

Sunday Morning Schedule

- **8 a.m.-12 noon "Andrew's Ark"
Nursery**

Ages 0-5

Rm. 311 in the Parish Hall

- **9:15 a.m. Rock U. Christian
Education**

Ages 2-Fifth grade

Classrooms in Parish Hall

- **10:30 a.m. God Rocks!
Children's Worship**

Ages 3-Second grade

Rm. 102 in the Worship Building

Andrew's Ark

*The Nursery of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church*



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Welcome aboard Andrew's Ark. We're so blessed to have you! We consider it a privilege and an awesome responsibility to care for your children.

Our Nursery provides a safe and nurturing environment for your little one while you attend Worship, Classes, or Meetings.

We appreciate the opportunity to spend time with your family as we get to know its youngest members.

Please read the enclosed information so that we can work together to make Andrew's Ark a smooth sailing experience for everyone!

--Katie Cordes, Assistant for Children's Ministry

Registering Your Child

All parents or guardians must fill out a registration form for each child. These will be kept in a file in the Nursery so the caregivers can access the information quickly and easily. Please keep your registration card up to date. In addition, we ask each church family to complete a "Rock On" form at the start of the school year. These two forms give us immediate access to important information about all the children in our programs.

Pick Up Procedure

When picking up your child, please make sure to sign them out and return the pager to the childcare worker or at the Sign-in table. Please remember that if another person is to pick up your child, they must be on your 'Safe List' and also be known to the Nursery staff or have a photo ID with them.



Questions or Concerns

Please contact Marlene Rice, Parish Administrator or Katie Cordes, Children's Minister, if you have any questions or concerns.

Katie Cordes 281-799-2977
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Toilet Training

Potty training is an exciting time for families and caregivers. Each child progresses uniquely. There is a restroom in the Nursery, and the staff is happy to assist children who ask to use the facility. As your child transitions away from diapers, please send him or her to the Ark in a pull-up style diaper.

If your child soils his or her underwear, a parent or guardian will be paged to change the child. The Ark caregivers marvel at your child's developmental milestones! Let's work together to make potty training a great experience for everyone.

Sick Children

We ask for your help in keeping our children as healthy as possible. Please do not place your child in the Nursery if they have a known (or suspected), contagious illness. These include, but are not limited to, runny noses, coughs, rashes, fevers, and intestinal upsets. Your child should be fever free for a full 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) before returning to the Ark. If your child becomes sick while in our care, we will immediately page you.

Safe List

On the registration form, you will find a space for a "Safe List" of people who can pick up a child. No one who is not on the list will be able to pick up a child; those on the list, who do not regularly pick up your child and are not immediately known to the nursery staff, will be required to show a picture ID in order to check out your child. Visitors, guests, and new members should be patient as the Ark staff learns to recognize each parent. If one parent drops off a child and another parent picks up, ID might be required. Each child is a precious gift. Andrew's Ark wants to ensure the safety of the boys or girls who visit.

Items to Pack for Your Child

Please provide a diaper bag for all children ages birth-3 years old (or until completely potty trained). It must include:

- Diapers or pull-ups
- A complete change of clothing
- Pacifier or other comfort item
- All feeding items needed during the time of their stay
- Any non-prescription diapering powders or ointments needed

Noah's Nursery Notes:

~~Andrew's Ark offers on-site childcare. Parents and caregivers are not permitted to leave campus while their children are at the Ark. Rare exceptions will be noted at the Nursery sign-in table.

~~Please label each of your child's items with his or her name.

~~In addition, we encourage you to leave toys and other personal items at home, as these may be lost or damaged. Our nursery is full of wonderful toys.

~~The Nursery does not dispense medication.

~~A brief timeout may be used to allow disruptive children a chance to settle down.

~~The Nursery may offer a small snack during your child's stay. Andrew's Ark does not serve meals. Breakfast should be enjoyed with parents at the Parish Hall tables.

~~Please send a drink with your child each time he or she visits the Nursery. Label the drink clearly. Children are not allowed to share bottles or Sippy cups with others.

~~If your child cries for 15 minutes, the Nursery staff will page you.

Check-In Procedures

Sunday Mornings:

There will be a sign-in desk in front of the Nursery. Stop at the desk and sign in your child. Make sure to list your campus location and pick up a pager. Take your child to the Nursery door and a caregiver will meet you there to greet your child and take them into the Nursery. We ask that parents not come into the Nursery on Sundays to help us keep the children involved in activities and not distracted by people coming in and out of the Nursery.

Nursery Caregivers

Our nursery is staffed with paid caregivers. Each nursery employee undergoes Safeguarding God's Children training and an extensive background check. In addition, our nursery attendants maintain current Child CPR and First Aid Certification.

These nurturing individuals are dedicated to caring for your child. Please help them do their best by keeping them informed as your child grows and develops and by following the guidelines in this publication.