

# Noah's Ark Preschool Newsletter

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## Calendar

Attached is the September calendar. We will send calendars and newsletters home monthly. Our plans are subject to change depending on time and the children's progress, but we will try our best to stay on schedule and will let you know of any changes using the calendar posted on the board in the hallway.



## Backpacks

Please make sure to send a backpack with your child each day. If you ever have payments or paperwork to turn in, please hand it to a teacher or place it in the blue payment box or tray on top of the lockers.

**We do not go through the kids' backpacks, and they pack them independently at the end of the day.**

**IT IS VITAL  
THAT YOU  
READ THE  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER  
AND  
CALENDAR!**

## Parent Contact Information

A list of the children in your child's class is attached. Parents approved for all the information found on the list to be revealed when they completed the enrollment packet. Please let us know if there are any errors; sometimes fingers type faster than brains think. 😊

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. 😊  
We are looking forward to a GREAT year!!**

## Paperwork

If you have not submitted all of your child's enrollment paperwork, please do so immediately. If you are unsure if you're missing anything or if you have any questions, please let us know.

## Scholarships

If you received a notice that your child was approved for a scholarship, please return the signed form immediately. If the scholarship form is not on file, your scholarship may be delayed or canceled.

## Thank You!

Many families have already donated several school supplies to Noah's Ark! We **really** appreciate your generosity!

## October Tuition

October tuition is due on September 15. 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.

2 days per week = \$70 per month

4 days per week = \$120 per month

## Assessment #1

During the first weeks of school, we will conduct our first assessments of the students. These initial assessments help us to understand each child's strengths and identify areas in which they need additional exposure and/or practice.



**Optional Parent Scavenger Hunts are due September 9.**

**Chance to win a prize!**

## Colors

In order to help the 3-4 year olds learn their colors, we will introduce each color with a correlating picture.

Clifford Red

Sky Blue

Carrot Orange

Purple Grapes

Sunshine Yellow

Bubblegum Pink

Grass Green

Nighttime Black

Snow White

Brown Bear, Brown Bear



## Car Seat Safety

The staff at Noah's Ark Preschool are mandatory reporters and are required to report if a child is not properly secured while riding in a vehicle.

## Breakfast

The nutrients and energy provided in breakfast allow students to concentrate in the classroom. We do provide a snack at preschool, but we don't serve AM snack until 10:35. It is vital that students have a healthy breakfast prior to coming to school each morning.

## Wear Red

As the 3-4 year 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 days:

**Red:** September 20 & 21

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

**Please do not go out and buy new clothes for our color days!**



**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6. IT IS LABOR DAY.**

## Visual Phonics & Alphatales—for the 4 & 5 Year Olds

Visual Phonics was originally developed to teach children who are hearing impaired how to read. Now, it is widely used in early education classrooms to teach sounds. Each sound in the English language has an accompanying hand shape (gesture). Using the hand shape allows children to DO the sound as well as SEE it and HEAR it. By using all three of these learning techniques, children quickly correlate letters with sounds.

On the first day that we learn each letter, we will read books in the Alphatales series. These books focus on letter sounds and on letter recognition. After reading the book, we may also watch the book in a DVD format. This repetition reinforces the letter sounds.

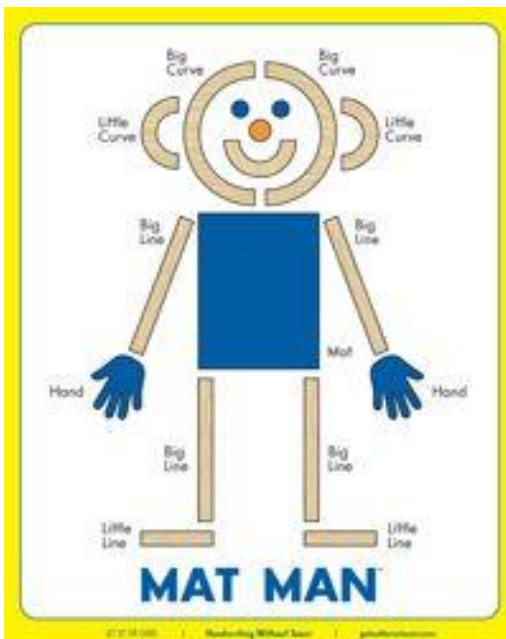
We hope you enjoy the copies of the books we send home and that you read them to your child (or have them read them to you!). The Alphatales books are yours to keep!

### Learning Without Tears

#### (Get Set for School)—for the 4 & 5 Year Olds

Learning Without Tears is a curriculum for developing early writing skills. The preschool portion of the program is called Get Set for School. The 4 & 5 year olds will use this program this year! The basis of the program is that all the capital letters can be formed with combinations of four shapes: big line, little line, big curve, and little curve.

Before creating letters, we will create and draw Mat Man!



The first day of Fall  
is September 22!

### Crafts

The children will make a craft almost every day! If your child doesn't bring home a craft, it's likely that it is hanging on the art wall or that painted needed to dry.

The 4 & 5 year olds will not bring home crafts during our Friend of the Day unit.

Instead, each student will make a page for the Friend of the Day's book, which will stay at school.

## 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 and will not be served at snack time.** 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: 14 students  
TTh AM: 16 students  
MTWTh PM: 17 students

## Friend of the Day

Each child in the 4 & 5 year old class will have a turn to be Friend of the Day! On his/her day, the child will get to select the book the class reads, and we will spend the day learning about the child. We also will study the letters in his/her name.

**The child does not need to bring anything when it is his/her turn to be Friend of the Day.**

## Open House

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Open House!

**THANK YOU**

