

# Arroyo Del Oso - December 2019

## **December at Arroyo Del Oso Elementary**

We will be running the following clubs: Princess Club with Alyssa and Zaylee, Winter Olympics Club with Ervin, Sensory Club with Monica, DIY Spa Club with Taylor, and the Science of Air Club with Natacha.

## 2019 Turkey Trot

We continued the annual tradition of the Turkey Trot at ADO this November. The children were grouped into three heats, Kindergarteners and First Graders, Second and Third, and Fourth and Fifth at the end. The grand prize was of course a whopping turkey to take home, followed with either biscuits, stuffing mix, or pumpkin pie filling for the runners-up. The kids were, per usual, extremely excited about the competition and chance to win their family something for the holiday (getting to chase after staff and older kids was a plus, too!).

Below we see Diego and Dmitri collecting their winnings while Breelynn contemplates next year's run and the older kids strategize in the background.



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### **Reminders:**

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: Kids Clean with Casey & Crew Older kids and staff will beautify the ADO neighborhood between 3:00-4:30pm. Rake donations/loans gladly accepted!

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Choice will be open for full days (7am-6pm) @ INEZ ELEMENTARY You must register at childrens-choice.org.

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#### Trip to G-Force Gymnastics Academy



Can you make the climb? Last month we escaped the cold outside jungle-gym and took an adventure to G-Force Gymnastics Academy. There the kids enjoyed an introduction to safe gym play, a fun, musical warm-up stretch, followed by an acrobatics obstaclecourse that had a lot of us catching cat-naps on the bus ride home. Above you see the children patiently waiting to see whether they can beat Emily's time to the top of the fabled climbing rope to "Ring the bell"! Many of our students had never seen real gymnastics equipment before but I'll be keeping my eyes open in the upcoming few Olympics – Go A-D-O!



#### ADO's Got Talent!

At the end of the week, at the end of the day, the kids want a show, and the kids usually provide it. This month was no exception, with a huge fan-favorite making a comeback. Kid Karaoke had one of the highest turn-outs of any activity this year and we plan on keeping it as a mainstay the kids can request when they're feeling musical. Jose's "Monster" had everyone singing along in fear.

#### Happy to Help!



Almost every day we hold homework club

for those kids who want to get their assignments out of the way before they get picked up to go home. Fridays are the sometime-exception, as most of the kids are off the hook, having completed their work already or with teachers who don't normally assign work on the weekends.

Pictured above we see Monica and Alyssa helping Zaylee with her math homework right up front. A little further back we even see a parent visitor making good use of Marley's concentration. Standing up in the gray is Taylor, reading spelling words out of sight – no peeking!

If your child is interested in taking part in homework club, remind them that we are happy to help!

#### **Plated Playdoh**

To practice proper Playdoh etiquette, Macy shows the right way to plate different foods made of the fun play-clay – no mixing, just "arranging."

Thanks, Chef!

