



# Hope PDO & Preschool

## From the Directors...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from Fall Break! We hope you had a wonderful week with your family! It's hard to believe that it is November already...the days just seem to fly by this time of the year. At Hope, we are busy having fun and enjoying friends and fall.

We had the police and fire fighters here in October. The children loved seeing their vehicles and learning how to keep safe. Fire fighter Nick reminded the children how important it is to have an Escape Plan for your family's home and how to dial 911 on a cell phone in an emergency. Great reminders for us all!

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

The Give Thanks to Hope fundraiser was a stupendous success! We surpassed our goal. We cannot thank you enough Hope families for your continuous support of Hope Preschool!

We also thank you for supporting Hope and eating at Piccolo's in September. It was a fun evening seeing so many Hope families. We received a check for \$400! Thank you!

The staff enjoyed a lovely breakfast on Tuesday, October 17th. Thank you to Lauren Kauffman, Amy Jo Wagner and Lindsey Bye for providing this delicious meal for us - it was such a wonderful treat!

Please continue to use your King Sooper reloadable cards. Last month we made \$332.25. This money goes towards our working budget. Thank you for your support!

### **Noteworthy and Newsworthy...**

\* The weather is getting cooler, so please remember to send a jacket and appropriate shoes or boots with your kiddo. We do go outside everyday weather permitting.

\* Thanksgiving is around the corner! School will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th.

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## Directors' Letter (continued from page 1)

\* It is during this time of year that we partner with the youth of Hope UMC to provide Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. This year, they are working with Highlands UMC in North-West Denver. Each class will have a box outside their door for non-perishable food donations. Look for a list of foods needed for these baskets soon.

\*Our Scholastic Book Fair will be November 6-10th before and after school. Thank you to Patricia Colella and her crew for getting this ready for success! If you want to sign up to help, let us know!

\* Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm to hear our 3's, Pre-K and Jr-K sing!

\* Thank you for keeping your sick children home. We want to keep everyone healthy!

\* Since we are heading into that time of year...we want to remind you of our School Closure/Snow Day Policy. If the Cherry Creek School District is closed...we are too! Due to Cherry Creek School Districts new delayed start times, if they are on a delay, we will start 30 minutes late... so we will begin at 9:30.

\* Please remember to bring your child to school through the playground door, unless there is a sign outside stating otherwise.

\*The lost and found is by the preschool office door. If you are missing something, come check it out... 😊

As we count our blessings, we are thankful for every Hope family and especially your little angels!

Love and Blessings,  
Robyn Maxum and Courtney Taylor



## 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 October and November. 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.

### November

#### Two Little Blackbirds

Two little black birds  
Sitting on a hill  
One named Jack,  
The other named Jill

