

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

Lynn Hockenberger
Preschool Director

February is a very busy month as we look ahead to next school year and look back on all we have learned. Parent/Teacher conferences allow us the chance to reflect on where we have been and what lies ahead. Our teachers spend very intentional time with your child every day throughout to the year to provide you with keen insight into their growth and progress. We always look forward to sharing this news with you!

This month also brings a chance for us to come together as a community as we celebrate our 10th school year! These 10 years have flown by and we have sincerely cherished every moment. We hope you will join us at the end of the month as we celebrate. Please encourage those graduates you know to come back and see us...it would make our day!

You and your children fill our buckets!

Mrs. H

Upcoming Events

- ◆ ILLUSTRATOR VISIT
February 6
- ◆ NEW ENRICHMENTS
- ◆ CHAPEL DAYS
February 15 & 16
- ◆ GARDEN DAYS
February 27 & 28
- ◆ NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 20
- ◆
- ◆ SPRING BREAK:
March 6-10

LUNCH BUNCH



Available Daily

Pick Up at 12:30pm: \$10

Pick Up at 1:30pm: \$15

Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20

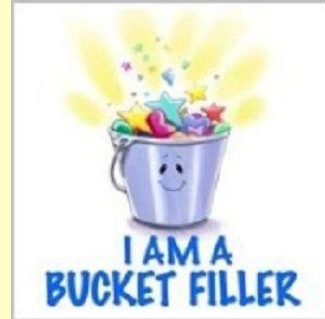
3's and Pre-K

Great way for kids to foster friendships.
Plan a day with some friends!

***No Lunch Bunch on 2/7 and 3/21
for Staff Trainings**

CHAPEL

With Pastor Steve and Ms. Kathy



Wednesday, 2/15 Thursday, 2/16

Lesson: The Good Samaritan
Song: Fill Your Bucket

Chapel offerings

Kyrene Family Resource Center is in need of the following items. Participation is optional.

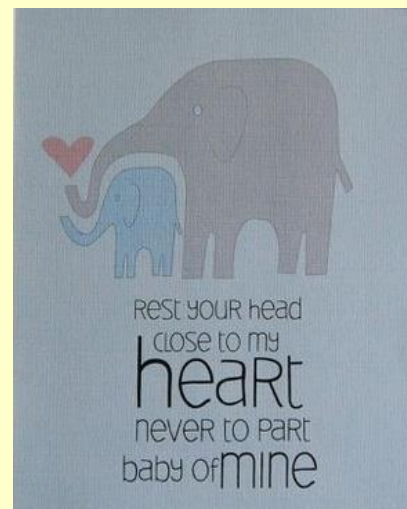
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Beans
- Rice
- Cereal
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter

What's it like to be a book ILLUSTRATOR?



A visit from our very own,
Cayden Martin, Daniel's mom!

Monday, February 6th





February 13 or 14

Each classroom celebrates a little differently but we all share Valentines with our classmates. If your child can write his/her name, please have them sign a Valentine for each of their classmates. No need to address them individually. This makes for easy distribution, especially for our littlest friends.

Please check with your child's teacher for any party items that may be requested.
Thank you!



Garden Days: February 27 and 28

Many thanks to Dale Howell and the Garden of Eatin' volunteers for helping us with our garden!

Want to help? See Dale, James' mom, in Mrs. Krach's Pre-K Class.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Led by our own Mrs. Gerrish

Beginning February 16th @ 7pm
See Mrs. Gerrish for more info!

LOOKING AHEAD...



We are looking for a few moms to be a Welcome Wagon at our back to school playdate at the park in August. Would you be willing to be a friendly face to our new families? Please let Mrs. H know 😊

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher relationships are most effective when participants have frequent and open communication with each other and demonstrate mutual respect for each other's role in a child's life. When families are positively involved in their child's education, the child will flourish. Teachers prepare for conferences by thinking about each child's interests and progress. Here are some ways parents can prepare so they too can be active participants in parent-teacher conferences.

Be willing and ready to share information about your child and family. Families are the most important influence in a child's life. You know your child better than anyone else and have valuable insights to share with the teacher. Advocate for your child. Share things about your child's life at home—personality traits, challenges, habits, friends, hobbies, and talents. Focus on the things you believe the teacher needs to know. What kinds of things do you enjoy doing with your child? How do siblings relate to their brother/sister and vice versa? What kind of discipline do you use? What are your dreams for your child? What are your concerns?

Stay focused on your child. In our childhood, some of us might have been shy students who avoided the teacher's gaze. Others were very active and seemed to always need the teacher's help to stay on task. It is natural for our ideas about teachers and their role to be shaped by our own school experiences. Think about and then put aside your past experiences as a student. Stay focused on your child and his or her unique temperament, individual needs, and special interests.

