



Hope PDO & Preschool

From the Directors...

Dear Parents,

Happy December! The halls are being decked, and the anticipation of Santa is in the air. At Hope we have three different opportunities to give to those less fortunate: buy a present for a child or parent who is currently in transition (due December 9th), donating gently used toys for the Denver Santa Claus Shop (due December 7th) or donating non-perishable food. If you have any questions, please ask us.

Our Christmas Program is Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm. Our 3's and Jr-K children will be delighting us with their joyous voices and talent!

So many thank yous...

- PTO's Give Thanks to Hope fundraiser was a huge success! Your generosity makes us incredibly thankful! Our goal was \$5000 and we raised \$6585! This money will go to our working budget, to our PTO to help with Teacher Appreciation, and items to improve classrooms. A huge thank you to Amy Hunt for her hard work and putting this together.
- The staff enjoyed an autumn breakfast provided by Kristin Fuerst, Catherine Jay and Ashley Sadler. We are so thankful to you for this wonderful treat for our staff!

Thank you also for using your reloadable King Sooper cards. Our last check was \$384.50! Wow! If you need a King Sooper card, please come and see Courtney or Robyn in the office. It costs \$5 and it has \$5 on it. You simply reload it while at Kings and 5% of the money you spend comes back to Hope!

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Noteworthy and Newsworthy...

- We ask that you please keep sick children home. We ask that you please do not medicate your child for cold symptoms and then bring them to school, as they are still contagious. If your child appears sick, we will call and have you come and pick them up. Thank you for helping to keep us all healthy. If your child has been diagnosed with anything contagious, please let us know right away! We do our best to keep everyone healthy!
- Our Christmas Break is from Dec 19th- Jan 2nd. We return to school on Tuesday, January 3rd.
- Speaking of January...it will be registration time again!
 - * Registration forms for church members will be due Sunday, January 15th.
 - * Registration for returning and alumni children is January 18th. Open registration is January 24th. Look for more information coming right after Christmas break!!
- If you are interested in having your child join Stretch and Grow, there is still room in the spring session. Stretch and Grow is Monday and Tuesdays after school. We also have a couple openings in Wednesday PreK Dance and Thursday Preschool Dance with Miss Kim. There will be forms online on our website soon, or you can come into the office and pick one up.
- We have moved the lost and found bucket...it is at the bottom of the stairs by the PDO Office.

Christmas is a perfect time to help children learn about the true spirit of Christmas; love, joy, peace, giving, kindness, gratitude, and Jesus, the best gift of all! May the Lord bless you and yours this Christmas! We hope you enjoy the magic of the season and have a very Merry Christmas!

Peace, love and joy,

Robyn Maxum and Courtney Taylor

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ~

Luke 2:11



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 September and October. 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.

December

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after.

Up Jack got and home did trot
As fast as he could caper.
Went to bed to mend his head
In vinegar and brown paper.

Incy, Wincy Spider

The incy, wincy spider went up the
water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the
spider out.
Out came the sun, and dried up all
the rain,
And the incy, wincy spider went up
the spout again!

