

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office



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You may have noticed some changes in your child's classroom as we prepare for our initial Quality First assessment. This assessment, to be performed on November 2nd and 7th, will give us an unpublished baseline Star Rating (1-5). From there, we will be given coaching support and financial incentives to make any improvements to our classrooms and campus that are recommended based on this initial assessment. We will then go through a second assessment where we will earn our published Star Rating.

Let me say that I am already so proud of our school, our program and most especially my teachers who already bring a high quality program to you and your children. However, in an effort to continue this good work, we are looking forward to striving higher and the Quality First program will support those efforts.

Please help me support our teachers as we go through this process. It can be a bit unnerving to have an assessor in your classroom, critiquing your environment and practices. But we look forward to the results it will bring to our campus and our program. *We are working hard for you!*

I am thankful for our teachers who continue to raise the bar!

Mrs. H

November Events

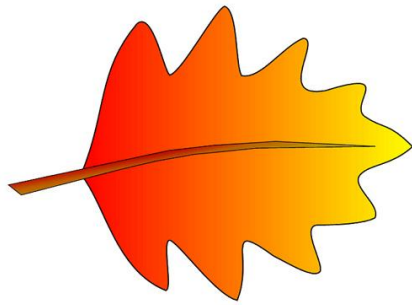
- ◆ QF ASSESSMENT DAYS
November 2 & 7
- ◆ NO SCHOOL
November 10
- ◆ CHAPEL
November 15 & 16
- ◆ THANKSGIVING
FEASTS
November 21 & 22
- ◆ NO SCHOOL
November 23 & 24
- ◆ POLAR EXPRESS DAYS
November 30 & Dec 1



Delivery: November 16
Just in time for the Holidays!

**Simply let rise overnight and
bake in the morning**
Great for company!

**Our school gets \$5 for every
Butter Braid sold!**



Folks between the ages of
25 and 35 are invited to

Fall in the Foothills

Club West Community Center
November 10th

See **Amy Gladdue**, Delaney's mom, in Mrs.
K's Toddler Class, for more information

SAVE THE DATES!

Watch your lesson plans and mailboxes
for more info

November 30 & December 1



December 3



December 12



Annual Preschool
Christmas Pageant: 5:00pm

January 27

Drive In Movie Night





4 Ways to Instill Thankfulness in Young Children

November 6, 2015

It's never too early to teach your child about thankfulness. By learning concepts of generosity and compassion, children strengthen their connection to their community and become sensitive to the feelings of others.

The holiday season is quickly approaching, so now is a great time to reinforce the importance of thankfulness and giving back to those in need.

Below are age appropriate activities that we implement in the classroom, as well as activities for you and your child to do at home.

TODDLERS: Be a good role model

In the classroom: Our teachers introduce “please” and “thank you” to our toddlers by using sign language and verbal communication. Students practice good manners with their dolls, stuffed animals and each other.

At home: Modeling positive behaviors is a great way to teach your child good manners. Say “please” before asking him to do something, and always follow with “thank you.”

Recommended reading: *Little Critter® I Am Helping* by Mercer Mayer

BEGINNERS: Share your gratitude out loud

In the classroom: Our teachers encourage our Beginner students to name a few of their favorite toys and games, and bring one in from home to share with friends. By sharing their belongings, children nurture connections with their classmates, and build necessary problem-solving skills.

At home: Talk with your child about the things in your life for which you are thankful, and ask him to name a few as well. Extend the discussion beyond physical possessions. For instance, if he is thankful for a favorite toy, say “Grandma bought you that toy, and we are thankful for her.”

Recommended reading: *Spot Helps Out* by Eric Hill

INTERMEDIATES: Show appreciation through actions

In the classroom: By age three, children begin to understand the concept of appreciation. They create birthday cards for their teachers, make art projects for friends, and write thank you cards for classroom visitors.

At home: Go shopping with your child, and buy a small token of appreciation for a friend or family member. Ask your child to draw a picture or write a thank you note to accompany the gift.

Recommended reading: *Clifford's Good Deeds* by Norman Bridwell

PRE-K/PRE-K2: Give back to those in need

In the classroom: During the holidays, many of our schools host donation drives for organizations in need. Our older preschoolers discuss why they are participating, count the items donated, and sometimes have the opportunity to deliver the donations.

At home: Donate canned goods to a local food pantry, and allow your child to choose the food that he would like to donate. Explain to him that you are thankful to have good food to eat, and that you want to make sure that others have the same.

Recommended reading: *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

We provide many opportunities for our preschoolers to develop thankfulness and show gratitude towards others. By setting this positive foundation, your child will be more appreciative and generous as he enters elementary school and beyond.

– Lauren Starnes, PhD – Director of Early Childhood Education



Call or Click

The Birth to Five Helpline is a free service available to all Arizona families with young children, as well as parents-to-be, with questions or concerns about their infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Call the Helpline to speak with an early childhood specialist, on duty Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can also leave a voicemail or submit your question online anytime.

The Helpline is staffed by early childhood development specialists, registered nurses, disabilities specialists, early literacy specialists and mental health counselors.

You can ask about anything, including:

- Sleep
- Feeding/Eating
- Fussiness
- Tantrums/Challenging Behaviors
- Potty Training
- Child Development
- Health and Nutrition
- Parenting

Early care and education professionals may also take advantage of this free service.