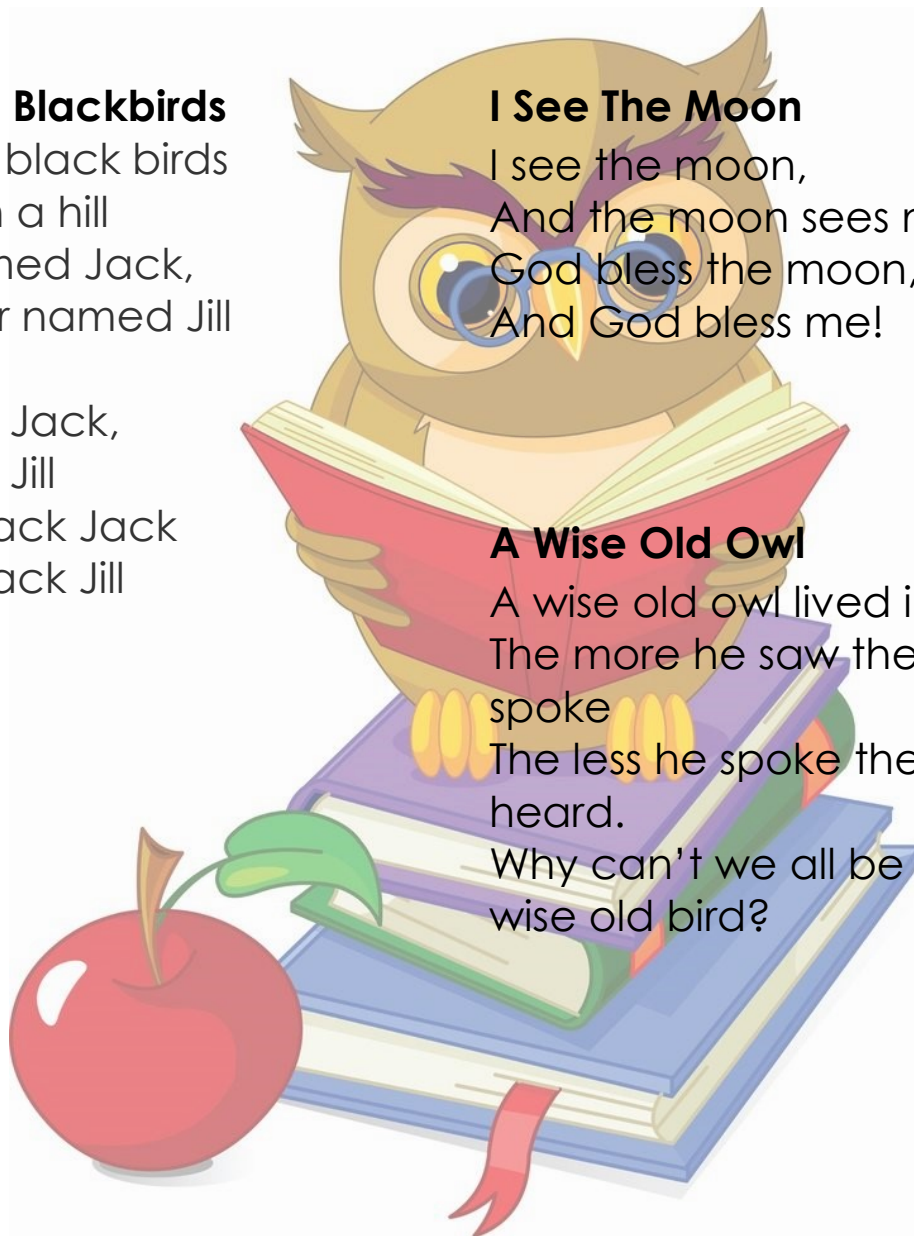
Fly away Jack,  
Fly away Jill  
Come back Jack  
Come back Jill

#### I See The Moon

I see the moon,  
And the moon sees me;  
God bless the moon,  
And God bless me!

#### A Wise Old Owl

A wise old owl lived in an oak  
The more he saw the less he  
spoke  
The less he spoke the more he  
heard.  
Why can't we all be like that  
wise old bird?



## December

### The Bear Went Over the Mountain

The bear went over the mountain,  
 The bear went over the mountain,  
 The bear went over the mountain,  
 To see what he could see.  
 And all that he could see,  
 And all that he could see,  
 Was the other side of the mountain,  
 The other side of the mountain,  
 The other side of the mountain,  
 Was all that he could see.

The bear went over the river,  
 The bear went over the river,  
 The bear went over the river,  
 To see what he could see.  
 And all that he could see,  
 Was the other side of the river,  
 The other side of the river,  
 The other side of the river,  
 Was all that he could see.

### Three Little Kittens

Three little kittens they lost their mittens  
 and they began to cry  
 "Oh, mother, dear, we sadly fear  
 our mittens we have lost"

"What?! Lost your mittens,  
 you naughty kittens,  
 then you shall have no pie"

Mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow  
 We shall have no pie

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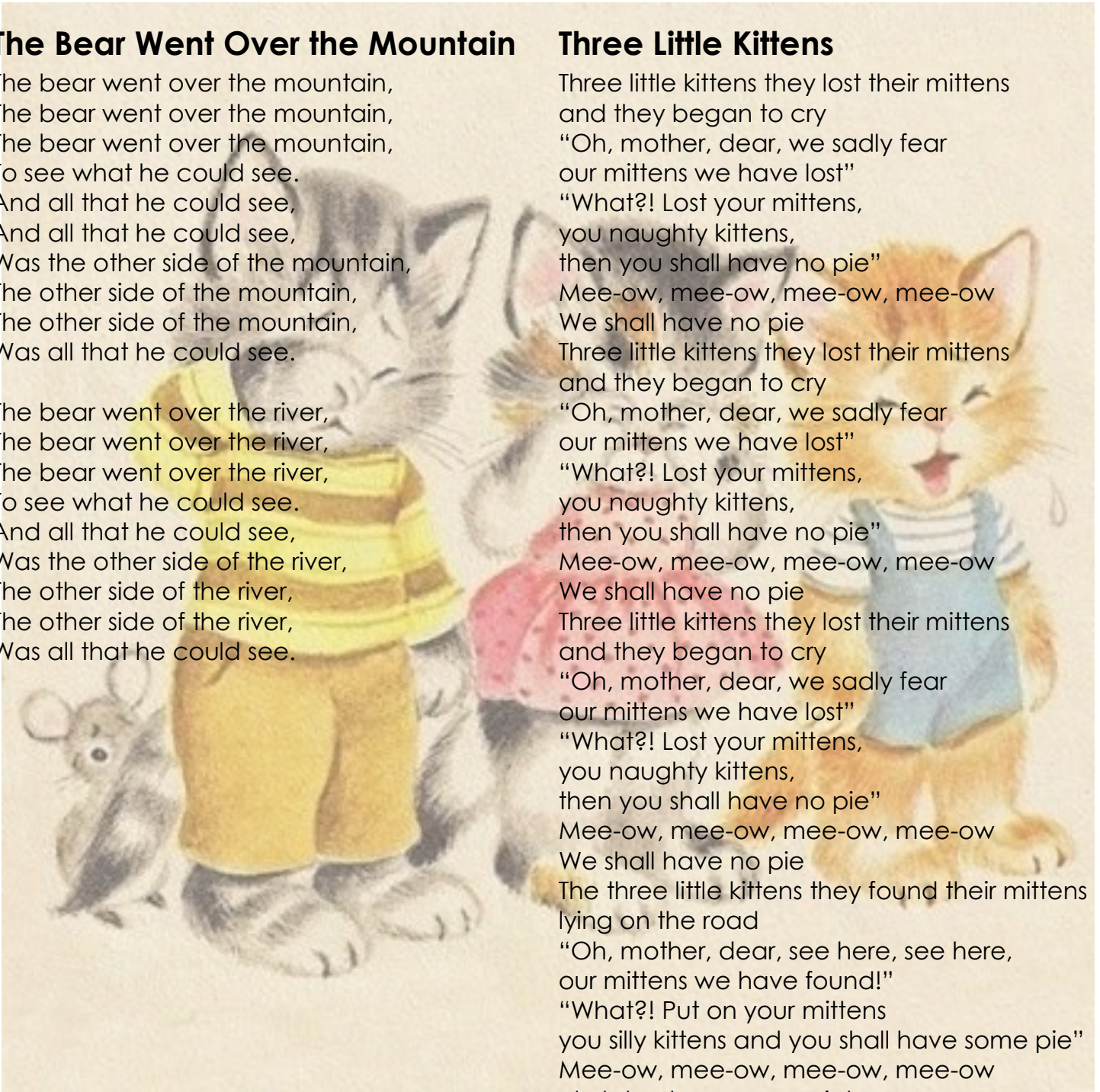
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The three little kittens they found their mittens  
 lying on the road

"Oh, mother, dear, see here, see here,  
 our mittens we have found!"

"What?! Put on your mittens  
 you silly kittens and you shall have some pie"

Mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow  
 oh, let us have some pie!





# 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!

## London Bridge is Falling Down

London Bridge is falling down,  
Falling down, falling down,  
London Bridge is falling down,  
My fair lady.

Build It Up With Sticks and Stones,  
Sticks and Stones,  
Sticks and Stones.  
Build It Up With Sticks and Stones,  
My Fair Lady.

