

Welcome to Kindergarten



Mrs. Hoelzen

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Meet the office staff:



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Meet the Kindergarten
and support staff:



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**Please remember to join
PTSA - they do so much for
our school! They are
awesome!**

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Teaching Experience:

Taught preschool in the Washington School District
for 2 years
Taught kindergarten in the Deer Valley District for
24 years

Education:

BA in elementary education from ASU
Master's Degree in Early Childhood from
NAU
Early Childhood Endorsement
Reading Endorsement from NAU
Gifted Endorsement
SEI Endorsement
National Board Certified in Early Childhood



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Handwriting

The handwriting program being used by the Kindergartners at Copper Creek is called Handwriting Without Tears. This is developmentally based and appropriate for all children. The focus is on using one-stroke letters, straight, slant, and letter formation that starts at the top. The students will be expected to use this style in the classroom and for any homework. A copy is included in your packet. Please note the proper letter formation when helping your child with handwriting.



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Yearly Themes

August: Gingerbread Man, Family and Friends,
 September: Community, Safety, Apples, Mice, Dinosaurs
 October: Mother Goose, Pumpkins, Bears
 November: Teddy Bears, Thanksgiving
 December: Winter Holidays Around the World
 January: Quilts, Seasons, Eggs
 February: Valentine's Day, Zoo Animals and Habitats
 March: Plants, Body
 April: Rodeo, Farm, Insects, Pajama party
 May: Ocean, Memories



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Technology

A wide variety of technology is being incorporated into the curriculum. The use of the Smartboard, computers for learning and publishing student material will be implemented and we have a set of ipads. Videos, when appropriate, will be shown to enrich the curriculum. All use of technology will be determined by me.



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Being There Experiences

"Being There Experiences" will be taken to enhance the curriculum and classroom studies several times during the school year. Location and dates of the experiences will depend on units of study.

Prior trips have included the Children's Museum, A Pumpkin Patch on our playground, and Water Day with a water slide on our playground.

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Homework

Homework is assigned on Friday and is due the following Friday. There are various choices to choose from, and you may gear the academic level to your own child's level. Please be sure to challenge your child to keep him/her advancing. Homework will be an effort grade. Reading at home is recommended 15 minutes daily.



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Assessment

A variety of assessment tools are used in kindergarten. These include daily observations, tests, dictation tests, samples of work, growth in each area, reading surveys (if applicable), writing portfolios, and checklists for letters, sounds, numbers, and counting, DVMA, and DIBELS.



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Parent Volunteers

I love to have parents volunteer in the classroom. When parents are involved in their child's education, the gains that are made are considerable for everyone involved. Having another adult to help with writing, math, keeping students on task, answering questions and other classroom management details helps immensely. It allows me to work with students on a more individualized basis. Please plan to help in classroom - you will love it as much as we love having you! Consider joining PTSA - they do so much for us!

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Transportation Changes

If any changes need to occur regarding your child's transportation home from school, please notify me in writing about these changes. Please do not call the voice mail and leave a message. I do not have time to check the voice mail before the children leave school. In case of an emergency, you can call the office and leave a message with the secretary regarding any changes. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Snacks

We will be having a daily snack. Please send in snacks at the beginning of the month, or anytime you remember them, for the whole class to share. We work very hard during the day, and the snacks re-energize us to continue to work. Snacks could include crackers, carrots, cookies, juice or any other snack the children would like. Everything must be store-bought. Thank you in advance. Put your child's name on his/her snack.



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MathEngage NY and Investigations

- Hands on
- Higher level critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Graphing
- Geometry
- Number sense
- Addition/subtraction
- Sorting/classifying
- Time and money



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ScienceFoss

- Hands on
- Questioning
- Hypothesizing
- Experimenting
- Discovering conclusions
- Numerous ways to answer one question



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Social StudiesHarcourt

- Active citizenship
- Geography
- History
- Different cultures and traditions
- Appreciation of varying ideas



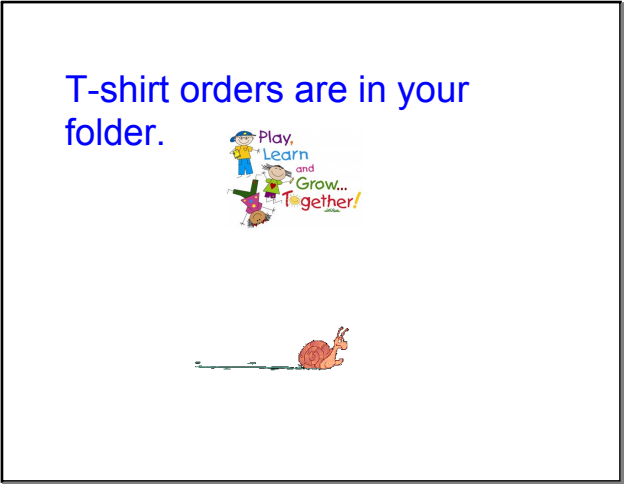
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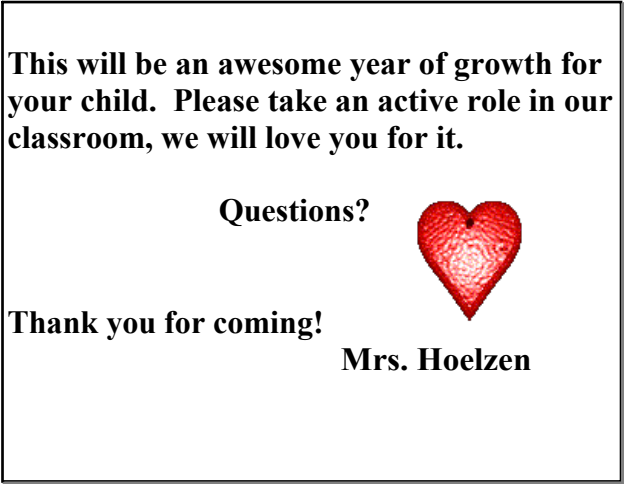
- Print awareness
- Phonemic awareness
- Visual and auditory
- Word awareness
- Vocabulary and concept
- Letters, words, sentences
- Use: Zoophonics, Words We Know Wall, Chart stories



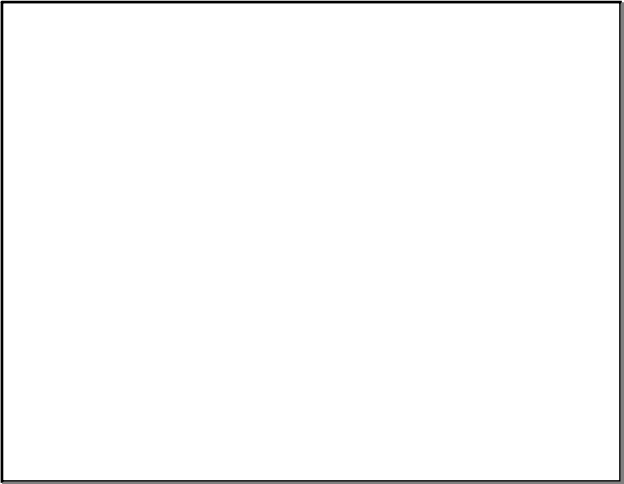
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