Attend every parent-teacher conference. If your work schedule makes it difficult to meet during regular hours, make this clear to the teacher and try to set up a meeting time that is good for both of you. If you can't visit in person, schedule a telephone call to discuss your child's progress. Whether in person or by phone, use the conference as a time to exchange information with the teacher and discuss ways to work together to enhance your child's education.

Arrive on time. Teachers usually have a tight schedule for conferences—typically 20 minutes per child and family. If you would like additional time to talk, ask for it ahead of time so you and the teacher will have plenty of time to discuss your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. Be considerate of other parents whose conferences will take place after yours. Remember that the teacher needs a few minutes between conferences to record the information shared and to prepare for the next parent.

Remember, children can hear and remember what is said. Young children often get mixed messages when they hear adults talking about them, no matter how positive the conversation may be. It's best to arrange for a caregiver for your child or invite a family member to occupy him or her during the conference. If this is not possible, bring a favorite toy or activity to keep the child busy in another part of the room. Unless a child is expressly invited to take part, the conference is a time for you and the teacher to discuss your child.

Listen with an open mind. Try to concentrate on what the teacher is saying instead of what you are going to say next. Ask questions when you don't understand. Speak up if you disagree with a strategy or don't understand how it will support your child's development and learning. Explain the reasons for your views and voice your concerns, but be open to suggestions. Stay on the subject: your child's progress.

Be prepared. You might think about or write down one or two questions to ask the teacher. It's a good idea to ask the most important question first, in case time runs out. Remember, while teachers have specialized education, they don't have answers for everything. Teaching just isn't that simple.

Keep the conversation focused on what can be done for your child. When there are problems, both teachers and parents need to stay calm and work together for the best interest of the child.

Stay involved. Try to visit the center or school frequently, not just for conferences and Back to School Night. Ask the teacher to suggest activities you can do at home to reinforce your child's learning. Look for opportunities to engage yourself in your child's education.

Source: Adapted from H. Seplocha, 2004, "Partnerships for Learning: Conferencing with Families," Family Ties, Young Children 59 (5): 96–99. © National Association for the Education of Young Children — Promoting excellence in early childhood education

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

February 23-28

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Current Families: March 1 @ 7:30am

New Families: March 2 @ 8:00am



INVESTED IN EARLY
CHILDHOOD YIELDS A

\$16 RETURN

INCREASED

- High School Graduation
- College Matriculation
- Economic Development & Personal Income

DECREASED

- Special Education/Remediation
- Dependence on Social Welfare
- Crime-related Costs & Incarceration Rates

DID YOU KNOW???

Research by Nobel Prize-winning economist **James Heckman** showed that every \$1 invested in early childhood can yield returns between \$4 and \$16.



Thanks to our **Mrs. Hammer** who made this happen

And to our **preschool board parents**, Tara Martinez, Hayley Quiñones, Kim Pruden, Daniele Morgan

And to our **preschool board church members**, Kathy Gemma, Kathy Tuzsynski

And to our **parent volunteers**, Michelle Pacifico, Loredana Amantia, Dale Howell

And to our **wonderful teachers** who volunteered at the sale, arriving long before the sun came up, Mrs. A, Mrs. K, Mrs. Krach, Mrs. Gerrish

YOU ALL MADE OUR SALE A SUCCESS, with a \$2000 profit! THANK YOU!!!

It's Dental Health Month!



Our very own dental hygienist, Mrs. Tuinstra, Brody's mom, will share some great information with our kiddos on how to have healthy teeth.

Wednesday, February 22nd

ENRICHMENT CLASSES



Get Set for School:

Fridays in February, March and April
Morning and afternoon sessions available



Puterbugs Computer Enrichment:
Starts Monday, February 6th
Sign up at www.futurekiddie.com



Predict It: Science
Will begin Wednesday, March 15th



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Children of Hope is celebrating it's 10-year anniversary! You all have been a part of our journey, and we'd like to invite you to join us for a memorable celebration, including an aerial photo op, pizza and ice cream social, memory slideshow, guest speakers and more. First 50 alumni students will receive a special commemorative t-shirt!

Come celebrate with us!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th
10:30am - 12:30pm



Please make drop off and pick up times with your child

Cell Phone Free Zones 😊 THANKS!



find us on

Facebook

Join our Facebook group!

Like our Page to stay informed!

Help us get 100 Likes!

Also, join our Private Group

Children of Hope Preschool/
Child Development Center of Ahwatukee

Labels for Education

Clip and send these labels:



Found on any of these products:



We have used funds from this program to purchase playground equipment and a die cut machine! **Keep those labels coming!**
