

Noah's Ark News

February 2026



From The Office:

★ Dates for your calendar:

- New **GREEN** vouchers for 2026 were put in your parent folder on 12/19/2025. You may turn them in ahead of time for any planned vacations or holidays in 2026 and we will just apply them at the proper time. If you did not receive those vouchers it is because you have paperwork that you owe the office. Most likely a health report or immunization update.
- **If you will need a year end statement for 2025 tax purposes please email the office** and it will be taken care when Miss Debbie is working in the tuition system on a Friday.

★ **SUMC Invitation to Sunday School on Sunday February 22nd at 9am.** You and your family are cordially invited to attend SUMC for worship any Sunday of course BUT on February 22nd we will have a special children's time, a Sunday school lesson and fellowship treats. Pastor Minyoung will host children's time during worship and then Miss Debbie will take all children (age 2 and older) out to Fellowship Hall for a Sunday school lesson. Children know Pastor Minyoung and enjoy having him in the classroom every Tuesday. Many school age children know his children, Yu and Yul, from this past summer. Parents will enjoy Pastor Minyoung's ability to take the Biblical message and apply it to our everyday living. There is no pressure to join the church or come every Sunday, just an invitation to spend some faith-based time with other Noah's Ark families. We will be hosting these special Sundays the last Sunday of every month. There is no registration or RSVP needed but if you have any questions please see Miss Debbie.

★ **Parents of 4k and school age children please be sure you have looked at all of the days off school sign up sheets. There is no school on Monday February 16th and Friday March 20th.** Spring break runs March 30-April 6, which means the dates are on two clipboards. Be sure to check those out so you are signed up if you need care!!!!

From Pastor Minyoung:

The Smallest School in the World: Our Dining Table

Dear Ark Families,

It has already been the third season since I began my journey with the children here at Noah's Ark. These days, I've noticed that during the Bible story time, the kids have so much they want to tell me. They share stories about their trips, Christmas presents, sledding adventures, and funny things that happened at home, and so on and so on. While my heart wants to listen to every single one of their stories, I often feel a bit of regret that I cannot hear them all, as other kids are waiting for the Bible story.

Today, I would like to talk about a place that is most ordinary yet deeply precious for our children's growth: the "dining table." We often think of the table as merely a place to have a meal, but it is, in fact, a place of learning where a family's unique values and traditions flow most naturally. Borrowing from the wisdom of the Jewish people, the dining table was for them the smallest school and a sacred sanctuary. There, parents would tell their children the deep stories of the lives they had experienced, stories of the Bible and Talmud, and stories of their ancestors. Even without grand educational theories, sincere reflections on how parents overcame difficulties and with what mindset they live their lives naturally seeped into the hearts of the children amidst the warmth of sharing food. At the dinner table, through the stories that are shared, they could experience their parents' lives—not just learn about them.

As such, the core of "table-side education" lies not in teaching, but in sharing. The attitudes toward life and the cherished values held by parents do not take root in a child's life through scolding or instructions, but through the conversations shared at a warm dining table. That time, when the family sits together to ask about each other's day and talk about the virtuous values we believe in and rely on, is the very moment children gain the inner strength to navigate the world.

Though life is busy, why not let the stories of your life and the precious memories of your family bloom upon the table this weekend? In that warm time, children will grow even stronger as they follow in their parents' footsteps. I pray that peace and happiness will always overflow in your homes.

