does not have access to cash to make change, so please try to pay the exact amount due.

## Ms. Lisa

Ms. Lisa Vander Sluis from the Le Mars Public Library will read to each class this month. Please see the attached calendar for the specific dates.

You are welcome to pay multiple months at a time if you are interested.



Have you signed up??

[lemars.lib.ia.us](http://lemars.lib.ia.us)

2 days per week = \$70 per month  4 days per week = \$120 per month

## Pastor Jan

In January, Pastor Jan read the story, "The Kissing Hand." The story is about a mother raccoon's love for her baby. She explained how the baby remembered his mother's love when he was afraid; we can remember Jesus's love when we are afraid, too.

Pastor Jan will return in February. Please see the attached calendar to see the exact dates. She visits the 3 year olds once per month and the 4 & 5 year olds twice per month.



Pictured: Pastor Jan & Merck. She drew an invisible cross on his hand with her finger and said, "Jesus loves you forever."

## Name Recognition

The 3-4 year olds have been working very hard at recognizing their names in print. Beginning in February, we will start mixing up their names on the poster where they put their name crayons at arrival.

## Ms. Victoria

Victoria DeVos, the Plymouth County Naturalist, will visit each of the classes in February to teach the kids about birds. Please see the attached calendar for the specific date.

## Guest Readers

During January and February, the 4 & 5 year olds will have several guest readers. These readers will be parents, grandparents, and friends of Noah's Ark!

**We want to share the love and importance of reading!**

Pictured: Wyatt's mom reading to the class.  
Wyatt's brothers came, too!



## Food from Home/Birthday Treats

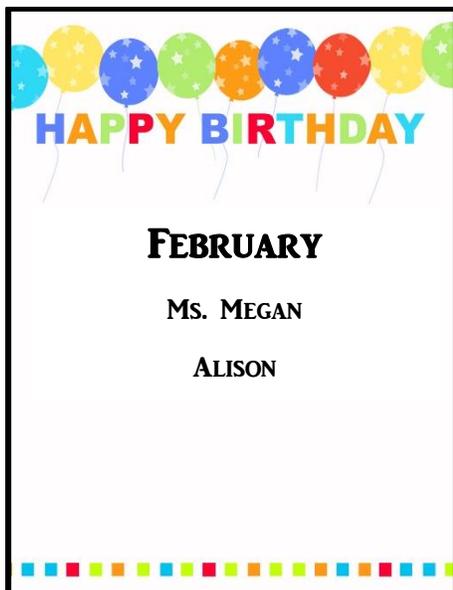
Children may (but are not required to) bring individually, prepackaged snacks to share with the class on their birthdays. **These items will be sent home for parental approval.** We ask that parents not send foods that require refrigeration, cupcakes, or cakes for birthdays. Great birthday treats include individually, prepackaged fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, Ritz Bitz Crackers, etc.

To help eliminate the possibility of food being prepared in an unsanitary environment and to eliminate allergic reactions from unlabeled packages, no homemade treats are allowed.

MW AM: 16 students

TTh AM: 16 students

MTWTh PM: 18 students



## Book Orders

We will periodically send home book orders, and the book orders for February are attached. If you are interested in ordering, you may complete the order form and return it along with a check payable to Scholastic. **Please do not send cash for book orders.**

You may also submit book orders online at [scholastic.com](http://scholastic.com). Click on 'Parents' and then on 'Reading Club.' You must register as a parent. When prompted, type **LPHWM** as our class activation code and place your order. Also when ordering online, you have the opportunity to order from any current book order and for any grade level, not just from the ones we send home! Book orders are due on or before **Thursday February 7.** Ordering from book orders is completely optional.

**If your child's book order is a surprise, please let us know so we can keep it secret.**

### Free Book

Thanks to a generous Noah's Ark family, all children whose families do not purchase a book from the book order will receive a free book! Thank you to this family for promoting early literacy by supplying books to children!

**There will be no preschool on Monday February 18. It is Presidents' Day.**

## Brown

As the 3-4 olds learn about the colors, we will periodically ask them to wear specific colors to school. Please have your child wear the following color on the following day:

**Brown:** February 5 & 6

If your child doesn't have something to wear that is brown, don't worry! We will get him/her a sticker to wear!

O is for Owl!



## Shapes

In February, the 3-4 year olds will begin the shapes unit. We will spend two days on each shape. Each shape has a corresponding character and a song:

*Sally Circle*

*Tracy Triangle*

*Sammy Square*

*Roger Rectangle*

*Heather Heart*

*Olivia Oval*

*Stella Star*

*Danny Diamond*

## Valentine's Day Parties

On the day of your child's Valentine's Party, please send a valentine for each child in your child's class. Either store-bought or hand-made valentines are welcome!

**Please leave the "To" part blank and either write or have your child write his or her name in the "From" part. Please do not write each child's name on the valentines!**

If you would like to send a trinket or a piece of candy with your child's valentine, please **ATTACH** the treat to the Valentine card.

**Please send the number of valentines below:**

- Monday & Wednesday AM: **16** (Wednesday February 13)
- Tuesday & Thursday AM: **16** (Thursday February 14)
- MTuWTh PM: **18** (Thursday February 14)



Your child will receive a valentine from him/herself. Sending valentines for the teachers is optional.

Please feel encouraged to make/purchase a box/container for your child's valentines! If you're not interested, your child will receive a sack for his/her valentines.

## S is for Sunglasses and Silly Socks

As the 4 & 5 year olds learn the letter S, we will have Silly Socks Day and Sunglasses Day!

### Sunglasses Day: February 20

Please have your child wear sunglasses to school. We do have a few extra pairs for kids who may not have sunglasses.

### Silly Socks Day: February 25

Silly socks can be fun colors, mismatched, or the wrong size! The kids still need to wear shoes on Silly Socks Day. 

## Journals

The 4 & 5 year olds complete weekly journal pages to practice writing skills!

Pictured: Melody



## Kindergarten Round-Up / Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Kindergarten Round-Up information will go home with kindergarten-eligible students during February. If you plan to send your child to TK or to kindergarten in the Fall, please plan on sending him/her to kindergarten round-up.

### Kindergarten

If your child will be 5 on or before September 15, he/she qualifies for kindergarten.

### Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

#### **Gehlen Catholic:**

Must be 5 by September 15  
Accepts 16-20 students

#### **Le Mars Community:**

Must turn 5 between April 15 and September 15  
Accepts 18 students  
Classroom is located at Kluckhohn School

If you have any questions about preschool, TK, or kindergarten, please don't hesitate to ask!

## Enrollment for 2019-2020 School Year

Classes at Noah's Ark are filling up QUICKLY for next year! If you know someone who may be interested in enrolling their child at Noah's Ark Preschool next school year, please instruct them to call as soon as possible. If anyone needs brochures or additional information, please let us know!

We already have a lengthy wait list for our 4 & 5 year old class for the Fall. **If your plans for next year change, please let us know as soon as possible so we can keep our list current.**

## Mid-Year Assessments

During January, we assessed the students on the academic information we have covered so far. If we have any concerns, we may call you to arrange a parent-teacher conference. If you have any concerns, please let us know. Conferences for all children will be held in April.