



# Hope PDO & Preschool

## From the Directors...

Dear Parents,

Hooray for Spring! Singing birds, budding trees, blooming flowers, and happy children...Spring is here! As we reflect upon the past 7 months and the growth that has occurred, we are amazed! What a privilege it is to be a part of this growth - we thank you!

### Noteworthy and Newsworthy...

We will have our Spring Book Fair from April 10 - 14th. This fair is a buy one, get one FREE book fair! What a great opportunity to stock up on books for some fun summer reading! Thank you to Patricia Colella and Lindsey Bye for co-chairing our book fairs this year. We still need volunteers to help sell books before and after school during the week - please keep an eye out for an email asking for help.

While many of us use hand sanitizer, we must ask that you not put hand sanitizer in your child's tote as it is considered a "keep out of reach" item by the state regulators. Thank you!

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We love that parents stay and play with their children on our playground after school. However, for liability reasons, we must insist that you supervise your children and have them follow our playground rules. We ask that you please watch your children to be sure they are following our playground rules (they are posted) and that you please help your children clean up the playground (toys in tubs and sandboxes covered) when you leave. We have the children clean up at the end of their playground time each day and we ask that you do the same. Thank you! Also, if your child needs to use the restroom, you must accompany them to and supervise them in the bathroom. Again, we appreciate your help!

If you have any extra or outgrown pants, tops, undies or socks, we could use them for our bins for those "just in case" moments.

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## Directors' Letter (continued from page 1)

We still have a few openings in the 1's, 3's and Jr-K classrooms for next year. If you have friends with young children who would be interested in our program, please have them give us a call!

The weather in Colorado changes quickly - especially in the Spring - so please keep sending coats with your children! You never know...

Mark your calendars if you have a graduate! Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 24th at 12:00 pm. This will also be the last day of school for the year.

Earlier this month, the Cherry Creek School District voted to change their school start times for next year. This means we will also be changing our school hours next year—our school day will be from 9-1.

Please be sure that your child's teacher is in the room before you leave in the morning.

If you are interested in helping our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) next year, please let Robyn know! This is a group of parents that supports our school and staff throughout the year,

### **So many thank yous...**

Our monthly breakfast is always such a treat! Thank you to Melissa Heitkamp, Shannon Martin and Melissa Trujillo for last month's delicious breakfast!

We appreciate parents using the playground door when entering and exiting the school and keeping their children with them while they are in the halls. Our goal is to keep the children safe. Thank you!

Thank you for checking in on your emergency days and being able to stay if you are needed! This really does make a difference!

King Soopers... We received \$371 from King Soopers last month! Thank you shoppers!

Wishing you joy and sunshine,  
Robyn and Courtney

## Nursery Rhymes

In keeping with our belief that kindergarten readiness begins at birth, we will be stressing several nursery rhymes each month. Children love Mother Goose because "she enchants the ears and knows how to make words sound wonderful." This is a big part of phonemic (the sounds that letters make) awareness and is a necessary pre-reading tool. Help your children learn these rhymes and have fun! Below are the nursery rhymes for April and May. The nursery rhymes we will be using are taken from *Mother Goose: A Treasury of Best-Loved Rhymes* illustrated by Tim and Greg Hildebrandt and edited by Watty Piper.

### April

#### **Wee Willie Winkie**

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,  
Upstairs and downstairs in his nightgown,  
Rapping at the windows,  
Crying at the locks,  
"Are the children in their beds,  
For now it's eight o'clock?"

#### **Two Little Blackbirds**

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.  
One named Jack and one named Jill.  
Fly away, Jack. Fly away, Jill.  
Come back, Jack. Come back, Jill.

#### **Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary**

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells,  
And cockleshells,  
And pretty maids all in a row.



## May

**Yankee Doodle**

Yankee Doodle went to town  
Riding on a pony,  
Stuck a feather in his hat  
And called it Macaroni.

**Ring Around The Rosies**

Ring around the rosies,  
A pocket full of posies,  
Ashes, ashes,  
We all fall down.

**London Bridge**

London Bridge is falling down,  
Falling down, falling down,  
London Bridge is falling down,  
My fair lady.  
Build it up with wood and clay,  
Wood and clay, wood and clay,  
Build it up with wood and clay,  
My fair lady.

**Here We Go Round**

Here we go round the mulberry bush,  
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush,  
Here we go round the mulberry bush,  
So early in the morning.

**Brother John**

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,  
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?  
Sonnez les matines! Sonnez les matines!  
Ding, daing, dong. Ding, daing, dong.

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,  
Brother John? Brother John?  
Morning bells are ringing! Morning bells  
are ringing!  
Ding, daing, dong. Ding, daing, dong.

