

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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Happy 2022! If you are like me, I am sure you have a mixture of feelings this new year, but I write to you with a hopeful sense for 2022. Here at preschool, hope is all around us. That may sound cliché, but I really mean it. All that is good in the world is here every day in these 44 little people. We see it in big moments, but more often, we see it in little moments that can sometimes take our breath away. We look forward to being part of these moments in 2022 and to sharing them with you.

We begin our new year in an unusual way as we prepare for our annual Christmas program on January 6th this year. This date is significant as it marks Epiphany or Three Kings Day, the final celebratory day of the Christian holiday season when we remember the visit of the three Magi to the baby Jesus. So, what a fitting day to have our program, postponed from earlier in December when we had an abundance of illness amongst our kiddos. This is a special program and I am always in awe of what 2-5 year olds can do! I can't wait!

We continue to prepare our students for kindergarten readiness as we capitalize on this important time of brain development...birth to 5 years of age. At no other time in a child's life does the brain develop more, so we, in partnership with you, are literally building their brains during these critical years. My teachers continue to prepare high quality lessons, environments, and experiences that foster this brain growth with developmentally appropriate practice. "Educators who engage in developmentally appropriate practice foster young children's joyful learning and maximize the opportunities for each and every child to achieve their full potential." (National Association for the Education of Young Children 2020).

Come on 2022, we are ready for you!

Mrs. H

Happy Birthday!



No January Birthdays
for Staff



ALL ARE WELCOME!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School

Children ages 4 through 5th grade can join Deacon Connie upstairs **at 9:30am (in between services)** for lessons and fun!



Pray-Ground

At Esperanza, as Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany them! One option for families is the new Pray-Ground, located in the sanctuary. **This area is designed for young children** to quietly engage in age-appropriate activities while experiencing worship in the sanctuary along with their families. See Pastor Annemarie and/or Deacon Connie for more info!

FAMILY CHAPEL TIME



January 18: Ducklings

January 19: Penguins

January 20: Butterflies

11:10am in the Sanctuary

PARENTS! We invite you to be a part of Family Chapel Time!

Please join us where you will sit on the floor with your child in your lap and participate in monthly Family Chapel Time with Deacon Connie, Pastor Annemarie, and Mrs. H. (If a parent cannot attend, no worries...we will take great care of your children and keep them happy & engaged)

**Children:
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL SHIRT**

**January Songs
I am Waiting
My God is So Big**

**Lesson: Fruit of the Spirit: Patience & Self
Control
Galatians 5:22-23**

WHY LUNCH BUNCH?



Lunch Bunch offers our students opportunities for additional socialization through mealtime, extended activities, and play. We provide a safe, nurturing place where the children can eat lunch with their peers, while learning to manage and clean up their own space, with the bonus of added time to socialize and play with their friends.

With the company of our supportive teachers, Lunch Bunch kiddos can acclimate to a longer school day, can make mistakes (such as spills) and be helped to fix them, and can gain confidence and independence.

Lunch Time is very fast in elementary school and here at Hope we believe in providing Lunch Bunch as an opportunity for our students to practice the “soft skills” needed for kindergarten success.

Available Daily

Sign up Book is located outside Mrs. H's office

Pick Up at 12:30pm: \$10

Pick Up at 1:30pm: \$15

Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20

Must be enrolled in 3's or Pre-K.

Not available to our Toddler Class due to diapering/licensing issues.

NO LUNCH BUNCH Thursday, January 13th (due to Staff Meeting)

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Happy New Year!

Ring in the New Year is a cause for celebration, for spending time with family and friends, and for offering Happy New Year wishes. So go ahead - hold, hug and snuggle your kiddos as much as possible. After all, their healthy development depends on it!

Many studies show that your loving touch is essential for your baby's developing brain. And cuddling also reduces their anxiety and helps create calmer kids.



Podcast: Reading, Language and Early Literacy

This episode of the [pArentZ pod](#), the Arizona infant and toddler podcast from First Things First, is all about reading and early literacy. Every parent wants their child to be a good reader, because it's so important to being successful in school and life. But many people think learning to read just happens for kids as they grow up. Not so. Our guest, **Jenny Volpe**, the CEO of Make Way for Books in Tucson, AZ, is passionate about helping young kids on the path to being good readers. That path starts from birth.

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Game Changer! *Do* Versus *Don't* Commands

We practice this in the classrooms, and it works!

This weekend try trading "don't" for "do" when giving your kids directions. This helps paint a clear picture of exactly what it is you would like them to do. You've got this! We're wishing you well!

[#iHeartCD](#) [#assertivevoice](#)

Do Versus *Don't* Commands

 ConsciousDiscipline



So another important thing to remember that comes along with

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Upcoming Events

FUN FRIDAY



**Friday, January 21st
8:30 – 11:30am**

Send Mrs. H a message on Brightwheel to let her know if your child will join us for this extra day of fun!

Ducklings: \$35
Penguins & Butterflies: \$30
Invoice will bill via Brightwheel

Hibernation Day



Wednesday, February 2nd

**Kiddos:
Wear your jammies to school today!**



Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 22, 23, 24

Sign-ups coming soon

Annual Christmas Program

Thursday, January 6th
5:00pm



4:30pm: Drop your child off in the classroom

Ducklings & Penguins: wear your favorite Christmas outfit

Butterflies: Please arrive in costume

5:00pm: Program begins in the sanctuary





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

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

We at **Children of Hope Child Development Center** are committed to providing a smoke-free environment for children, staff members, and child care providers. Due to hazards from exposure to second-hand smoke and as a recognized Empower child care facility, it shall be the policy of this child care facility to provide a tobacco-free environment for children, staff members, child care providers, and parents.



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