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Dear Families,

We are putting this at the very top this time. **It is a state requirement that you sign your child in and out each and every time you drop off and pick up.** It is not ok to just clock in on the computer and sign the book later. **It is also a requirement that you sign with a minimum of your first initial and FULL last name.** Please help us comply with these regulations so that our license is not jeopardized.

OK, now that we got that out of the way....

A note about Valentine's Day. As you know from reading our parent handbook and your past experiences with us, we do not celebrate holidays. We avoid holidays for several reasons, most importantly, out of respect for some of our families who don't celebrate and would need to stay home from work if we chose to. Please leave your candy, cupcakes and other Valentine's Day treats at home. *Thank you!*

Please join us at the zoo this Saturday, February 11th. Our toddler teachers have organized a group trip to the zoo. Please meet up in the parking lot at the front entrance to the zoo at 9:30. Make sure you sign up so that we know you are coming. Questions? Ask a Quail or Javelina teacher.

The next Saturday, February 18th, will be our annual Love of Reading event. Please join us from 9:30 to 11:00 to celebrate the love of books. We will read, play and hang out. This is not a drop off event – we invite your entire family to come and participate. Bring your best reading voice and old clothes as we are sure there will be opportunities to get dirty!

The next Saturday, February 25th, we are holding a First Aid and CPR class for teachers. We do have some space available for parents interested in being certified in Infant, Child and Adult CPR. Please let us know in the office if you are interested. There will be a charge of \$25 (a great deal) that you will need to pay the day of the

class. The class will begin at 9:00 and end around noon. Space is limited so please sign up in the office.

We brought it up in November, but want to remind you again. If your child will be five years old before September 1st he or she will enter Kindergarten in August. It is very important that you determine what school your child will attend now. Many of our families attend Cragin and Davidson in TUSD. According to the TUSD website, Cragin's kindergarten roundup is Wednesday, February 8th at 2:30. Davidson's is Wednesday, February 15th from 1:30 – 3:30. Academy Adventures Midtown will hold their informational meeting in a few weeks – we will let you know when it is scheduled. Please make plans to visit potential schools to find the right school for your child.

Javelina parents, please note we have adjusted our morning staffing schedule. Ms. Danielle will now arrive at 7:30. If you drop off prior to 7:30 please drop off your child in the Quail room. Thank you.

Many of you have yet to file your taxes. You can file for free online by accessing H&R Block or TurboTax software through the United Way website. You can also get your taxes done in person by a United Way volunteer. Learn more at www.unitedwaytucson.org/freetaxhelp.

How are your rides to and from school? You may want to check the classroom lesson plans hanging in each classroom. This will help guide your questions as you ask about your child's day or give him/her something to look forward to on the way to school.

Thank you to those of you who turned in the parent surveys we passed out last month. Your answers will help us improve. If you have not turned your survey in yet, please do so. You can also ask for a new copy in the office.

Mountain Lion parents! Our teachers will be here all day when school is out for Rodeo Days. We hope to see your children here.

Thank you for letting us spend each day learning with your children – we value our time with them.

Take care,

Blanca, Minnie & Bill