



Basic Information 2018-2019

Noah's Ark Preschool | 6455 E Ave. NW | Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405
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Mission: To educate and socialize preschoolers with the love of Christ.

Vision: To be the preschool of choice in the Cedar Rapids area.

Purpose: Our purpose is to help your child develop physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and cognitively. Our preschool aims to build a solid foundation for Kindergarten and Alternative Kindergarten.

We appreciate your interest in Noah's Ark Preschool. This letter is to let you know what you may expect of us and what we will be expecting of you should you decide to enroll your child in our school.

3 Year old program: Some of our main goals for our three year old programs are: Teach each child that they are a special gift from GOD. Teach basic social skills such as body basics, waiting turns, respect for others, and general hygiene. Hygiene includes: covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, washing your hands after using the bathroom, using a tissue and disposing of it himself/herself and then cleaning hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer, keeping fingers out of the mouth, etc. We start a basic foundation for name recognition, colors, shapes, counting, and singing ABC's. We promote self-help skills i.e.; hanging up coat, putting on coat, starting to zip/button, putting on hat/mittens/gloves and bathroom needs. Good social skills are the perfect foundation for building academic skills.

4 Year old program (3 days a week): Our four year old program builds on our three year old program. We solidify the social skills, have more of a focus on academic skills such as practice writing his/her name and introducing the letter of the week program. This program includes listening for the sound of the letter and practicing writing the letter. Math is taught through various approaches. The children count each day and play games to develop math skills. Some math games include counting, sorting objects and placing objects in categories. These techniques are very useful and the children learn so quickly. Language Development is extremely important for young children. We always have many discussions about different subjects, flannel board stories, poems, finger plays, and most importantly, books. We read books to the children every day. Dramatic play and music and movement encourage free expression and also allow the children to use their imagination. We give the children many opportunities on a daily basis to use the puppets, dress up clothes, blocks, and many others. We use music to teach the children their alphabet, numbers, shapes, days of the week, and the months of the year. Science experiments help children explore their surroundings. We discuss bugs, animals, rocks, trees, flowers, weather, and much more. Physical Development is also included each day through using large muscle play on our playground or the children will play in the activity room. Our goal is to prepare your child for Kindergarten or Alternative Kindergarten.

4 Year Old Program (5 day Advanced Program): In addition to the curriculum above, this program is perfect for 4 year olds that are ready for the challenge of 5 days a week, as well as the younger 5 year old that is not ready for an all-day program at the public schools. Our focus will be preparing your child for the challenges of an all-day Kindergarten class. Our smaller class size is a bonus! We can help you decide if this is a good option for your child.

Noah's Ark Staff: All of our staff members have extensive experience working with young children and are dedicated to providing the best care and learning environment. We feel each child is a special gift from GOD and deserves individual attention and care. Every staff member receives ongoing in-service training through staff meetings and workshops held throughout the year. All of our employees have had state and federal background checks. They are trained in CPR, First Aid, Mandatory Abuse Reporting, and Universal Precautions, and have taken the Federal Essentials Training. Please feel free to call on the teachers or director at any time. Our doors are always open! The best way to contact us is email, phone call or send a note to set up a time.

Registration: We will enroll your child only **after** we receive the registration fee (\$50) and application. We will then send you a confirmation. The remaining of the forms will be sent out with the Open House invitation in the spring. All registrations are a 'first come first served' basis. We start accepting all registrations in November. Children need to be three years old to attend the 3 year old classes and 4 to attend the four year old classes by September 15.

Spring Open House: An Open House is held in April for the purpose of acquainting children and parents with the facilities. All registered families will receive an invitation to this open house a month ahead of time.

Fall Orientation: Orientation is held in August before school begins to give parents some guidelines on routines and simple rules for helping make our preschool run smoothly. The children come and play with the teachers while the parents have a formal meeting with the director. You will receive a parent handbook at this meeting. An invitation is sent out for this event also. Please feel free to look through our Parent Handbook online for a lot more information about our program. Let me know if you have any questions, I am happy to help.

Calendar Year: Our school year is similar to Cedar Rapids Schools. However, we **DO** have classes when the public school has in-service days and early dismissals. Our school year runs from Labor Day to Memorial Day. We will not have school on Good Friday. We will take our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring breaks at the same time as the Cedar Rapids Comm. Schools.

Discharge Policies: If your child is not yet ready for the group experience or if his/her needs are not best met in the group setting, we may ask for his/her removal in a confidential conference with you. We do not believe the child should remain in school unless he/she derives some benefit from the program and/or experience. Being discharged is not a reflection on parenting or preschool, it's simply a question of whether a child is ready to go to school or not.

Admission policies: The following policies have been established to afford your child the maximum protection and to comply with state licensing standards. **All forms must be turned in prior to starting school.**

1. Application form
2. Medical Consent
3. Current Physical (within last year)
*medical/allergy action plan if applicable.
4. Immunization Records (signed)
5. Pick up authorization form
6. Playground/Internet/Facebook form
7. Emergency Card
8. Meth-Wick release form (4 yr. old classes only)

Classes offered for 2018-2019

3 year old Program

- M/W/F 9-11:30 am
- T/TH 9-11:30 am

4 year old Program

- M/W/F 9-11:30 am

Advanced 5-Day Program

- M-F 9-11:30 am

FEES

Tuition 2019-20	Activity Fee	Supply Fee	Late Fee
2-days/week- \$105/month	\$20/annually Paid in Sept.	\$25/annually Paid in Sept.	\$7 when tuition is paid <u>after</u> the 10th
3-days/week- \$145/month	\$20/annually Paid in Sept.	\$30/annually Paid in Sept.	\$7 when tuition is paid <u>after</u> the 10th
5-days/week- \$225/month	\$20/annually Paid in Sept.	\$40/annually Paid in Sept.	\$7 when tuition is paid <u>after</u> the 10th

DISCOUNTS

Cedar Hills Community Church active members: 10% off regular tuition	Yearly: Entire regular Tuition 5% off	Siblings attending at the same time.
*No other discounts apply	Pay by Sept. 10th	\$5 off/child/mo. Regular tuition
*Does not include any additional time or fees	*Does not include any additional time or fees	*Does not include any additional time or fees

OPTIONAL: Lunch Bunch & Pick-up Times

LUNCH BUNCH Mon-Fri 11:30-1:00	Mon/Wed/Fri CLASS	Tues/Thurs CLASS	APP CLASS
1 day/week add \$25/month	*Early Bird Drop off at 8:30am Add \$30/month	*Early Bird Drop off at 8:30am Add \$20/month	*Early Bird Drop off at 8:30am Add \$45/month
2 days/week add \$45/month	Leave at 11:45 add \$15/month	Leave at 11:45 add \$10/month	Leave at 11:45 add \$25/month
3 days/week add \$65/month	Leave at 12:00 add \$30/month	Leave at 12:00 add \$20/month	Leave at 12:00 add \$45/month
5 days/week add \$80/month			
'Drop-in' day is \$15 each	*all year or month to month	*all year or month to month	*all year or month to month