



Noah's Ark Preschool Newsletter

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IN THIS ISSUE: SCISSORS, FIELD TRIP, DENTAL SCREENINGS, MS. LISA, AND MORE!

Valentine's Day

Thank you to all the families who sent valentines with their kids. Ms. Megan and I also really appreciate all the special gifts from many families.



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.

Pastor Jan

In February, Pastor Jan visited each of the classes and related Valentine's Day to how God loves each of us.

She will return in March and in April. Please see the calendars for the dates.

Tuition

April tuition is due

Monday March 18. 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.

You are welcome to pay multiple months at a time if you are interested. Please keep in mind that May's tuition is half the normal monthly tuition.

April: 2 days per week = \$70

4 days per week = \$120

May: 2 days per week = \$35

4 days per week = \$60

Scissors Skills

In late January, the 3-4 year-olds began using scissors! The children have a daily turn cutting a simple line or shape. The children complete their cutting on an individual basis with Ms. Shannon so she can help them hold their scissors properly and cut accurately with the appropriate amount of guidance and assistance.

P is for Pajamas!

The 4 & 5 year-olds celebrated Pajama Day for the letter P!

We Sang the Song "There Were 10 in the Bed" and pretended the carpet was a big bed.



Pictured: Taytum, Elliot, Melody, Audrey, Brantley, Kyler, Zariyah, A.T.3., & Andy

P is for Police Officer

Officer Justin Daale from the Le Mars Police Department was scheduled to visit the 4 & 5 year-olds on January 30, but school was canceled due to weather. We rescheduled for February 6.

He taught us many aspects of safety including strangers, weapons, and how to safely ride in a car.



Pictured: Officer Daale showing us his bulletproof vest.

Officer Daale stressed the importance of preschool-aged children riding in the BACK SEAT of the car and always in an appropriate CAR SEAT.



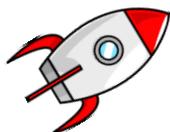
T is for TEETH!

On Tuesday March 5, a dental hygienist from Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. will visit the afternoon class. She will discuss ways to keep our teeth healthy and will look at each child's teeth.

A form about the screening went home in mid-February. **The form needs to be completed and returned on or before March 5.**

Blast Off!

In order to help the 4 & 5 year-olds with number recognition and counting, each day, beginning in March, we will hide a number somewhere in the classroom and add the number to our rocket. Once we find all 20 numbers and the rocket is full, we have a blast off party! The party consists of a short movie based on a book and a special snack!



Kindergarten Round-Up

If your child is attending kindergarten round-up and will be absent from preschool, please let us know the date so we can better plan for classes on the roundup days.

Questions about Kindergarten, Preschool, or TK? Please don't hesitate to ask!

Food from Home/Birthday Treats

Children may (but are not required to) bring individually, prepackaged snacks to share with the class on their birthdays.

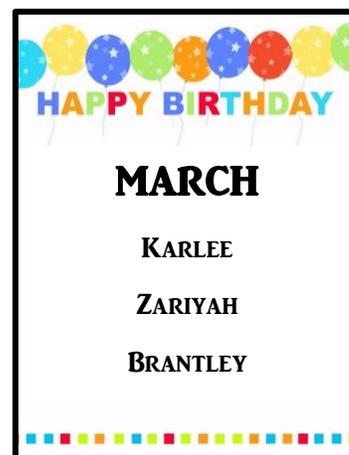
These items will be sent home for parental approval. We ask that parents not send foods that require refrigeration, cupcakes, or cakes for birthdays. Great birthday treats include individually, prepackaged fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, Ritz Bitz Crackers, etc.

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



Field Trip

The 4 & 5 year-olds will go on a field trip in March!

Le Mars Dental Center: Wednesday March 6

Class will begin at regular time in the classroom, and we will ride a Siouxland Regional Transit bus. **Parents will need to pick up their children at 3:00 at the Le Mars Dental Center on that day, NOT AT PRESCHOOL.**



Le Mars Dental Center
1311 Hawkeye Ave. SW

Summer Tutoring

For the last six summers, I have offered one-on-one summer tutoring in the Noah's Ark Preschool classroom for interested families. This service will be available again this summer.

I provide this service during my personal time, and it is not affiliated with Noah's Ark Preschool. If you feel like your child could use additional practice prior to beginning Kindergarten, or if you just want him/her to keep practicing his/her skills during the summer, please let me know. I typically tutor students who just completed preschool, kindergarten, or first grade, so if you have an older child or know someone whose child may benefit from tutoring, please pass along this tutoring information.

Those interested in summer tutoring must let me know by May 1.

--Ms. Shannon

Enrollment for 2019-2020 School Year

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.

**The first day of
Spring is March 20!**



For St. Patrick's Day,
please wear **GREEN**
on March 13 (MW class)
and March 14 (TTh class &
MTWTh class)!



Guest Readers

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

Thanks to all who read to us!

Pictured: Kjersten Rathke

Poison Control

Tammy Noble from Poison Control will visit in March to teach the kids about safe and unsafe things to touch, taste, and smell.

She will show a video, teach us a song, and show us pictures of poisons. She does a great job!

Save the Dates!

It seems crazy to be thinking about the end of the school year, but it will be here before we know it. Each class will have a program/graduation during school on the last day.



MW AM: Wednesday May 15 at 10:00am

TTh AM: Tuesday May 14 at 10:00am

MTWTh PM: Wednesday May 15 at 2:00pm

We will provide more information as the programs get closer, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. These programs are smaller than the Christmas program and are **only for parents and siblings of the students.** The kids will arrive to school at normal time and will be dismissed after the program and refreshments.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

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We will conduct our final round of assessments during April, and parent-teacher conferences will be held April 29-May 2.

Bad News ☹️

In mid-February, my (Ms. Shannon's) preschool laptop showed "the blue screen of death." While I was able to save some important files and information, the children's assessments from September are gone forever. ☹️

I have paper copies of some skills (letter recognition, number recognition, shapes, colors, cutting, etc.), but other information is gone.

If you by chance have your child's initial assessment from September and would be willing to bring it to school, I would appreciate it. If not, that's okay, too!

I apologize for the loss.

S is for Sunglasses!

We wore sunglasses and read *Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses*.

Pictured: Keegan



Practicum Student

Over the next several weeks, you may see a new face at Noah's Ark Preschool! We are happy to welcome Ms. Jessica! Ms. Jessica is a student at Western Iowa Tech and is working toward her degree in Early Childhood Education. In order to complete her degree, she must complete several hours in a preschool classroom (this is called a practicum). She will primarily work with our Monday & Wednesday afternoon class. Jessica has completed all necessary background checks and trainings to participate in an early childhood classroom.

