Christ United Church Children Ministries

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so excited to have you and your student(s) on board with our program, A.R.K. Club! Through our lessons, crafts, activities, and homework time, they will have the opportunity to grow mentally, academically, and spiritually.

During this semester, we are learning about God's Creation and our part in it. We will also take time to learn about Easter during March. We have a lot planned with crafts, such as piggy banks and sun catchers. We will end our crafts with a "sweet," hands-on craft/treat! So much to look forward to!

As seen during last semester, we are continuing our use of a ticket system for prizes. This ticket system is based on behavior during stations, with their peers, and with their teachers. This is to provide structure for our rules as well as the students, giving them the opportunity to display respect, kindness, and compassion towards others. Every child has the equal opportunity to earn a ticket each week if they follow the rules that we have displayed in each station.

We are also introducing, what we call, "The Emotion Board." During the first 30-45 minutes of our program, we will give the opportunity to the students to express their emotions they are feeling that day/moment. We know as adults, events and situations can affect our moods and attitudes for long amounts of time. It is even more influential on a child. What we hope to achieve with this incorporation is to help the children recognize their emotions and to be able to vocalize them, whether on paper or with myself.

With all this said, we cannot wait to continue to spend time with the students and get to know them as well as you, the parents/guardians. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact! Again, thank you for entrusting us with your student(s) this semester!

Sincerely,

Anna D. Bupp

Director of Christ United Children/Youth Ministries