



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Happening this Month:

- NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH JAMBA JUICE FUNDRAISER! ***SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS!***
- NOVEMBER 6TH *EARLY RELEASE DAY*
- NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH VETERANS DAY BREAK (NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED)
- NOVEMBER 25TH *EARLY RELEASE DAY*
- NOVEMBER 26TH ~ 28TH THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH ~ LANTERN WALK
PRESCOTT COURTHOUSE SQUARE ~ 6PM

Please join Mountain Oak Community School Pre-K through 3rd Grade for this annual tradition!

BOARD MEETING

Monthly Board Meeting is Wednesday November 12th @ 3:45pm at 1455 Willow Creek Road in the Great Hall 7/8 grade classroom. Minutes are available in a binder in the office and on the website. All meetings are public. Everyone is welcome to come, and we are glad to have you. There will be a Google Meet link available on the agenda when it's posted on our website and on-campus

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

WELCOME ZOSIMAS TO PRESCHOOL WITH THE ALVEY FAMILY!

**CIRCLE OF
GRATITUDE**



**Thank you parents for your
Halloween Party
Donations!**

Thank you Lollar Junk Removal!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

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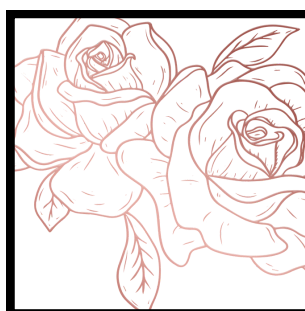
Lollar Junk Removal provides same-day junk removal in Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley. Affordable rates and professional service. Friendly crew specializing in debris and junk removal services, along with recycling and hauling.



As the golden hues of autumn settle around us and the days grow shorter; our preschool class has been joyfully embracing the gifts of the season. At the end of September, we celebrated Michaelmas, a festival of courage, light, and inner strength. The children listened and watched with wide eyes to the tale of St. Michael taming the dragon, a story that gently mirrors our own journey of growing up and facing challenges with bravery. Together, we kneaded dough and shaped a dragon out of bread, the children worked hard to place pumpkin seeds and raisins into the dough to add details to our dragon.

October has been a celebration of pumpkins, nature's cheerful gift during this season of change. We've counted pumpkins, scooped their seeds, and explored their textures and colors. In circle time, we sung pumpkin songs and read pumpkin books, and our classroom and nature table are decorated with miniature pumpkins. As we approach Halloween we are planning a fun celebration, as well as getting prepared for a lantern walk in November that reminds us of the light we carry within, even as the world around us grows darker.

The preschool garden is sprouting peas, spinach, carrots, and radishes that the children worked hard to plant and have been watering for weeks. We seek not to rush childhood but to protect its magic. This autumn, we are planting seeds of courage, imagination, and reverence for nature that we trust will bloom in their own time.



Kindergarten with Ms Anya

We spend two hours outdoors each morning and this past week we had our first frost and enjoyed eating it!

We have turned our veggie chopping into muffin making as well, including adding zucchini and carrots to our muffins.

Our days continually are spent chasing lizards and taking care of them. Recently we really enjoyed our pumpkin carving activities.



1st Grade with Ms Kellie

First grade students enjoying making a bubble volcano!



3rd Grade with Ms Sullivan

Third grade has been reading an abridged version of the classic, "The Wind in the Willows". On Thursday, October 23rd, they enjoyed traveling to Yavapai College to see a theater production of one of the animal adventures from the book. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the narrator's characterization of the animals in the production.

4th/5th/6th Grade with Ms Jodi

Ms. Jodi's class has been super busy, completing handmade playing pieces for their board games. Air dry clay, paint and finishing spray are being employed to help the pieces to last. In addition, students are also practicing their writing skills creating their instructions for their games. In math we are working on Algebra and finding the missing number. Students are also creating Halloween picture books for Pre-K, K and 1st grade. Even Duke is getting ready for Halloween!!!

Amazing Fundraisers!!!



AND



**FUNDRAISER NIGHT AT JAMBA FOR
MOUNTAIN OAK SCHOOL**

**Wednesday NOV. 5TH AND Thursday NOV. 6th
FROM 3PM TO 7PM**

**20% OF ALL SALES GOES BACK TO THE SCHOOL
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

MUST PRESENT THIS FLYER AT THE COUNTER

COMING IN NOVEMBER!

Be on the look out for the opportunity to purchase an Elite discount card!

Mountain Oak Community School will be offering families a discount card which is valid for **1 YEAR for \$20!!!**

The card will have a list of participating local businesses where you will receive discounts when you have and present your Mountain Oak Elite Card!

