



# Hope PDO & Preschool

## From the Directors...

Dear Parents,

Walking through the hallways and into classrooms is always such a joy, especially this time of the year. The incredible growth in the children is so evident! The children have all grown so much over the past nine months; socially, emotionally and academically. It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. It has been a marvelous year, full of love, laughter, friendship and learning. I did hear a mom refer to May as "manic May". Amen to that. Despite the busyness of May, we encourage you to take the time to always love, laugh and have fun with your children.

### Noteworthy and Newsworthy...

Our Pre K graduation will be Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Sanctuary.

The last day of school will be Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you are returning to Hope in the fall, your child's teacher will be contacting you by the end of July to touch base and give you information for the upcoming year. If your phone number or email changes, please contact us at 303-741-1073.

Please note that we do need a copy of any updated immunizations before school starts. And those Health Status Forms are due every year. You can find the form on our website at [hopechangeslives.org](http://hopechangeslives.org). Click on the preschool tab, and it is under "forms". The standard form that the doctors' offices have are also fine to use.

Please check out the blue lost and found tub across from the parent bulletin board. It is overflowing with clothing. We will be donating everything left at the end of the year.

If you are interested in being on the Hope PTO board please let Robyn or Courtney know. The board runs the book fairs and other fund raisers and is responsible for planning the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week we just celebrated, as well as the monthly staff breakfasts.

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## Directors' Letter (continued from page 1)

If you are cleaning out your children's closet, we sure could use some spare clothes for those "emergency's". You can just drop them off in the office. Thank you!

Hope UMC is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual garage sale June 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are Spring cleaning, feel free to drop off gently used items at Hope for them. We know they would really appreciate it.

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

Thank you to all of the parents who made Teacher Appreciation week so stupendous! A heartfelt thank you to Amy Hunt for chairing our PTO and Teacher Appreciation Week. We had breakfast every morning! Thank you to Patricia Colella, Kara Schmahl, Lindsay Casas, Kate Waldinger, Amy Souther, Meghan Vickery, Elizabeth Parker, Lindsay Pedersen, Stephanie McGee, Jessica Shepherd, Karen Coughlin and Christy Cummings for providing breakfast! We had Fiocchi's pizza and salad brought in on Monday for lunch (thank you Kristin Fuerst) and on Thursday we had a delicious lunch catered by Leabeth (thank you Amy Hunt)! Not to mention, the snack cart loaded with goodies that was accessible all week! Thank you to all of the parents who made this week possible! The appreciation felt by the staff is overwhelming!

Thank you for using your King Soopers cards, we received a check for \$290.85 last month. If you need a new one, please see Courtney or Robyn in the office. Please continue to shop for Hope over the summer!

Thank you for sending those spill proof water bottles with your children each day, especially as the days get warmer!

We would like to thank you for entrusting your precious children to us. It is truly a privilege and honor to have your children here at Hope, and to be a part of your lives. May your summer be filled with love, laughter and good times!

Wishing you love, blessings, a magical, memorable Mother's Day and a marvelous summer!

Robyn and Courtney

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## 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 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.

### 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.

# May 2017

	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 Unit: Summer		Last Day of School 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.

### 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



# THE ULTIMATE SUMMER BUCKET LIST

50 THINGS TO DO AS A FAMILY

1. Make popsicles
2. Take a day trip
3. Have a water gun fight
4. Camp in the backyard
5. Have a bonfire with s'mores
6. Run through a sprinkler
7. Visit a farmer's market
8. Go to a movie in the park
9. Paint your own pottery
10. Explore your city
11. Go to the fair
12. Play frisbee
13. Visit a botanical garden
14. Do a large puzzle
15. Make tie-dye shirts
16. Visit an amusement park
17. Go to library story time
18. Build a birdhouse
19. Have a picnic
20. Go to a drive-in theater
21. Watch the sunrise
22. Watch the sunset
23. Go to the zoo
24. Go to the aquarium
25. Go to the beach
26. Have a pool party
27. Draw with sidewalk chalk
28. Do a water balloon fight
29. Blow bubbles
30. Have a cookout
31. Fly a kite
32. Make a summer scrapbook
33. Go bowling
34. Have a lemonade stand
35. Go fishing
36. Have a treasure hunt
37. Visit a farm
38. Go hiking
39. Make ice cream
40. Visit a photo booth
41. See fireworks
42. See a parade
43. Catch fireflies
44. Feed the ducks
45. Visit a waterpark
46. Get a sun tattoo
47. Build a blanket fort
48. Go for a bike ride
49. Play freeze tag
50. See a summer concert



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## Summer Fun

### Ideas for the Whole Family

1. Have a Lemonade Stand
2. Art with chalk paint or sidewalk chalk
3. Go on a family hike
4. Go on a factory tour
5. Make homemade pizza on the grill
6. Backyard Campout/S'mores on the stove
7. Family Game night
8. Read-a-thon
9. Visit the Library
10. Drive-in Movie
11. Visit a splash park
12. Picnic in the park
13. Backyard swim/sprinkler party
14. Star gazing at night
15. Do some science experiments
16. Build a fort
17. Watch fireworks
18. Homemade Play-doh
19. Family sleepover in the family room
20. Water fight!/Water balloons
21. Go to the zoo!
22. Amusement Park
23. Make Homemade Ice Cream
24. Visit a Museum
25. Grow/Pick Strawberries
26. Go on a Bike Ride
27. Root beer Floats
28. Visit a water park
29. Plan a treasure hunt
30. Watercolor
31. Family Service Project
32. Snow cones
33. Go to a Baseball Game
34. Go to the Movies
35. Neighbor BBQ
36. Make Puppets/Puppet Show
37. Go on a Nature Walk
38. Go to a Parade
39. Family Fondue Night
40. Watermelon Night
41. Visit a Beach
42. Paint with pudding
43. Make homemade instruments/drums
44. Blow Bubbles
45. Miniature Golfing
46. Play Frisbee
47. Make mini sandboxes
48. Pizza Party!
49. Have a Fiesta
50. Have a Luau
51. Ride the local train/subway
52. Celebrate and un-birthday
53. Create an Obstacle Course
54. Homemade Spa Day
55. Exercise together
56. Go for a morning run together
57. Make homemade jam
58. Feed the ducks at a park
59. Wash the cars together
60. Roast Hot Dogs/Marshmallows
61. Camping trip
62. Make cookies for a neighbor
63. Have a Race
64. Host a play date
65. Make paper airplanes
66. Catch Bugs!
67. Make a birdfeeder
68. Plant flowers
69. Make popsicles
70. Go bowling
71. Friend Late Night
72. Visit a new park
73. Have a dance party
74. Play hide and seek in the dark
75. Night Games
76. Write letters to family/friends
77. Play tennis as a family
78. Make a fun photo booth
79. Play charades
80. Make a piñata
81. Visit a planetarium
82. Visit a Farm
83. Visit an orchard
84. Go to a baseball game
85. Build a sandcastle
86. Pajama Party
87. Slip n' slide
88. Go on a scavenger hunt
89. Go Ice blocking
90. Get your face painted
91. Take a road trip
92. Make noodle/fruit loop necklaces
93. Make milk carton boats...do they float?
94. Write in shaving cream
95. Write in a journal
96. Visit a historical site
97. Night Swimming
98. Put a puzzle together as a family
99. Make homemade toy parachutes
100. Make a summer scrapbook!