



Dear Parents,

Thank you for registering and trusting us with the care of your child for the 2026-2027 school year.

Children of Hope provides a nurturing environment where children and families are encouraged to grow and develop together. Growth is enhanced in all domains: spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical. Children learn through a wonderful combination of play and academics, and our program is developmentally and age appropriate for the individual child.

This Enrollment Packet contains the following information:

- Program Overview
- Schedule and Fees
- School Calendar
- Registration Form
- Parent Participation Agreement
- Photo Release

Please fill out and submit highlighted forms with registration fee upon enrollment. You will receive a Parent Handbook and Parent Orientation information at the beginning of August.

Welcome!
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DETERMINATION OF ENROLLMENT ON THE BASIS OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR RELIGION
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Children of Hope is committed to providing a positive and hands-on learning community where children can explore and create. Curriculum happens all day, in every routine, as we nurture the students' spiritual, social-emotional, cognitive and physical growth through child-centered developmental lessons. We form a true partnership with the family to build a strong foundation that will foster a life-long love of learning.

Based upon developmentally appropriate practices as described by the [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#), the [Evangelical Lutheran Education Association \(ELEA\)](#), [Quality First](#), and the [Arizona Department of Education's Early Learning Standards](#). Children of Hope has created a learning community that puts into practice what is known from research of how children learn in early childhood education.

Children of Hope is an active member of both the [Quality First Program](#), sponsored by First Things First, and the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association.



[ELCA Schools and Learning Centers](#)



www.firstthingsfirst.org



<http://www.azed.gov/>



National Association for the Education of Young Children



www.naeyc.org

Our Purpose

- To recognize the uniqueness of each child and encourage self-esteem and individuality.
- To provide a strong, developmentally appropriate academic foundation for each child, helping to ensure future success through kindergarten transition and beyond.
- To provide purposeful work times and opportunities for children to ask questions, pursue ideas, get messy and creative, and thrive.
- To encourage each child to be concerned for others, to cooperate in work and play, and to develop a spirit of sharing.
- To provide an environment where Christian values are not just studied, but lived, with teachers showing examples of Christ's way of love, acceptance, and forgiveness.
- To form a partnership with families that encourages growth and success for each child.

Why Choose Children of Hope?

- Low Teacher to Child Ratios
- Degreed/Certified Christian teachers who care about your child's total development and continually work to broaden their knowledge of Early Childhood Education.
- Hands-on experiences which are developmentally appropriate to each child's stage of development.
- LETRS and Get Set for School Curriculum embedded in our Pre-K Classes
- Conscious Discipline trained staff
- A Quality First high-quality center- 5 Star
- Optional Fun Fridays and after school Lunch Bunch

THE TODDLER CLASS (Owlets) Toddlers attend 3 days a week for our 3 ½ hour class in which a variety of developmentally appropriate learning activities occur.

Structuring the environment and planning activities for self-directed play, social interaction, and learning is a fundamental part of the program as our toddlers learn to interact with trusted adults and peers. Curriculum activities include dramatic play, open-ended creative and sensory experiences (painting, sand and water play, modeling clay, collage activities, etc), construction activities with blocks and manipulative toys, gardening, math, science, and outdoor activities. Different colors, animals, foods, numbers, shapes, and other topics are explored each day with books, art, math, science, and songs. The children get lots of love, attention, and nurturing every day to make sure they feel safe, secure, and happy. Children do not have to be potty trained to join this class.

THE THREE-YEAR OLD CLASS (Penguins) Our 3-day program for 3-year olds meets for 3 ½ hours each day, with optional extended hours (lunch bunch) offered after school.

Teachers scaffold and facilitate an environment where children learn to label, understand, and verbalize their feelings and needs, as they work together to form positive social relations with their peers and teachers. At three, there is more interactive pretend play and cooperative play amongst children. By the end of the year, playgroups have increased in size with four or five children interacting in the classroom and on the playground with imaginative play. There are both large and small group times, which include songs, stories, finger plays, art, music, math, science, and fun body movement activities where children get a strong introduction to early childhood academics. Learning is enhanced with art projects, activities, experiments, games, and class themes. The children's fine motor skills are strengthened using various mediums and manipulatives, and children are encouraged to express themselves in the writing and art center freely. Each day the children have fun and gain a sense of pride and accomplishment with jobs and roles they choose as important members of their school family.

