

THE ARK SCHOOL

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS.



February, 2026



Classroom Highlights

Our classrooms are vibrant, engaging, and thoughtfully designed to support the whole child. Each day, students participate in purposeful learning through hands-on activities, circle time, and small-group instruction that build early literacy, math, social-emotional skills, and independence. Teachers create structured routines that promote safety, consistency, and confidence while encouraging curiosity, creativity, and exploration. Through play-based and developmentally appropriate practices, children are supported in reaching milestones, building strong relationships, and developing a love for learning in a nurturing and faith-centered environment.

Staff Spotlight

We are excited to celebrate two very special milestones this month! On February 5th, we proudly recognize Ms. Courtney on her one year anniversary, and on February 17th, we celebrate Ms. Lissa on her one-year anniversary as well. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to our children and families. Their passion, consistency, and love for teaching shine through in everything they do, and they play an important role in creating a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environment. We truly appreciate all that they do and are thankful to have them as part of our team! 🌟💙

Important Dates

Mark your calendars!

- Feb 3: Early Closure at 5pm
- Feb 13: Valentine's Party (Wear Valentine's attire)
- Feb 19th: Full Day Closer

We are proud to recognize Ms. Harper, our amazing Chef, as our Staff Member of the Month! Ms. Harper is a hardworking and dedicated team member who consistently goes above and beyond to ensure our children receive nutritious, well-prepared meals each day. Her commitment, reliability, and attention to detail play a vital role in supporting the health and happiness of our students. We truly appreciate her dedication, positive attitude, and the care she puts into everything she does. We are so thankful to have Ms. Harper as part of our team!



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Staff Member of the Month
Ms. Harper



Parent Tips

- **Talk About Feelings:** Help your child name emotions and practice kind words, sharing, and problem-solving with others.
- **Stick to Routines:** Consistent bedtimes and morning routines help children feel secure and ready to learn each day.
- **Practice Healthy Habits:** February is cold and flu season—remember handwashing, rest, and nutritious meals.
- **Show Love in Simple Ways:** Notes in lunchboxes, hugs, and positive words go a long way in building confidence and connection.

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to our February stars!

🍰 Ryder (Feb 1st), Island (Feb 16th), and Ms. Renley (Feb 28th)!

We'll be celebrating with fun songs, dancing, on your special day and a special birthday party at the end of the month.

Book of the Month

In honor of Black History Month, we are also featuring *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers. This beautifully written story celebrates confidence, kindness, and self-worth while promoting inclusion and respect for all. Together, these books help build early reading skills while teaching children important lessons about identity, diversity, and love.

Reminder



Parents, this is a friendly reminder to please decorate a Valentine card box with your child and bring it to school by Thursday, February 13th. Be sure your child's name is clearly displayed on the box.

We will be hosting a fun Valentine Box Contest with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, plus a special gift for our Top Designer!

T We can't wait to see your creativity and teamwork.

Creative Box Ideas:

- Shoebox decorated with construction paper, stickers, or foam hearts
- Small gift box wrapped in Valentine-themed paper
- Cereal box, tissue box, or plastic container
- Recycled materials (milk cartons, snack boxes, etc.)
- Add glitter, ribbon, drawings, or cut-out hearts for extra flair

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