

OPT Parent Newsletter



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OPT News

The holiday season is here! We hope all our Young Horizons families enjoyed the Thanksgiving break with their loved ones and that everybody got to share delicious food. Here at Young Horizons the children enjoyed their harvest luncheon with their teachers and friends. They had turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, and delicious pumpkin pie. We want to thank all the parents and board members that came and joined us in giving thanks for everything.

The OPT has ordered new t-shirts and they should be arriving within the next two weeks. They will be green with a white logo. We will have them available for parents and teachers also. Make sure you talk to your teacher or site supervisor if you are interested in buying one. The children can wear them every day and especially on Spirit Day.

In other news, Young Horizons is preparing for ITERS/ECERS evaluations. We are asking for at least 5 hours of your valuable time to evaluate our program. This will help us find out what areas of our program need improvement. Please contact me or let your site supervisor know if you would like to help us with this task. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

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Monthly Theme: Fairy Tales

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

-Albert Einstein

We are very happy to introduce the Fairy Tales Theme this year. A fairy tale is a type of short story that typically features fantasy characters like animals and magic.

Fairy tales are fun. They boost a child's imagination. They teach them right from wrong and develop their critical thinking skills. They teach children how to deal with emotions themselves and how to differentiate between fact and fiction. Through these stories they also learn language and sequencing.

Among other activities, the children will be discussing the beginning, middle and end of a story and they will create their own fairy tale book.

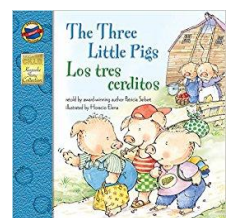
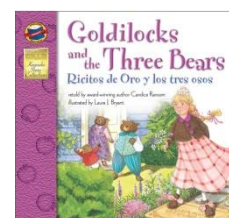
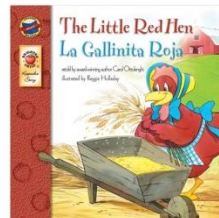
We have ordered new fairy tale books for the classrooms and we are very excited to start sharing them with the children. We hope that they have fun learning with this new monthly theme.

This month we recommend the following books:

"The Little Red Hen" By: Paul Galdone

"Goldilocks and the Three Bears" By: James Marshall

"The Three Little Pigs" By: Steven Kellogg



Would you take the time to write a review for us?

Remember we are closed on the following dates:

Kohn, North, Ludloff and Grisham Centers:
December 22, 25, 26 Christmas Holiday
January 1, 2018 New Year's Day

Central Pacific Center: Closed December 18, 2017 to January 1, 2018

Choosing Safe Toys

Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. This holiday season keep in mind these guidelines when shopping for toys:

- Avoid buying small toys for children under three years old
- Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Stuffed toys should be washable.
- Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint.
- Art materials should say nontoxic.
- Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Keeping Toys Safe at Home

- Keep toys clean and teach children to put them away.
- Check toys regularly to make sure they aren't broken or unusable
- Throw away broken toys or repair them right away
- Store outdoor toys when they're not in use so that they are not exposed to rain.

Check the Consumer Product Safety Commission website for the latest information about toy recalls or call their hotline at (800) 638-CPSC to report unsafe toys.

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/safe-toys.html>



Harvest Lunch

Thanks to all the parents and Young Horizons board members who joined us!



The children enjoyed a delicious meal with their friends, teachers and visitors!

Next OPT Board Meeting is on December 13th.

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