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Did any of you see the story that went viral about a grandfather offering to hold an unknown baby in the doctor's office while the baby's mom filled out paperwork? How about the semi-frequent stories of strangers paying for another person's groceries or meal?

We love hearing those stories of genuine kindness, but we really love seeing it action around here even more. A few days ago one of our families went to the store and purchased new underwear for our accident supply. A few weeks ago, one of you brought in coffee for your child's teachers who have been working long hours as we search for a great teacher to fill an opening. And, even more heartwarming is watching one of our toddlers go comfort a peer who is crying by patting her on the back or seeing a school age child carry a big pumpkin off the bus for a younger peer. We see these things everyday and aside from giving us a bit of a respite from the real world they remind us what is truly important.

We have so much to tell you about! Please read on and be sure to hang this on your refrigerator to remind yourself of upcoming events!

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Lunch on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Check with your child's teachers for an exact time but we hope you will arrive between 11 and 11:30. We imagine this is already on your calendar as you are anxiously awaiting turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries and a meal served on fine china with fresh linens. Mountain Lions will not join in these festivities since they will be at school.

Here is another plug to join us for Parent Play Night on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30. Your entire family is welcome to come play with us as we show you how children learn in our child centered classrooms. All families are welcome!

On November 15<sup>th</sup> all children present in the morning (again, not Mountain Lions) will receive a FREE dental screening and fluoride varnish treatment. (Sponsored by the University of Arizona) This is, of course, optional and we do need you to fill out a permission form; however, we strongly encourage you to participate. A dental hygienist will complete the screening, talk briefly to each child about the importance of brushing and provide your child with a free toothbrush. You will also receive a referral to explain

any concerns the hygienist might have. If your child has not a fluoride treatment in the last 3 months please participate! Turn in the permission form today!

Every few years we work with the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at the University of Arizona to help researchers understand how to better assess language comprehension in young children. Becky Vance, a research speech-language pathologist will be here this month with a team of students to work/play with our 3 – 5 year olds. Your participation in this study is **completely voluntary**. The kids have historically really enjoyed participating in the project as they work individually with the researchers. If the study leaders have concerns with your child’s speech and language they will, of course, let you know. Please review the attached information and turn the permission form in today if you are interested in your child participating.

**Please tell us your attendance plans!** We want to know if your child(ren) will be here Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (the day after Thanksgiving), Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be open until 5 PM these 3 days and will use your attendance expectations to schedule our teachers accordingly. **Please tell us today!**

The holidays are coming! The holidays are coming! Why is it that the things children look forward to immensely often cause parents stress and worry? We encourage you to keep your routines consistent, help your children learn reasonable expectations and never threaten to take away Christmas if your child’s behavior is not perfect. Want more info on why this threat will only make things worse? Ask, we are happy to share!

November 14	6:30 – 7:30	Parent Play Night
November 15	Morning	Dental Screenings
November 20	11ish	Thanksgiving Lunch
November 22	Closed for Thanksgiving	
November 23	Open, but we close at 5 PM. Please RSVP	
December 24	Open, but we close at 5 PM. Please RSVP	
December 25	Closed for Christmas	
December 31	Open, but we close at 5 PM. Please RSVP	
January 1	Closed for New Year’s Day	

Lastly, a representative from Make Way for Books (MWFB) will be here this month recruiting families for their “Raising a Reader” program. Your family will love this free program – please consider chatting with them to learn more.

Thanks for being part of our Outer Limits community. We’re looking forward to a great November!

*Blanca, Minnie and Bill*