January

Little Bo Peep

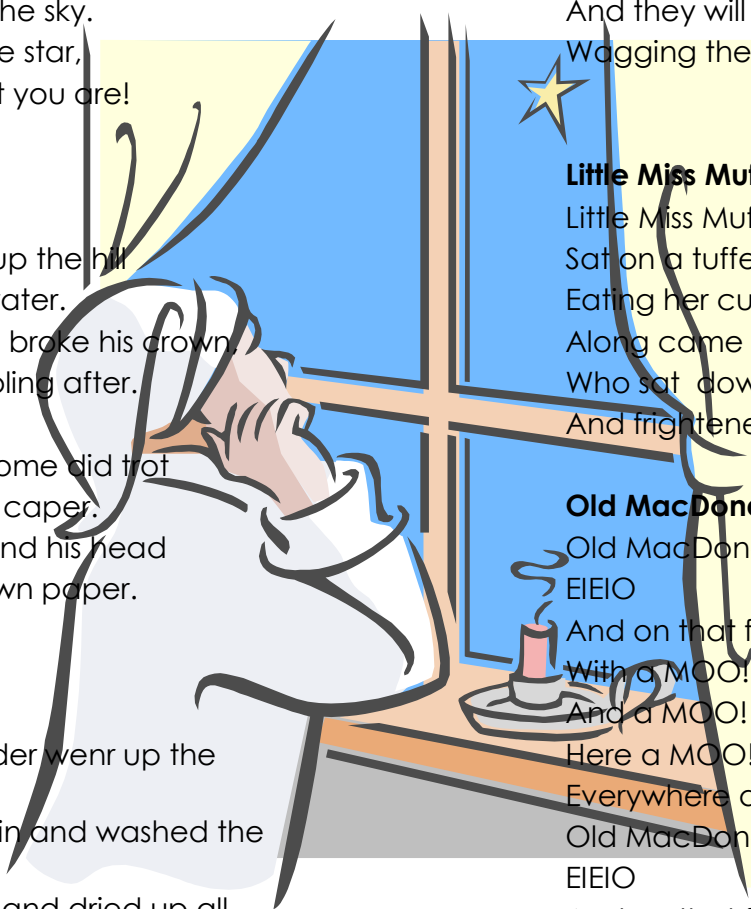
Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them.
Leave them alone,
And they will come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

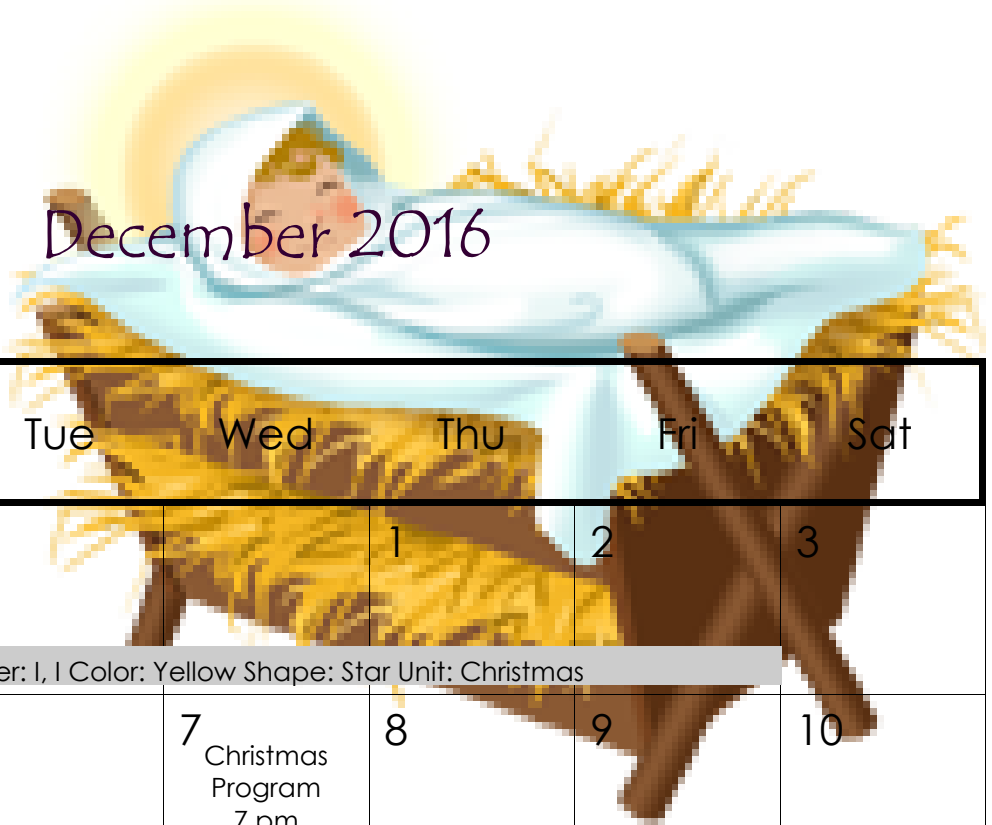
Old MacDonald

Old MacDonald had a farm,
EIEIO
And on that farm he had a cow, EIEIO
With a MOO! MOO! here,
And a MOO! MOO! there,
Here a MOO! There a MOO!
Everywhere a MOO! MOO!
Old MacDonald had a farm,
EIEIO
And on that farm he had a ...
Sheep BAA!
Duck QUACK!
Dog WOOF!