The Birth to Five Helpline is operated by Southwest Human Development, Inc., with support from First Things First.

Call 877-705-KIDS (5437) or visit the [Birth to Five Helpline](#) website to submit your question online.

Many thanks to Home Depot (Warner & Kyrene) for donating pumpkins, water gardens and other gardening materials to our school! We are grateful!



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CHAPEL

With Pastor Steve and Ms. Kathy

Wednesday, 11/15 Thursday, 11/16

Lesson: Jesus is kind to Zacchaeus

Song: Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man

Chapel offerings will be donated this year to

Kyrene Family Resource Center and **Arizona Needy Newborns.**

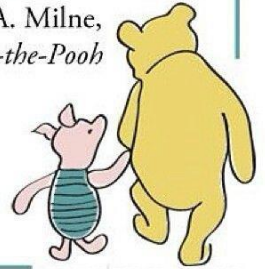
Donations: Toothpaste, soap, pasta, cereal, rice, canned fruits & vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, skeins of yarn, beanie babies (new or used), newborn diapers, etc.

Any monetary offerings this month will be given to Feed My Starving Children.



“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.”

- A.A. Milne,
Winnie-the-Pooh



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Need a Longer Day? Try **LUNCH BUNCH!**



Available Daily

Sign up at the Office

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!

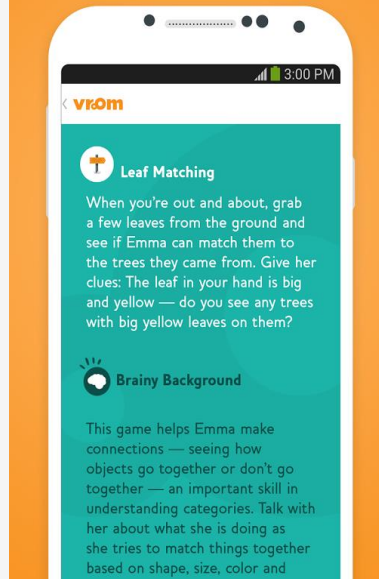
***No Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 11/14,
due to staff training**

Looking to plan some **Park Days** with your classmates? Want some social time with other moms? This is your village!

Contact **Lisa Hansen**, Ava's mom, in Mrs. K's Toddler Class, who is happy to meet you and plan some fun social events!



New science has shown that
our children's brains develop the
most during the ages of 0-5.



Science shows that our brains develop most rapidly during the first five years of life. Whether it's mealtime, bath time, or anytime in between, **Daily Vroom App** helps parents and caregivers nurture their children's growing minds during these earliest years. Daily Vroom turns everyday moments into brain building moments!

Daily Vroom delivers a personalized brain building activity for your child every day. Each tip is paired with a science-based Brainy Background explaining how the activity supports your child's brain development. Whether it's counting cars at the bus stop, learning about textures at the grocery store, or talking about shapes during snack time, Daily Vroom offers imaginative ways to make the most of your family's everyday routines.

Daily Vroom includes features to make brain building fun and easy for all families and caregivers.

- Choose a Vroom activity from more than 16 categories to spark brain building interactions no matter where you are or what you're doing.
- Receive age appropriate tips for multiple children. Go to Settings, then My Children to find out more.
- Earn fun badges and unlock reward videos with repeated use.
- Share your progress, photos, and favorite Vroom Tips with family and friends using the integrated social media tools.

Daily Vroom is available in English and Spanish, defaulting to your phone's primary language for your convenience.

vroom
Brain building moments

DONATION DRIVES



- Children of Hope graduate, Sophia Garcia, announces that her Girl Scout Troop 3879 is holding a coat drive for the people in our community who are unable to purchase coats. All coats will go directly to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. They accept new or gently used **coats, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts**. The size can vary from children to adult. Please put the donations in the donation box by Mrs. H's office beginning November 1st.

The deadline to donate is Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

- Beth Leaf, Esperanza Lutheran Church member, is collecting gently used children clothes and shoes for her students at Head Start who are in need. A donation box will be by Mrs. H's office beginning November 1st. This drive continues year round.

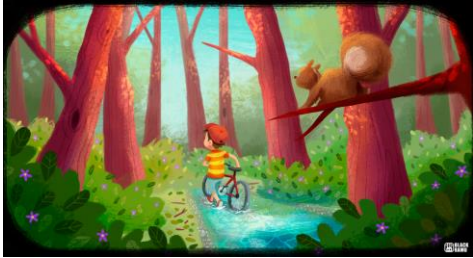


School wide Thanksgiving Feasts will take place on Tuesday, 11/21 and Wednesday, 11/22



UPCOMING ENRICHMENT CLASSES

After Christmas Break



Come to the Storybook Forest

- **Mondays With Mrs. H and Mrs. Luken**



All About Art

- **Thursdays with Mrs. Palomaa**



- **Handwriting & Math without Tears**
 - **Fridays with Mrs. Palomaa**
 - **AM and PM classes**

More detailed info to come!



Please make drop off and pick up times with your child
Cell Phone Free Zones 😊



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Facebook



Like our Page to stay informed!

Also, join our Private Group to see photos and info
Children of Hope Preschool/
Child Development Center of Ahwatukee