**Three Men In A Tub**

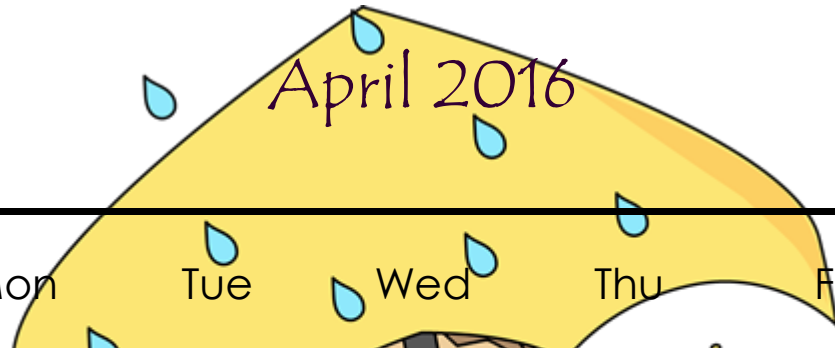
Rub-a-dub-dub,  
Three men in a tub,  
And who do you think they be?  
The butcher, the baker,  
The candlestick-maker,  
Turn 'em out, knaves all three!

**Muffin Man**

Oh do you know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man?  
Do you know the muffin man,  
Who lives in Drury Lane?

Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin mad,  
Yes, I know the muffin man,  
Who lives in Drury Lane.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Letter: U,u Color: Blue Shape: Diamond Unit: Weather, Umbrella						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	
Letter: V,v Color: Blue Shape: Diamond Unit: Easter						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Letter: W,w Color: Blue Shape: Diamond Unit: Earth Day						
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Letter: Review UVW Color: Blue Shape: Diamond Unit: Ocean, Water						



# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Letter: X, x Color: Purple Shape: Octagon Unit: Insects					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Letter: Y, y Color: Purple Shape: Octagon Unit: Mother's Day					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Letter: Z, z Color: Purple Shape: Octagon Unit: Zoo					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Letter: Review XYZ Unit: Summer		Graduation-12:00			
28	29	30	31			





## Emergency Volunteers

The volunteers for each day should check in at the office. If you've saved a different day, please see Robyn.

### April

**Monday, April 3**

Kim Ziegler  
Brooke Yates

**Tuesday, April 4**

Debbie Strouse  
Tish Gross

**Wednesday, April 5**

Jenny Emerson  
Brooke Yates

**Thursday, April 6**

Lauren Kauffman  
Molly Bump

**Friday, April 7**

Jessica Morton  
Ella Snurka

**Monday, April 10**

Theresa Tscheschke Gunal  
Jenny Emerson

**Tuesday, April 11**

Melissa Mitarotonda  
Shannon Martin

**Wednesday, April 12**

Lisa Joslyn  
Jon Gaunt

**Thursday, April 13**

Brooke McCready  
Jeni Lieberman

**Friday, April 14**

Allison Rieman  
Sarah Silva

**Monday, April 17**

Corine Kampf  
Julie Holt

**Tuesday, April 18**

Tish Gross  
Elizabeth Parker

**Wednesday, April 19**

Julie Holt  
Ashley Hunt

**Thursday, April 20**

Alisa Felin  
Dawn Hovanec

**Friday, April 21**

Jon Gaunt  
Melissa Jacobs

**Monday, April 24**

Natalie Papazian  
Melissa Jacobs

**Tuesday, April 25**

Natalie Papazian  
Casey Whitney

**Wednesday, April 26**

Natalie Papazian  
Jon Gaunt

**Thursday, April 27**

Natalie Papazian  
Lauren Kauffman

**Friday, April 28**

Natalie Papazian  
Sara Morris

### May

**Monday, May 1**

Amy Hunt  
Jon Gaunt

**Tuesday, May 2**

Valerie Thisted

**Wednesday, May 3**

Ashley Hunt  
Kanmani Elangovan

**Thursday, May 4**

Dawn Hovanec  
Heather Mahnken  
Valerie Thisted

**Friday, May 5**

Jessica Morton  
Jon Gaunt

**Monday, May 8**

Elizabeth Parker  
Lindsey Bye

**Tuesday, May 9**

Whitney Rotolo  
Lindsey Bye

**Wednesday, May 10**

Ashley Hunt  
Elizabeth Parker  
Stephanie Beaucond

**Thursday, May 11**

Vanya Hecht  
Lindsey Bye

**Friday, May 12**

Dutchie Cowser  
Jon Gaunt

**Monday, May 15**

Elizabeth Parker  
Stephanie Beaucond

**Tuesday, May 16**

**Wednesday, May 17**

Ashley Hunt  
Elizabeth Parker

**Thursday, May 18**

Brooke McCready  
Jeni Lieberman

**Friday, May 19**

Stephanie Thompson  
Stephanie Beaucond

**Monday, May 22**

Jessica Morton  
Elizabeth Parker

**Tuesday, May 23**

Lauren Kauffman  
Molly Bump

**Wednesday, May 24**

Bruce Buck  
Ashley Hunt



Final Thoughts and Announcements

Children  
are NOT a  
distraction  
from more  
important work.  
They are  
THE MOST  
important work.  
-C.S. Lewis

time spent  
PLAYING  
WITH CHILDREN  
IS  
NEVER  
WASTED  
-DAWN LANIERO

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Children  
spell love...  
T-I-M-E.  
~ Dr. A. Witham