Shalom,

Pastor Minyoung

Infants:

Highlights:

- ◆ February theme: Transportation, Valentines Day
- ◆ Paint a heart
- ◆ Valentines Mail box
- ◆ Friends train poster
- ◆ Crawl thru a tunnel
- ◆ Winter Olympics activities
- ◆ Gold Medal Ceremony
- ◆ Paint a construction sign
- ◆ Hot air balloon craft
- ◆ Sing Wheels on the bus
- ◆ Push cars and trucks on tape road



Goals:

- Keeping hats and mittens on
- Saying "Thank you"
- Signing words like "Please" and "More"
- Gentle touches to friends



Reminders:

- Please update your child's extra clothes cubby with updated sizes and a variety of options for the changing weather
- We will be having our Valentines exchange on Friday February 13. We will be sending home a class list, please bring in Valentines and give them to an infant teacher.
- We can take our one year olds outside when it is 20 degrees or warmer according to licensing. We can take all our babies outside when it is 32 degrees or warmer. Please pack your child a coat, hat, mittens, and boots so they will be warm when we go outside. Please label everything.

Wishlist:

- Kleenex
- Expo dry erase markers
- Valentine window clings
- Blank notecards
- [Pocket folders](#)
- Black Sharpies
- [Blackout Curtain](#)

Thank Yous:

- Zimmerman family for books, sleep sack, and little people taco truck
- Tuomenoska family for hip carrier
- Tran family for bibs

Birthdays

- Sloan turns 1 on Feb 1st
- Adelea turns 1 on Feb 26

Toddlers:

Highlights:

→ February Themes: Valentine's Day and Community Helpers

- ◆ Valentine's Day Party on February 13th- Watch for more info!
- ◆ Fizzy hearts science experiment
- ◆ Learning all about our community helpers

Goals:

→ Interested in Anatomy- Activities include:

- ◆ Singing songs with names of body parts
- ◆ Naming body parts during group time activities

→ Singing parts of simple songs- Activities Include:

- ◆ Everyday we sing songs that have motions
- ◆ Encourage trying new motions
- ◆ Singing and moving at the same time builds brain development

Reminders:

- Please check your child's extra clothes bin for size and weather appropriate clothing!
Remember to replace items when they are sent home. **Please add socks to the bin if you haven't already.**
- Many of us are sharing cubbies, please limit the amount of things you bring to school and make sure all of your child's items are labeled

Birthdays!

Crew turns 2 on the 25th!



Wishlist:

- [Pens](#)
- [Long Sleeve Bibs](#)
- [Silicone Stackers](#)
- [Water Doodle Pens](#)

Thank You: Thank you to the Hefels and Zimmermans for the organizers- they are so helpful!
Thank you to the Lettaus for our fun Valentine window clings!

Changes: No changes this month!

Tasting our yummy hot chocolate with Marshmallows!



Preschool:



Highlights:

- February Themes: Transportation, Valentines Day, Community Helpers.
- Valentines Day party (Friday, February 13th, more info to come)

Goals:

Some of our group goals include:

- Dresses self- can put on shoes, socks, snowpants, boots, mittens, etc. (2 1\2)
- Follows simple directions (2 1\2)
- Recognizes name (2 1\2)
- Copies and draws simple shapes and letters (older 3's)

Reminders:

- *****Many of us are sharing cubbies, please limit the amount of things you bring to school and make sure all of your child's items are labeled*****
- Please take your child potty before dropping them off- especially before 7:45 when there is only one teacher in the room.
- **If your child cannot put on gloves by themselves, please opt for mittens.**
- Check and restock your child's extra clothes bin.

Classroom Wishlist:

- ★ Crayola Markers
- ★ Crayola watercolors
- ★ Expo markers
- ★ Playdoh

Thank You: Thank you to Ms. Dyann for the playdoh and Acelynn for the balloons and expo markers!

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Frankie-Feb 22!!



4K School Age:

Highlights:



- **February Themes:** Black History Month and Valentine's Day
- This month we are looking forward to learning all about the great black Americans that have made a difference throughout history as well as the holiday of Valentines Day!
- This month we will welcome Frankie to our classroom!
- Please make sure that your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing. We wait outside for the bus in the morning and the weather has been definitely feeling more and more like classic Wisconsin weather! Also make sure to label your child's hats and mittens, as these are very easy to get mixed up. Thank you so much for the continued cooperation!

