



Happy 2017

Here We Go Again!

We hope you all made new memories over our break. The teachers are eager to see "their" children again and there is so much more to enjoy in the upcoming months.

Several classes have new children starting in January. How exciting to have new friends to meet. In the Red Room Aby Beltran joins the staff as that program continues to grow.

During the break our Board and volunteers donated time to get our playground back to looking good. Each heavy rain sends so much sand down to the

parking lot, meaning shovels and wheelbarrows hauling it back up the mountain. It means filling in trenches where the rain has cut into our land. It means trimming back branches so our little Tarzans can't go swinging around. Everything that is done is for the safety of your children. They matter greatly to us.

The custodial staff have given our floors an extra scrub and the carpets a deep cleaning. Chairs and tables are thoroughly cleaned and toys are given an extra bath.

Our animals from the animal table in the Parlor are washed each Friday and that is thanks to the ladies in the kitchen. We are so thankful for so many helpers who believe in our school and keep it in the best possible order.

Also thanks to the church ladies who faithfully answer phones for the pre-school as well as the church. We are pretty lucky to be in this special place.



A Big Shout Out!

From Forest Bachtel, as Super Singing Elf, to Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Linda and Steve Merrill, to Nancy O'Connor for special holiday stories, to the instructors running Santa's Workshop, what a fun, fun December the children enjoyed. Thanks to all of you for these special



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Shadow Rock Preschool

January 2017

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Jan. 16 MLK Holiday
- ☺ Feb. 6-9 Hearing and Vision screening
- ☺ Feb. 20 Presidents' Day, NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Feb. 23/24 Parent/Teacher/Conferences NO SCHOOL

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Reading to Our Children

Here are a few helpful tips to make the reading experience even more enjoyable.

While reading to your children, let them sit on your lap. Special things happen when they snuggle up against you. Your heart beat and theirs start to beat together in this position. As they look at the pictures, they are seeing them as you do. Interrupting to ask questions is such an important part of reading. Let them ask their questions while they are fresh in their minds. It is also important that you move your finger under the words as you read. This helps them begin to track words and learn left to right is the way we

read and write.

Children often want you to read the same books again and again. This is another natural request for little ones. There is such comfort hearing favorites repeated.

Remember Story Hour at your local library too. Having children in new environments with new children, following the library rules, opens the door to children learning that there are different rules in different places. Learning where you fit in within new situations is a real growing experience.

So keep reading and providing new experience constantly. Your children will remember these close quiet moments with you.



Reading is everthing

Heard in the Halls

A boy asked, "What's that hole up there outside the boys' bathroom?" The teacher, "I don't know. What do you think." Response, "Maybe it's a bad question."

A Busy Bee was eating his 2nd serving of veggie sticks. "These are pretty good! I can eat them all day long."

A little boy in afternoon KDO asked if the teacher would like some play doh. She explained that she couldn't use it because it got stuck in her ring. His

Response was, "Well, get a new ring."

A young girl was twirling down the hall to the bathrooms. When asked by the teacher to "please walk," she stated firmly that her skirt would not be twirly if she walked., She kept right on twirling. (I would too!)

We hope you love these little comments as much as we do. They are enchanting and make us smile.

Join the Board. Make lifelong friends.

Special perks.

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Auction February 25 at Aunt Chiladas Squaw Peak

Book your babysitter because you need a night out, and this will be a party you don't want to miss. Mingle with the teachers and preschool parents.

Bid on really cool items while enjoying adult bev-

erages and food, all while raising money for our kids' wonderful school. Stay tuned for ticket sales information...

Donations needed!

Aunt Chiladas
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First Things First

As you know, for several years we have been a part of First Things First. In November 2006, Arizona voters created First Things First to be funded by a special tax on tobacco products. The Proposition created a new board at the state level known as the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, also known as First Things First.

First Things First was established to help provide greater opportunities for all children,

birth to age five, in Arizona to grow up healthy and ready to succeed. Through the dedicated work of the Board, staff, volunteers, Regional Partnerships Council members, state agency partners, community providers and early childhood champions, more and greater opportunities to achieve success will be provided for each child in Arizona in the coming years.

Mission:

To increase the quality of, and access to, early childhood

programs that will ensure a child entering school arrives healthy and ready to succeed.

Vision:

All children in Arizona, birth through age five, are afforded opportunities to achieve their maximum potential to succeed in school and life.

We are so lucky to belong to this quality group and we thank our teachers for the extra work they do to keep us in the program. Well done and thank you Staff.

Mr. Bill Says...

Parking is only allowed in lined parking areas. **DO NOT PARK** along red or yellow curbs, or in front of any stairs leading up to the building. These all have a safety purpose and parking in these areas makes it much more dangerous for parents walking their children to and from class by blocking their line of sight to the traffic.

RED CURBS are where emergency vehicles need access. You certainly wouldn't want to make the paramedics or ambulance have to wait for someone to move their car when they are coming to help your child!

Our rocks on campus are more than decorations. They help stabilize our uneven surfaces from washing down into the

parking lots and onto the sidewalks. **PLEASE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO WALK ON THE SIDEWALKS,** not the rocks. No moving of rocks, they are placed where they are for a purpose.

Bill Peterson, Campus Care and Facilities Volunteer

I scream, you scream, we all scream for...CHIPOTLE!!

OK, NOT ICE CREAM BUT WE GOT YOUR ATTENTION. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 25th **between 4 pm and 8 pm at Bell Towne Plaza, (7th Street & Bell)**. Make sure to mention Shadow Rock Preschool when checking out so that SRPS will receive 50% of

the proceeds from your bill. This is a great fundraiser for our school, so tell your family & neighbors too, or plan a dinner playdate with your SRPS classmates and leave the cooking (& cleaning up) to the burrito professionals!

**CHIPOTLE
IS
MY
LIFE!**

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My Kid's Weirdest habit is:

Petting and grooming my husband's beard.

A kitchen utensil obsession! He carries a spoon, whisk, or spatula everywhere we go.

Packing food into her mouth like a little squirrel...and saving it for a while.

Spinning around before he flush the toilet.

Smelling her hand immediately after shaking hands with someone

Drinking bath or pool water like a dog.

PARENTS January 2017

We believe...

That children learn by being in the
Midst of experiences.
In freedom and in limits and helping
Each child understand his/her role.
In extending the child's outlook
Past home, family and city.
In developing a sense of
Independence and responsibility.
Each child needs to know that what
They do affects the world and
What the world does affects
Each of them.
That fostering inquiry,
Problem solving and
Decision-making
Leads to future school success.