Sticks and Stones Will All Fall Down,  
All Fall Down All Fall Down,  
Sticks and Stones Will All Fall 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.

Wood and Clay Will Wash Away,  
Wash Away,  
Wash Away.  
Wood and Clay Will Wash Away,  
My Fair Lady.

Build It Up With Iron and Steel,  
Iron and Steel,  
Iron and Steel,  
Build It Up With Iron and Steel,  
My Fair Lady.

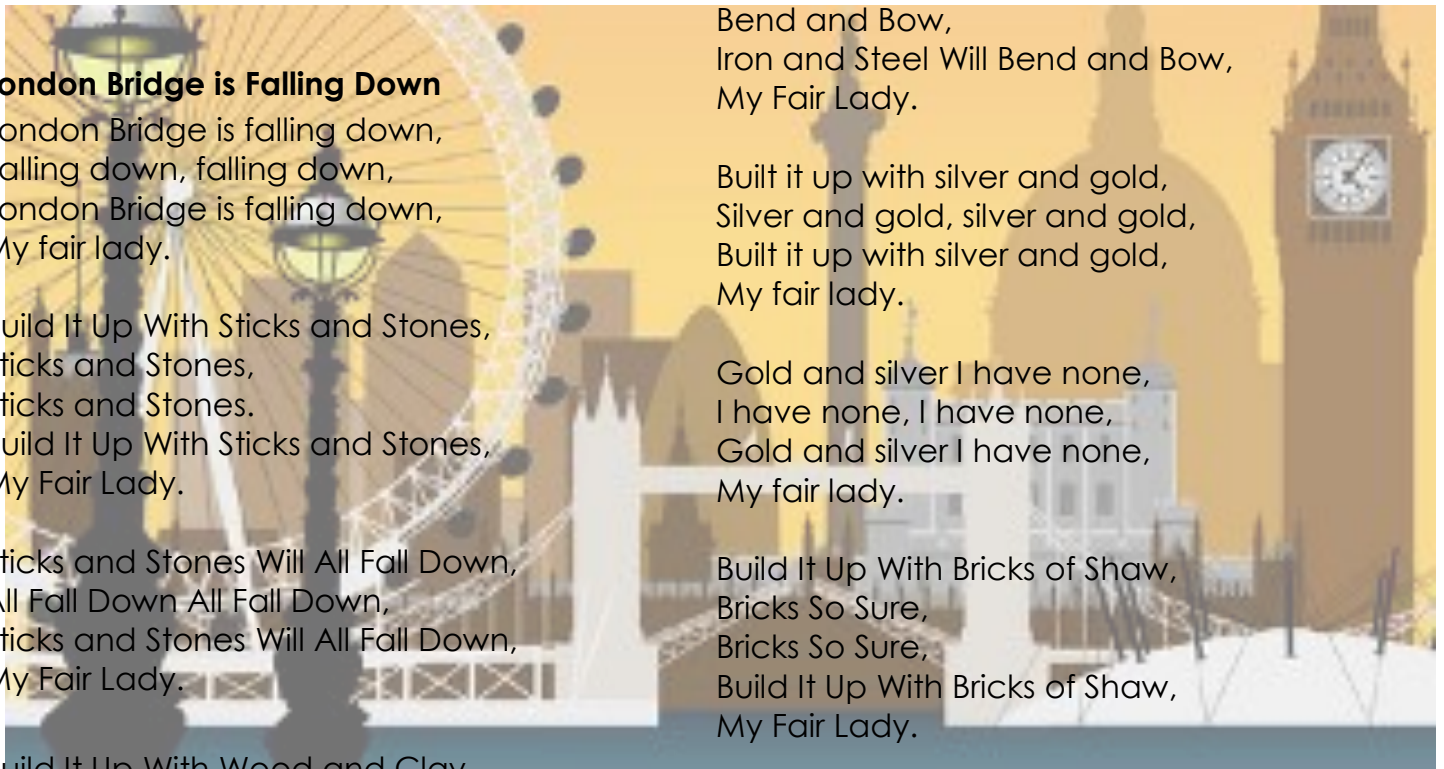
Iron and Steel Will Bend and Bow,  
Bend and Bow,  
Bend and Bow,  
Iron and Steel Will Bend and Bow,  
My Fair Lady.

