

HERE'S the SCOOP

at Noah's Little Ark

WHAT'S NEW?

Noah's Little Ark has a longstanding tradition of providing a top-quality educational experience for the children in our community, and I am thrilled to continue that legacy!

This year, we will build on the work we've done in the past, incorporating additional play-based learning into the strong academic foundation you've come to know and love. Play-based learning simply means that children will enjoy learning centers that incorporate additional academic skills during times when they had free play. The children probably won't even notice a different... but I'll bet you will! You may see that in addition to knowing how to read & write letter sounds, they are beginning to ask more questions and find the answers on their own. They may also engage in more meaningful play.

We know any change in leadership comes with questions and anxiety. Some common questions are addressed on the back. Feel free to contact me with anything else you may be wondering!

THANK YOU & INVITATION

Many thanks to those who have attended our Coffee & Conversation events! I'm thrilled to have such wonderful, caring families in our community.

If you haven't attended yet, please feel free to join us August 11 from 2-5. This is a come and go event and is entirely Q & A.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11, 2-5pm
Coffee & Conversation

August 15

All paperwork due to school

***If you did not receive this newsletter via email, we do not have an accurate email address on file. Please return the enclosed paperwork and/or email preschool@pfumc.us so we can provide you with up to date information.*

Thanks!

August 18

Information distributed about start of school, class assignments, and open house

August 25, 5-8pm
Open House/Fun Night

September 5
First Day of School

October 7
Rummage Sale

FAQs

Who is my child's teacher?

As you may know, we have had some staffing changes over the summer. We have some great candidates interviewing and are confident that your child will have an excellent teacher!

Will I get to talk with my child's teacher?

Absolutely! Teachers will be reaching out to families mid-August. If you don't hear from someone, please contact me (preschool@pfumc.us) to ensure we have accurate information on file.

Will my child be ready for kindergarten?

We will reach out to Palmyra public schools to ensure we have a clear understanding of the expectations for kindergarten. The state provides very clear guidelines for each age group, and we will use these to plan and implement our instruction.

Do I need clearances to come to school?

Yes. Please plan to have your clearances completed prior to volunteering in school. These are necessary even if you will be planning a party and not directly interacting with children. If you are visiting (drop off, pick up, attending a special event), clearances are not necessary.

What is play-based learning? Is it different than what we've been doing?

Play-based learning is similar to what we've been doing, but there will be more play and essential academic skills will be embedded into this time.

Will my child learn basic life skills, such as walking in a line, holding a pencil, and interacting with peers?

This is the core of what we do during school. These skills are embedded into each class on a daily basis.

My child is not potty-trained. Can s/he attend school?

Yes. To the best of our knowledge and ability, we will abide by the class placements Mrs. Benson provided prior to her departure, unless you have asked for a change. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this.

My child receives special services. Will you support that?

Definitely yes! My new office is being set up to accommodate those services so we can partner effectively with the professionals providing these services.

Why did I get different paperwork than my friend?

As with all transition, there are bumps in the road. If your paperwork did not make it back to us, we are assuming you did not receive it. The paperwork has been updated based on parent & teacher feedback, so new paperwork is now available online or is included in your packet.

How much do I owe? What is an Enrollment & Payment Agreement and didn't I sign it already?

This is a state requirement that will ensure each family is clear on the amount of tuition due and when. Payment can be dropped off to the church office M-Th, 9-2 or mailed to the church.