Calendar

December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
Letter: I, i Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Christmas						
4	5	6	7 Christmas Program 7 pm	8	9	10
Letter: J, j Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Christmas						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Letter: K, k Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Christmas						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CHRISTMAS VACATION—NO SCHOOL						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS VACATION—NO SCHOOL						



January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Letter: L, l Color: White Shape: Oval Unit: Winter, Snow						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Review I, J, K, L Color: White Shape: Oval Unit: Farm, Stock Show						
15	16 MLK Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
Letter: M, m Color: White Shape: Oval Unit: Mother Goose, Fairy Tales						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Letter: N, n Color: White Shape: Oval Unit: Nutrition/Dental Health						
29	30	31				
Letter: O o Color: Pink Shape: Heart Unit: Outer Space						



Emergency Volunteers

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

December

Thursday, Dec. 1

Ashley Visser
Kim Smith

Friday, Dec. 2

Kristin Fuerst
Sarah Silva

Monday, Dec. 5

Patricia Colella
Stephanie Thompson

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Melissa Heitkamp
Jen Bailey

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Kelly Steinke
Heather Thompson

Thursday, Dec. 8

Melissa Heitkamp
Jessica Shepherd

Friday, Dec. 9

Colleen Madden
Kelly Steinke

Monday, Dec. 12

Patricia Colella
Stephanie Thompson

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Whitney Gates
Kim Smith

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Kelly Steinke
Jenn Hofmann

Thursday, Dec. 15

Brittini Phillips
Mya Mccabe

Friday, Dec. 16

Jared Hankins
Bruce Buck

January

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Maureen Witten
Christi Strong

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Kara Schmahl
Amy Whitmore

Thursday, Jan. 5

Christi Strong
Jenn Hofmann

Friday, Jan. 6

Krista Weber
Kristin Paulsen

Monday, Jan. 9

Allison Muldowney
Tarin Trobec

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Julie Jensen
Kristin Paulsen

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Colleen Madden
Krista Weber

Thursday, Jan. 12

Kristin Paulsen
Sarah Silva

Friday, Jan. 13

Jennie Preece
Tuesday, Jan. 17

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Jen Bailey
Julie Orton

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Shannon Hackett
Ernst Pintar

Thursday, Jan. 19

Julie Orton
Christie Carron

Friday, Jan. 20

Kristin Fuerst
Alisa Felin

Monday, Jan. 23

Shannon Hackett
Lisa Joslyn

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Christie Carron
Ernst Pintar

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Shannon Hackett
Amy Whitmore

Thursday, Jan. 26

Ernst Pintar
Tara Terella

Friday, Jan. 27

Amy Whitmore
Jennifer Wright

Monday, Jan. 30

Shannon Hackett
Jenn Hofmann

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Ernst Pintar
Mya Mccabe



Meet the Staff

Name: Robyn Maxum

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

I am a Purple Penguin

How long have you worked at Hope?

This is my 19th year at Hope

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The community... staff and families

Tell us about your family: I have been married for 27 years to Mike. Our daughter, Kelsey, is married to Seth and living in Colorado Springs. Our son, Ryan, just graduated and is working in San Francisco. Our youngest is a sophomore at CSU.

Where did you grow up?

Southern California

What do you do in your free time?

I love being outdoors. We bike, ski, work in the yard. We also love time with friends.

What's your favorite color?

Purple

What word most defines you?

Compassionate

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Coffee

The mountains or the ocean?

Both

The book or the movie?

Book

The Broncos or the ballet?

Both

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

Depends on the night....

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs!

Sweet or salty?

Sweet

Concert or sporting event?

Concert

Favorite dessert?

Cheesecake

Favorite snack?

Cheese and crackers

Favorite restaurant?

I am happy going almost anywhere

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Latte

Name: Beth Mills

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

I teach 5 days a week in the Jr-K class

How long have you worked at Hope?