THE FOUR-YEAR OLD PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS (Gliders) Our 4-day Pre-K program includes 2 extended days on M/W, with optional (lunch bunch) extended days on T/TH. We believe this structure best prepares our students for the longer kindergarten day and gives them valuable opportunities to gain important, kindergarten-needed social skills, such as self-help and confidence, through lunch time and the extended days.

All children in this group will be eligible by age for kindergarten the following year. A typical day in this kindergarten-readiness classroom involves developmentally appropriate experiences in all domains: cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual. This theme and center-based program allows children to utilize materials in more complex and extended ways. Opportunities for public speaking in front of peers are provided. Many of the activities, which include the nationally acclaimed LETRS and Get Set for School programs, promote the children's phonemic awareness and are critical to early reading success. The children practice writing letters and numbers with varying mediums and methods. Early mathematical skills are also developed with graphing, sorting, counting, and basic addition and subtraction. Music and movement are enjoyed daily. Children improve their fine motor skills with activities that include cutting, painting, coloring, writing, and gluing. Scientific topics are presented to the children in fun and interesting, hands-on ways. Problem solving, conflict resolution, labeling and managing emotions, self-help and independence, and other social emotional skills are essential and are practiced and modeled daily.

All our classes include the following:

- Class Meetings (welcome, story time, music, etc.)
- Small Group Time (art, science, math, writing, reading, etc)
- Outdoor Time (every day the children have large motor skill play in the outdoor play area)
- Bathroom/Handwashing/Snack
- Music/Movement
- Quiet Reading/Rest
- Free Choice (small group activities, interest centers open for learning, free play, creative art activities, math, and science experiences)

Family Chapel Time

Each month we meet with the Pastor and the Family Ministry Coordinator of Esperanza Lutheran Church at Family Chapel Time. **Parents are invited and encouraged to attend Family Chapel services at any time (dates on lesson plans).**

Chapel Time includes a lesson and music.

The purposes of these services include:

- To let each child know they are unique and loved
- To give children a personal worship experience
- To provide a spiritual unity for our school by singing praises to God
- To know that Jesus is their friend and that we strive to treat others with love and kindness as He taught

Classes, individual students, teachers, pastors and other outside speakers may be a part of the chapel services.

Snack Wish Lists

The list will be placed on the mailboxes of each classroom monthly.

- Please sign-up for an item that you can bring to share with your class.
- Each class has a sign-up for items to cover their class.

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Preschool 2026-2027

The following is a list of notable days and holidays for the Preschool Academic Year (based on the Kyrene School District Calendar). Please understand that we will follow this as closely as possible and notify you as soon as possible with any changes that the Kyrene District or we might make.

August 3 & 4	First Days of Class
September 7	No School – Labor Day
September 28 – October 12	No School – Fall Break
October 13	Classes Resume
November 11	No School – Veteran’s Day
November 25 – 27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 21 – January 4	No School – Winter Break
January 5	Classes Resume
January 18	No School – MLK Jr Day
February 15	No School – President’s Day
March 8 – 22	No School – Spring Break
March 23	Classes Resume
May 20	Last Day of School



SCHEDULE AND FEES FOR FALL/SPRING 2026-2027

Class	Days a week	Time	Monthly Rate	Ratio	Age of Child
Toddler Class Owlets	T/W/H	8:30am - 12:00pm	\$466.00	1:5	2 yrs old by 9-01-26
3's Class Penguins	T/W/H	8:30am - 12:00pm	\$461.00	1:7	3 yrs old by 9-01-26
Pre-Kindergarten (Extended MW) Gliders	M/T/W/H	M/W 8:30am - 2:00pm T/H 8:30am - 12:00pm	\$634.00	1:8	4 yrs old by 9-01-26
Optional Fun Fridays	F	8:30 - 12:00pm	\$40/day for students	1:8	

All tuition is based on a yearly amount and is payable in ten installments for August through May.

Tuition payments are due by the 10th of each month. A 15% tuition discount will be applied to a second child enrolled in the same family.