Built it up with silver and gold,  
Silver and gold, silver and gold,  
Built it up with silver and gold,  
My fair lady.

Gold and silver I have none,  
I have none, I have none,  
Gold and silver I have none,  
My fair lady.

Build It Up With Bricks of Shaw,  
Bricks So Sure,  
Bricks So Sure,  
Build It Up With Bricks of Shaw,  
My Fair Lady.

It Will Stand For Ever More,  
Ever More,  
Ever More,  
It Will Stand For Ever More,  
My Fair Lady.





# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Letter: DEF Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Halloween/Heroes						
5	6 BOOK FAIR	7 BOOK FAIR	8 BOOK FAIR	9 BOOK FAIR	10 BOOK FAIR	11
Letter: Gg Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: God						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Letter: Hh Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Harvest/Thanksgiving						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Letter: li Unit: Thanksgiving			NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK			
26	27	28	29	30		
Letter: GHI Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Hibernation						





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Letter: GHI Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Hibernation						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Letter: Jj Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Wonderful Winter						
10	11	12 CHRISTMAS SHOW 7 PM	13	14	15	16
Letter: Kk Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Christmas						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Letter: Ll Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Christmas						
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
NO SCHOOL						



## Emergency Volunteers

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

### November & December

November 1, 2017	Wednesday	Melissa Jacobs
November 2, 2017	Thursday	Sara Krajacic
November 3, 2017	Friday	Elle Ethington
November 6, 2017	Monday	Astrid Trinkaus
November 7, 2017	Tuesday	Amanda Chafin
November 8, 2017	Wednesday	Heather Thompson
November 9, 2017	Thursday	Kara Schmahl
November 10, 2017	Friday	Trisha Burns
November 13, 2017	Monday	Shanna Ash
November 14, 2017	Tuesday	Melissa Mitarotonda
November 15, 2017	Wednesday	Melissa Jacobs
November 16, 2017	Thursday	Melissa Mitarotonda
November 17, 2017	Friday	Valerie DeGaetani
November 20, 2017	Monday	Robin Andersen
November 21, 2017	Tuesday	Robyn Maxum
November 27, 2017	Monday	Melissa Trujillo
November 28, 2017	Tuesday	Robyn Maxum
November 29, 2017	Wednesday	Lauren Kauffman
November 30, 2017	Thursday	Mittsi Petersen
December 1, 2017	Friday	Melissa Jacobs
December 4, 2017	Monday	Melissa Jacobs
December 5, 2017	Tuesday	Gina Draudt
December 6, 2017	Wednesday	Mya McCabe
December 7, 2017	Thursday	Laura Ellison
December 8, 2017	Friday	Melissa Jacobs
December 11, 2017	Monday	Laura Mancini
December 12, 2017	Tuesday	Jessica Shepherd
December 13, 2017	Wednesday	Robyn Maxum
December 14, 2017	Thursday	Debbie Strouse
December 15, 2017	Friday	Lindsay Pedersen
December 18, 2017	Monday	Hyunji Lee
December 19, 2017	Tuesday	Gemma Heckendorf
December 20, 2017	Wednesday	Mya McCabe
December 21, 2017	Thursday	Gemma Heckendorf
December 22, 2017	Friday	Sarah Silva





## Meet the Staff

### *First, just the facts...*

**Name:**

Amy Stewart

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Assist in Bears M, W, F; Assist in Owls TH

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

Going on 4 years

**Tell us about your family:**

Husband, Joel, and one son

*Now, for something a little different...*

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

ATVed up to the 101st Airborn Cabin outside Buena Vista

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

Craft; hike; camp



**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

Target; Walmart

*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?**

We love to eat anywhere!