This is my 18th year

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The women I work with and the children I love

Tell us about your family:

Husband Jud, son Drew is 37, Kate is 31, Joey is 28 and Zach is 22

Where did you grow up?

Northern Virginia

What do you do in your free time?

I love to read and relax with my family

What's your favorite color?

Blue

What word most defines you?

Creative

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Both

The mountains or the ocean?

Ocean

The book or the movie?

The book

The Broncos or the ballet?

Broncos

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

A night on the town

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

We've got both!

Sweet or salty?

Salty

Concert or sporting event?

Sporting event

Favorite dessert?

Strawberry shortcake

Favorite snack?

Popcorn, cheese & crackers

Favorite restaurant?

Bone Fish

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Any frappuccino

Name: Ella Sihombing

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

Brown Bears and Hedgehogs

M-F

How long have you worked at Hope?

Just started

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The kids and lovely ladies!

Tell us about your family:

I've been married to my hubby Christian for almost 16 years. We have 3 boys: Abraham (14) Ben (10) and Avner (6)

Where did you grow up?

Indonesia

What do you do in your free time?

Read a novel

What's your favorite color?

Blue

What word most defines you?

Joyful

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Tea – Chai Tea

The mountains or the ocean?

Ocean

The book or the movie?

The movie

The Broncos or the ballet?

The ballet

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

A quiet dinner at home

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

Sweet or salty?

Sweet

Concert or sporting event?

Concert

Favorite dessert?

Brownies

Favorite snack?

Anything fruity and sweet

Favorite restaurant?

Red Robin

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Hot Chocolate

Name: Amy Stewart

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

Assist in the Brown Bears

How long have you worked at Hope?

3 years

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The kids

Tell us about your family:

Married with 1 child

Where did you grow up?

Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, California

What do you do in your free time?

Sleep, craft

What's your favorite color?

Purple

What word most defines you?

Crafty or resourceful

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Either White Chocolate Mocha or Chai Tea

The mountains or the ocean?

Both

The book or the movie?

Depends

The Broncos or the ballet?

Ballroom

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

Depends

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

Sweet or salty?

Salty

Concert or sporting event?

Concert

Favorite dessert?

Tiramisu

Favorite snack?

Beef jerky

Favorite restaurant?

Hibachi

Name: April Straight

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

How long have you worked at Hope?

This is my 4th year

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The children, families and loving staff

Tell us about your family:

I have two grown children. My son lives in Scottsdale and my daughter lives here.

Where did you grow up?

Deerfield, IL

What do you do in your free time?

Read, bake, laugh

What's your favorite color?

white

What word most defines you?

loyal

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Hazelnut coffee

The mountains or the ocean?

mountains

The book or the movie?

Always book first

The Broncos or the ballet?

ballet

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

Dinner at home

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

neither

Sweet or salty?

salty

Concert or sporting event?

concert

Favorite dessert?

Ice cream

Favorite snack?

Chips and salsa

Favorite restaurant?

Chianti, DTC

Favorite Starbucks drink?

none

If not Starucks, what do you like?

Einsteins Hazelnut Coffee

Name: Courtney Taylor

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

I am a Purple Penguin

How long have you worked at Hope?

4 years

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The lovely people

Tell us about your family:

My husband, Travis and I have been married for 8 years and we have Lily who is 7 and Steven who is 6.

Where did you grow up?

Native 80111

What do you do in your free time?

Play tennis and hang out with my kids, go to movies and I also eat good food.

What's your favorite color?

Green

What word most defines you?

Organized

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Coffee

The mountains or the ocean?

Mountains

The book or the movie?

Movie

The Broncos or the ballet?

Broncos

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

Dinner at home

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

Sweet or salty?

Salty

Concert or sporting event?

Concert

Favorite dessert?

Mud Pie

Favorite snack?

Popcorn

Favorite restaurant?

Jay Alexanders

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Pumpkin Latte and Carmel Frappuccino

Name: Kim Thompson

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

Tues/Thurs teach in 3-4 year olds

M/W assist in 3-4 year olds

How long have you worked at Hope?

