



From The Director's Desk

February 2017

February is always one of our favorite months of the year at HRLC, since we have so many events going on for the children. Valentine's Day is celebrated by all classrooms and teachers will be putting up sign up lists for classroom party goodies in the next few days. For Valentine's Day card exchanges, we have found that leaving the envelope or outside of the card blank works best so that your child doesn't have to worry about which card goes to which child. Party treats can include anything store bought, but, due to Health Department regulations, we cannot serve homemade treats. Please keep in mind that if you purchase any baked goods to check the label to make sure that there are no peanuts or tree nuts listed in the ingredients.

Our enrollment in Private Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year has begun and is open to all children who will be five years old by January 31, 2018. If you missed the Information Night, but are interested in this exciting program for your child, just stop by the front desk for an information/enrollment packet or call me if you would like to discuss the program or arrange an observation of the current class. Our Kindergarten provides an premium learning environment where children receive daily support and instruction in a setting with a smaller group size and a low ratio of children to teachers.

*Our ever popular Summer Camp will begin on May 30th and we have added some exciting new activities and field trips to our calendar. Each week we are planning **two field trips**, plus in-house outreach presentations from organizations like the Denver Zoo, Mad Science and the hugely popular Bricks for Kids (legos). Our calendar, with a complete list of all trips and activities will be available soon and will include Hip Hop dance lessons at a studio, fitness fun at a private gym, trips to two water parks, bowling, golf, Boondocks, restaurant lunches and much, much more. The camp curriculum will include weekly cooking activities, unique science experiments, clever crafts and time for reading and academic skill retention. You will be able to select the weeks your child attends camp and his/her schedule each week. Of course, meals are included and we provide daily swimming **WITH LESSONS** throughout the summer. Our prices are very competitive and parents do not have to pay extra for any field trip or activity. Registration packets are available at the front office and will be sent home to all families with elementary age children.*



I am pleased announce the addition of several new Early Childhood teachers to our awesome staff. Ms. Ashli Porter joins our Pre-Kindergarten staff and is now teaching in our newly opened Antelopes room. A new, permanent teacher for the River Otters will be joining us soon and her name is Courtney Huckvale. Ms. Mary Newsad has rejoined our infant staff after taking time off to be at home with her young sons. I have also hired Melissa Alexander to help in the infant rooms in the afternoon. I hope that you will join me in welcoming all of our new staff members.

February 28th we have a special event coming to HRLC- the Denver Zoo will be presenting a new show called “Zooper Heroes” which will feature several live animals during a lively performance starring the zoo’s own costumed “Zooper” staff. Children in the Jr. Preschool and older classrooms will be participating in this event and parents are welcome to join in the fun as well. The specific time for the performance will be announced soon, so stay tuned!



Just a reminder that HRLC will be closed on Monday, February 20th (President’s Day). We will be using the day to provide required training for our staff which will include CPR/First Aid, new on-line classes and a presentation from an early childhood specialist. I hope that all of you will enjoy the long weekend with your children.

As always, let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the care of your child(ren). You can reach me by phone @ 303-346-7144 or through email at t.leidenberger@highlandsranchlearning.com.

Have a lovely month!

Teresa

“The easiest way to teach children the value of money is to borrow some from them.”