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Chai tea

### *First, just the facts...*

**Name:**

April Straight

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Teach in Elephants M, W, F; Assist in Turtles T, TH

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

4 years

**Tell us about your family:**

Daughter, 28; Son, 35

*Now, for something a little different...*

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Rodeo

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

Read, walk, spend time with my family

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

Target

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

Candles; manicures & pedicures



*And now, the speed round...*

**Dogs or cats?**

Neither

**Sweet or salty?**

Salty

**Concert or sporting event?**

Concert

**Favorite dessert?**

**Favorite snack?**

Popcorn

**Favorite restaurant?**

Chianti

**If you don't like Starbucks, what do you like?**

Einstein's coffee

**First, just the facts...**

**Name:**

Courtney Taylor

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Director

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

5 years

**Tell us about your family:**

Husband, Travis; kids, Lily (7), Steven (6)

**Now, for something a little different...**

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Hung out in the mountains

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

Tennis; movies; read

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

Nordstrom; Evereve

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

Coffee

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Salty

**Concert or sporting event?**

Both

**Favorite dessert?**

Strawberry Shortcake



**Favorite snack?**

Popcorn

**Favorite restaurant?**

J. Alexanders

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Caramel Frappuccino

**First, just the facts...**

**Name:**

Kim Thompson

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Teach in Blue Birds T, TH & F

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

18 years

**Tell us about your family:**

Husband of 40 years, 2 married children; 2 dogs; 1 granddaughter

**Now, for something a little different...**

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Spent time with my new granddaughter!



**What do you like to do in your free time?**

Walk; garden; ski; hike; read; spend time with my husband and family

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

Target; Ann Taylor

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

Chocolate; A cup of tea or coffee; Getting flowers

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Sweet & Salty

**Concert or sporting event?**

Concert

**Favorite dessert?**

Chocolate

**Favorite snack?**

Anything Gluten Free

**Favorite restaurant?**

PF Changs; Maggianos

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Vanilla Latte with almond milk

# Final Thoughts and Announcements

## 10 Reasons You Should Read With Your Child Everyday



1. Develops a strong bond between parent and child. It is absolutely undeniable in my own experiences of reading to each of our children in utero that a bond between each of my unborn children and I was formed during pregnancy. I remember getting a feel for each of my baby's personalities while reading. They would respond to the stories I was reading based upon the fluctuation of my voice. Such a beautiful experience!

2. Helps cultivate active listening skills. This is a very important skill that will help a child's ability to learn well in group environments and within the family unit. As an active listener your child will be ready to excel in school and in the world as a professional.

3. Improves visual memory. This is a wonderful way for children to develop vivid imaginations which also help develop visualization in the mind. With the overuse of electronic

devices, many children have lost the ability to think for themselves and imaginations are not as vivid as they once were. Reading aloud to your children helps to cultivate the invaluable resource of imaginative thinking!

4. Is instrumental in early brain development in fetuses and infants. Studies continue to show that babies who are read to in utero and after birth stimulate early brain development and help foster critical thinking skills.

5. Gives our children a head start on language skills. Children who are read to on a daily basis are more likely to develop strong language skills and early cognitive skills.

6. Helps develop strong literacy skills. According to the National Research Council, studies show that children who are read to often perform better in reading and writing in our public schools.

7. Sets our children up for future academic success. A study done by the National Research Council showed that there is considerable evidence of a relationship between reading regularly to a child and their future academic achievement in every area of school (National Research Council, 2009).

8. Improves your child's overall confidence. Because you are bonding with your child when reading to them, this gives them a better overall confidence because they are secure in their relationship with you. In addition to your child feeling safe and connected to you, they also gain a great confidence in reading aloud themselves.

9. Can help reduce screen time. When children are read to on a daily basis they are less likely to choose to be on an electronic device, therefore reducing overall screen time.

10. Will likely become avid readers. Children who are read to on a daily basis are more likely to pick up the habit of reading than those who are not read to.



## Snow Delay

We want to remind you of our School Closure/Snow Day Policy. If the Cherry Creek School District is closed, then we are closed too! However, if the Cherry Creek School District is on a delayed start, then we will start 30 minutes late, at 9:30. This change in our Snow Day Policy is due to the new start times that were implemented in the Cherry Creek School District this year.

