

PURPOSE

- Provide a secure and loving environment for the child's development.
- Increase the child's self-image by allowing the child to make his/her own activity choices in the classroom.
- Develop a sense of wonder, appreciation, and excitement for learning about God's creation.
- Emphasize experience and process rather than the final product, thus giving the child confidence and freedom to experiment and learn.
- Enhance the child's ability to express his/her own thoughts verbally and creatively.
- Establish a sense of social responsibility by encouraging cooperation, sensitivity to others and decision making.

SHARED VISION

Noah's Ark Preschool will be a caring community of learners that knows and lifts every child. We will inspire joy in learning. Our school will excel at preparing each student for his or her life journey.

EQUITY STATEMENT

Noah's Ark Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability in its educational programs and activities.

MISSION STATEMENT

Claimed by God and called by Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we have special responsibility for all God's children, therefore, we commit ourselves as a people of faith to:

- Provide a loving and caring learning environment.
- Nurture, shelter, and encourage spiritual, cognitive, physical, social and emotional growth.
- Celebrate the great diversity of all God's children.
- Experience community with children and families as an extension of the faith and practices of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Michigan.

We welcome all in the name of Jesus Christ.



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NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

Welcome to Noah's Ark Preschool!!!

We are so glad you are considering Noah's Ark Preschool, a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church. We will enjoy getting to know you and your child in a positive environment where your child can grow and learn while establishing a warm and caring transition between home and school.

Noah's Ark Preschool will provide an opportunity for your child to develop readiness skills for kindergarten.

We will use the Creative Curriculum preschool guidelines to provide a learning environment that enhances physical, emotional, social, cognitive, as well as spiritual growth in each child.

Thank you for your interest in Noah's Ark Preschool. We look forward to learning and growing with your child.

ADMISSION

- Children must be 3/4/5 by December 1 of the current year in order to register.
- Children must be potty trained.
- Parents must complete all enrollment forms.
- An enrollment fee and an initial down payment must be paid in advance.
- A parent or guardian must attend the parent orientation meeting in late August.

ORIENTATION and CONFERENCES

In early September, a day is set aside for parents and children to come and visit their new classroom. Also in early September (or late August) there is a **Parents Only** Orientation Meeting.

Formal conferences are held in the spring. Informal and telephone conferences occur throughout the year and are encouraged anytime the parent or teacher feels the need.



Noah's Ark Preschool

WHAT SETS US APART?

What sets Noah's Ark Preschool apart from other preschool programs?

- Foster Christian attitudes and values
- Support from area education agency service providers
- Classroom instruction by a staff member trained and educated in Early Childhood Education
- Emphasis on developing the whole child while also preparing children for kindergarten readiness skills
- Commitment to low teacher-pupil ratio

CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Noah's Ark Preschool is designed to provide a Christian learning environment with individual, self-directed activities and group participation. Through the use of an integrated daily plan, children participate in various activities that encourage growth in many areas of development including:

- Social
- Emotional
- Spiritual
- Physical
- Cognitive
- Language

DAILY SCHEDULE

A typical daily schedule...

- Circle Time 15-20 minutes
*greetings, prayers, planning time, calendar, weather
- Bathroom/ Handwashing Time 10 minutes
- Free Choice/Centers 50 minutes
- Small Groups 20 minutes
- Clean Up Time 5-10 minutes
- Story/Finger Plays 15 minutes
- Bathroom/ Handwashing/Snack 10-15 minutes
- Music/Gross Motor/ Outside Activities 15-20 minutes
- Dismissal 5 minutes

*4 year old class, general times