Additionally the vendors will give a portion of their proceeds back to Mountain Oak Community School!



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Mountain Oak Community School offers incredible Friday Enrichment Programs! Check with the front desk for our current offerings and availability! Space is limited!

Amazing Opportunities!!!

SPANISH CLASSROOM

MISS ALMA

What We Learned

Colombus Day

On Columbus Day, we watched a short film that provided an explanation of the celebration, learned new vocabulary, and completed an edible craft project.

Vocabulary

- Cristobal.
- Pinta
- Niña
- Santa Maria
- Reyes
- América



Numbers



The children are learning numbers alongside interactive games like the battle of the numbers, where two teams, each comprising numbers from 0 cero to 9 nueve, must form the numbers called out; it necessitates teamwork, as when I say 10 (diez), two members from each team must collaborate to form the number using 1 and 0.

Reminders

The Spanish class would appreciate if the kids bring blankets to use in the classroom, as the temperature is dropping, and we are planning meditation classes and movie sessions. Additionally, if you are able to contribute popcorn or snacks for the group of 12 children, it would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Subjects for November

- Día de los muertos, vocabulary reading, testing, craft and Celebration.
- Thanksgiving vocabulary, reading and celebration.



MOVEMENT

WITH MISS ALMA



Look What We Learned

MUSICAL CHAIRS



Core Skills Analysis

Physical Development

- Children engaged in active movement by walking, running, and maneuvering around chairs.
- The activity promotes gross motor skills as children coordinate their movements to join or leave chairs.
- Musical chairs encourages spatial awareness as children navigate their surroundings and avoid collisions.
- Through the physical exertion, children learn to manage their energy and stamina levels during play.

Social Skills

- Participation in the game fosters teamwork and camaraderie among children, as they play simultaneously.
- Children learn to take turns and display patience while waiting for the music to stop.
- Winning or losing teaches children the importance of sportsmanship, helping them handle both victory and defeat gracefully.
- The clapping and cheering develops a sense of community and support among peers.

Emotional Development

- The excitement of the game contributes to positive emotional experiences and joy.
- Winning helps build Amara's self-esteem, while the experience of losing teaches resilience for others.
- The shared celebration through clapping reinforces feelings of belonging and acceptance within the group.
- Children learn to express their emotions verbally and non-verbally through cheers and reactions during gameplay.

Tips

To further enhance the experience, caregivers can introduce variations of the game, incorporate music from different cultures, or use themed chairs to pique interests. Exploring other group games could also improve social interactions and develop cooperation skills among the children.

FLAG GRAB

Purpose: to get everyone running about & for a bit of fun!
What do you need?

A flag! You could use an old tshirt or any square of fabric. Divide the young people into 2 teams and number them so that each team has the same numbers. Get the two teams to stand opposite each other at the end of your room. In the middle stand with the flag! Call out one number at a time, and the 2 participants have to try and grab the flag and return to their team without getting tagged by their competitor. If someone gets tagged, no points are given. If one participant returns to their team with the flag without getting tagged, they win a point!



CIRCLE THE BALL

Develop coordination, spatial awareness and basic motor skills such as throwing and catching, in addition to encouraging teamwork and inclusion. It is an activity that can be adapted to different levels of skill, which makes it accessible to all students and teaches them to respect the rules.

Motor development: Improves eye-hand coordination, visomotor coordination and the ability to throw and catch.

Spatial awareness: Help children understand and react to the space that surrounds them, improving their agility.

Social skills: Encourage teamwork, respect for peers and the rules of the game.

Inclusion: Allows the participation of all students, regardless of their skill level, since the difficulty can be adapted.

Physical condition: Contributes to cardiovascular endurance and agility.

How to play

The participants form a circle and pass a ball to each other.

A player runs around the circle and, at the same time, tries to be faster than the ball to take a place in the circle.

The goal is to catch the ball before the other player, creating a dynamic and competitive game.

Adaptations

Balls of different sizes and weights can be used to adjust the difficulty.

Elements such as paddles or hockey sticks can be added to increase the challenge.



Game Description:

A tag game that turns you into popcorn!

Objective:

Tagger: To tag as many people as you can turning them into popcorn. Runners:

To avoid being tagged and to help pop those who have been turned into a popcorn kernel

Game Rules:

The tagger will attempt to tag the runners. If tagged the runner will turn into a popcorn kernel by crouching down and bending over. The kernels will have to stay still until they have been tapped by a runner. When tapped the kernel jumps up and pops like popcorn, once popped the kernel becomes a runner again.