



FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Happening this Month:

FEBRUARY 12TH *1:00PM EARLY RELEASE DAY* & VALENTINES DAY DANCE

FEBRUARY 16TH *PRESIDENTS DAY (NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED)

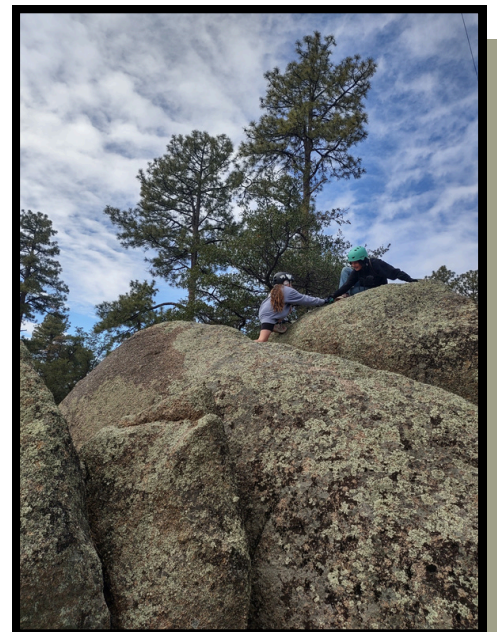


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Friday Enrichment Days...



Is this a mountain bike club or bouldering club? According to Lollie Martinez and Adelynn Mayfield, it's both! It was so cool to see these girls exchanging the role of master and apprentice while out on the trails. Nice work girls!



BECOMING THE FUTURE...

How Enrichment-Based Learning Supports Personalized & Differentiated Education

In today's world, children aren't just preparing for tests — they're preparing for life. And while traditional classrooms often rely on a one-size-fits-all model, many families are discovering something powerful: children thrive when learning feels meaningful, hands-on, and connected to the real world. At Mountain Oak Community School, we believe personalized and differentiated learning doesn't happen by accident. It happens by design — and one of the strongest ways to create it is through enrichment-based education. But what does that actually mean? And why does it work so well?

Enrichment-based education goes beyond worksheets and memorization. It includes learning experiences that expand a child's thinking, creativity, and confidence through:

- Hands-on projects**
- Arts and music**
- Outdoor exploration**
- Movement and meaningful work**
- Real-world problem solving**
- Community-integrated experiences**
- Clubs, workshops, and special interest activities**

Enrichment is not "extra."

At Mountain Oak, enrichment is often the pathway through which deep learning happens.

Mountain Oak's Model: Small Class Sizes + Enrichment = Real Personalization

At Mountain Oak, our Microschool model supports differentiation because we intentionally design for it. With small class sizes and multi-age classrooms, teachers can:

- Meet students where they are**
- Provide flexible grouping**
- Adapt lessons based on readiness**
- Challenge advanced learners without leaving others behind**
- Offer support without labeling a child as "behind"**

This creates a culture where learning feels safe, personalized, and encouraging.



Lavender Rose Preschool

A glance in classrooms...

The Preschool class is participating in Hearts Across America card exchange! This is a kindness project where classrooms from all over the country sign up to send Valentine's cards to others across all 50 states. We have been sending and receiving Valentine's cards and postcards for a few weeks! The goal is to spread love, encouragement, and human connection, while learning about the places we all live! As we receive valentines we read them as a class, chart them on a map, and pin them to the wall in the front office for everyone to see. Please feel free to stop by the front office with your child to view the ongoing project!



7th & 8th Grade

The 7th graders had an opportunity to explore out at Watson Lake trails while there was still water flowing from recent rains. The interpretive hike was a great opportunity to brush up on science lessons from the first part of the year, as well as to learn some new information.



BECOMING THE FUTURE...

Why Traditional Classrooms Struggle With Differentiation

Most traditional schools aren't failing because teachers don't care — they struggle because the system is built for scale, not personalization. Even the best educators can only do so much within that structure. This is one reason families begin searching for alternatives. In many classrooms:

There are 25–35 students in one room
Learning is paced by a fixed curriculum calendar
Instruction is heavily test-driven
Children are grouped strictly by age
Teachers have limited time for individual support

A Better Way Forward for Families Seeking More Than Traditional School...

If you're a parent looking for an alternative to traditional education, you may be searching for a place where your child is:

Seen as an individual
Supported emotionally and academically
Challenged appropriately
Excited to learn again
Part of a community that values growth

Enrichment-based education is one of the most powerful ways to create that kind of experience — and it's at the heart of what Mountain Oak is built to provide.

What It Looks Like in Real Life at Mountain Oak

Enrichment-based education at Mountain Oak might look like:

Students learning fractions through cooking and measuring
Writing stories inspired by seasonal rhythms and nature walks
Science exploration through hands-on experiments and observation
Community-based projects that connect learning to local life
Art and movement woven into daily academics
Friday enrichment programs like culinary arts, music, and creative projects

This isn't learning "on the side." It's learning that sticks.

Enroll for today and secure your child's enrollment for next year!

Mountain Oak Community School is the future...
3rd and 4th quarter enrollments are still open!

To Enroll Visit Our Website
<https://mountainoakschool.org/enrollment>

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Members of our community have asked why we are selling our property...

The answer is simple. We are selling our property to invest in our future. We have no mortgage or lease payments through December 2026. All of our income invests back into our belief that every child matters and we are evolving to reach every child in our community. We seek to convert our property value into learning resources value. **Join us!**