A non-refundable **registration fee of \$225.00 (\$250.00 for new families)** is payable upon enrollment. Consideration for registering two or more children is as follows: Second child: \$175.00 and third child \$150.00. All fees and tuition payments are non-refundable.

Lunch Bunch (Penguins & Pre-K and Owlets as they are ready) is offered for an additional fee between the hours of 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

REGISTRATION

CHILDREN OF HOPE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2601 E. Thunderhill Place Phoenix, AZ 85048 (480) 759-1515

CHILD _____ M or F
Last Name First Middle

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zip

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ FREE SCHOOL T-SHIRT 2T 3T 4T 5T
Month Day Year

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name Lives with student

Parent/Guardian Name Lives with student

Address: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

OTHERS IN HOUSEHOLD

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD

AGE

STUDENT BACKGROUND

Do you have a religious affiliation? _____

Has your child been in preschool before? Yes No How Long? _____

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY ALLERGIES (FOOD OR SEASONAL) OR HEALTH CONCERNS THAT WOULD RESTRICT HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

Is there anything else we should know about your child? _____

- 2. Tuition is due by the 10th of each month (a total of 10 monthly payments –August - May).
- 3. The teachers will use Conscious Discipline in matters of discipline with redirection and positive choices.
- 4. Parents are welcome to visit the classroom at any time. Please coordinate with your teacher.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Class Assignment: _____ Fees Paid: _____

Children of Hope Child Development Center makes no discrimination in admissions or determination of enrollment on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin or religion.



Children of Hope Child Development Center 2026-2027 Parent Participation Agreement

Please read and initial the following statements. If you have questions, please do not initial any item until you have had your question answered by the CoH staff and understand it completely.

 I understand the importance of reading all information provided to me by COH staff in a timely fashion, including posts and messages on Brightwheel, Family Handbook, emails, notes, newsletters, lesson plans, flyers, etc.

 I understand that all programs are based on meeting minimum enrollment requirements.

 I understand that registration fees and tuition are based on an annual rate and cannot be pro-rated or refunded under any circumstance (illness, vacation, holidays, school breaks, etc.)

 I understand that tuition is due by the 10th of each month, August – May. Tuition is considered late if received after the 10th and can be assessed a \$15 late fee at that time. Auto pay can be set up through Brightwheel. Returned check fees will be the responsibility of the payor. We also accept debit or credit payment through Brightwheel.

 I understand that registration is for the entire school year. In the event I need to withdraw my child, I will provide a 30-day written notice. If I fail to comply with this requirement, I will be charged one month's tuition to cover any monetary loss incurred by the preschool.

 I understand that I must maintain updated medical information annually and be current on all immunizations required by the Department of Health.

 I understand that my child's Lead Teacher will contact me prior to school starting to schedule a Home Visit. This visit allows the teacher to (re) introduce herself with the student in the student's comfortable home setting prior to the first day of school.

 I understand that children too sick to participate in the full program (indoor and outdoor) must be kept home. I understand my child may return to school when fever and vomit free for 24 hours. Parents are to notify the preschool office of any absences and any contagious disease/illness via Brightwheel or phone (480-759-1515).

 I agree to attend Parent/Teacher Conference(s).

 I understand that my child will be released ONLY to those individuals whose names are listed on the DHS health form and listed as approved pickups on Brightwheel. Release to anyone other than those listed will require arrangements with the Director.

 I understand that my child will be released from the program if he/she cannot benefit from the program or presents a danger to self or others as determined by teacher(s) and Director.

 I understand that monies raised from fundraisers/events throughout the year help supplement and support programs at the school.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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Photo Release Form

I, _____ hereby authorize _____
(Parent or Guardian) (Name of Student)

to participate in the making of projects consisting of photographs, video, film production, internet / website titled "Children of Hope Preschool" on or about the 2026-2027 school year. I understand that Children of Hope Child Development Center shall hereby retain any and all rights in the photograph(s), or video/film production, internet/website, including but not limited to, the right to reproduce, copy, edit, exhibit, publish, or distribute such photograph(s), video, film and/or internet.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

I **do not** want my child _____(Name of Student)

to be pictured on the public Facebook, Instagram or in marketing materials.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____