Favorite Activities from January

- Learning all about the season of winter!



- Doing lots of playing inside because it was too cold outside!
- Playing with Barbies, which seems to be many of our new favorite center!
- Learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all of the important things he did!
- Having lots of fun on our two planned and one unplanned day off of school!

AM 4K playing on the carpet!

Monthly Group Goals:

- Cleaning up our belongings and toys without as many reminders
- Drawing Shapes
- Counting objects up to 15

→ Reminders:

- Please check your child's extra clothes bin for size and weather appropriate clothing!
- Please make sure that your child has 2 fruits, 2 vegetables or a fruit and a vegetable in their lunch everyday. This is a requirement from the state of Wisconsin!
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in their cubby. This makes it much easier when children get thirsty!
- If you would like your child to eat breakfast here, please make sure that they are arriving prior to 7:40 am. Unfortunately we do not have ample time in the morning. We have multiple busses that come at various times and we have to clean up by 7:45 to make sure that we are all ready to go to school. With having to wear winter gear, we have been cutting it very close to make the 8:00 bus every morning. Thank you so much for your understanding. If you know that your child will not have time to each a full breakfast, they are more than welcome to bring something that they can eat while we are waiting for the bus, such as a bar or dry cereal.

Wishlist:

- Expo Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Glue bottles
- Scotch Tape
- Barbies and Barbie Clothes
- Packaging Tape with Dispenser
- Tonie figurines
- Baby wipes
- Binder Clips
- Fun Band-aids
- Lightning to HDMI cable for our TV

Thank You:



Ethan T will be 9 on the 1st!
Aiden will be 8 on the 9th!
Reagan will be 6 on the 10th!
Albany will be 8 on the 12th!
Easton will be 5 on the 19th!
Chuck will be 8 on the 21st!

Frankie will be 4 on the 22nd!
Grant will be 7 on the 23rd!

Parent Page:

If you google National Holidays in February you will find a plethora of quirky days to celebrate along with the biggest Holiday, Feb 14th, Valentine's Day. Some you might not have ever celebrated before: Monday Feb 2nd is National Tater Tot day, Tuesday Feb 3rd is Doggy Date Night, Wednesday Feb 18th is Thumb Appreciation Day and one we will celebrate around here, Tuesday Feb 17th is Random Acts of Kindness Day. It was fun to look at the list of days so a link to the website is here. Maybe you will find one or two for your family to celebrate.

[Feb National Holidays](#)

One National Holiday we will be celebrating at The Ark is Black History Month.

Black History Month, a month long commemoration of African American history and achievement that takes place each February in the United States. It began in 1976. The idea for a Black History Month was first conceived by the historian Carter G. Woodson and members of his Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History). Together they organized a Negro History Week, beginning in February 1926. They selected the month of February for this celebration because it was close to the birthdays of U.S. Pres. Abraham Lincoln, who had been responsible for the Emancipation Proclamation, and the African American orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. During the next 50 years Negro History Week grew in popularity, with American cities initiating their own celebrations of Black achievements and with teachers—particularly in schools with a large percentage of African American students—using class time to discuss contributions to history made by notable African Americans. The civil rights movement also contributed to its popularity. Negro History Week was expanded to become Black History Month in 1976, with U.S. Pres. Gerald Ford urging Americans to participate in its observance.

We are including a link below to a website with great ideas on how to celebrate Black History Month with younger children.

28 Best Black History Month Activities For Kids

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Black History Month Activities For Kids offer a fun approach to learn the history and achievements of African-American people and people of African origins. A wonderful way to bring in inclusivity in the classroom, Black History Month brings to light the countless contributions made by Black people in shaping our world. Perfect for home as well as classroom, these 28 Black History Month Activities for Kids with free printables will help children appreciate cultural diversity, soak-up African-American history and most importantly learn to empathise & appreciate the beauty of human spirit beyond the colour of the skin.

[28 Activities for Black History Month](#)