18 years

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The wonderful families and children

Tell us about your family:

My husband, a son and daughter in law who live in Denver, my daughter and son in law in Seattle

Where did you grow up?

My Dad was in the Army so we lived all over the States and in Germany

What do you do in your free time?

Garden, read, ski, walk

What's your favorite color?

blue

What word most defines you?

caring

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

tea

The mountains or the ocean?

mountains

The book or the movie?

book

The Broncos or the ballet?

both

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

Dinner at home

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

dogs

Sweet or salty?

sweet

Concert or sporting event?

both

Favorite dessert?

chocolate

Favorite snack?

Chocolate

Favorite restaurant?

PF Changs

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Soy milk vanilla latte

Name: LoLo Weber

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

Giraffes

How long have you worked at Hope?

10 years

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

Laughing with the kids!

Tell us about your family:

Wonderful Brent, my husband, and our 24 year old Cameron, and nine year old Wally Weber.

Where did you grow up?

Pelham, New York

What do you do in your free time?

Read, exercise, cook

What's your favorite color?

White

What word most defines you?

Passionate

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Coffee—Nonfat Lattes

The mountains or the ocean?

Ocean

The book or the movie?

Book

The Broncos or the ballet?

Broncos

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

Night out!

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

Sweet or salty?

Both: Dark chocolate with bacon

Concert or sporting event?

Sports and Concerts

Favorite dessert?

Tony's Cherry Pie

Favorite snack?

Cheese and Crackers

Favorite restaurant?

Barolo Grill

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Nonfat Latte

Name: Megan Werner

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

I assist in the Turtle classroom (Pre-K) Monday through Thursday.

How long have you worked at Hope?

This is my 7th year at Hope.

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The wonderful women I get to work with and the sweet, funny children I get to teach.

Tell us about your family:

Gary is my husband. We have three children, Aidan (18), Flannery (15) and Moira Kate (13) and two dogs, Posey and Pepper.

Where did you grow up?

Southern California, Japan, Everett Washington, Northern California and Great Lakes Illinois - I was a Navy Brat.

What do you do in your free time?

Go to Orange Theory, walk, read and play 1010.

What's your favorite color?

Orange

What word most defines you?

Organized

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Coffee with coconut milk

The mountains or the ocean?

Both

The book or the movie?

The book

The Broncos or the ballet?

The ballet—especially if my girls are dancing!

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

A quiet (???) dinner at home.

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

Sweet or salty?

Sweet

Concert or sporting event?

Sporting event

Favorite dessert?

Sticky toffee pudding

Favorite snack?

BARE banana chips

Favorite restaurant?

Zengp

Favorite Starbucks drink?

Caramel macchiato with coconut milk

Name: Anjee Wren

First just the facts...

What class do you teach or assist in?

Brown Bears, 2's

How long have you worked at Hope?

This is my 4th year

What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?

The staff and families

Tell us about your family:

Married to David for 17 years, we have 2 children Jilliam 12 and Elliot 4. We are from Southern California and have been in Colorado for 11 1/2 years.

Where did you grow up?

Southern California

What do you do in your free time?

Read, shop, movies, do puzzles and craft

What's your favorite color?

Blue— like the ocean :-)

What word most defines you?

Tired— haha! Compassionate

Do you prefer...

Coffee or tea? What kind?

Coffee

The mountains or the ocean?

Ocean!

The book or the movie?

The book

The Broncos or the ballet?

Broncos

A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?

A night out!

And now, the speed round...

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

Sweet or salty?

Both

Concert or sporting event?

Both

Favorite dessert?

Warm cookie, ice cream

Favorite snack?

Chips, dried fruits and nuts


Favorite restaurant?

Olive Garden, Chilis, Mexican, Snooze and Capitol Grill


Favorite Starbucks drink?

Iced latte, dark roast with 2 pumps vanilla

Final Thoughts and Announcements





I Am A Child




I AM NOT BUILT TO SIT STILL.


keep my hands to myself,
take turns, stand in line, be patient,
or keep quiet.



**I need motion, I need novelty
I need adventure,
and I need to engage the
WORLD WITH MY WHOLE BODY**



LET ME PLAY



Trust me, I am learning!

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