

# Children's Choice Chronicle



## Manzano Mesa

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - November 26<sup>th</sup>

### Announcements

-Happy Thanksgiving Break! We will see you all Monday November 29<sup>th</sup> for regular morning and afternoon program!

-Interested in joining our Continuous Quality Improvement team (CQI)?

--Talk with Monique to get signed up, or if you are interested in getting more information! We are looking for at least 3 parents to join, but would love even more!

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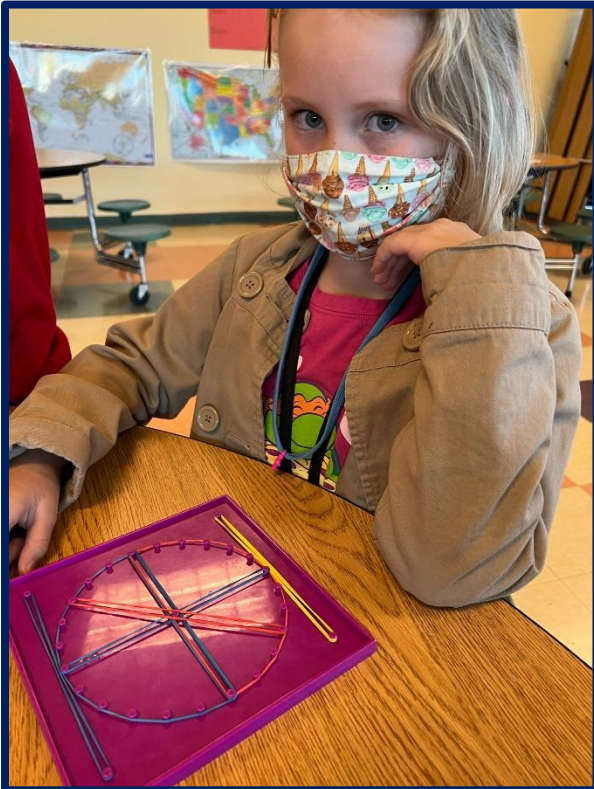
## Our Week, at a Glance:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Full Day Childcare Available at Bandelier <b>(Registration and sack lunch required!)</b>	Full Day Childcare Available at Bandelier	Full Day Childcare Available at Bandelier	Happy Thanksgiving! Children's Choice CLOSED	Children's Choice CLOSED

### Reminders:

Please bring in a family photo for our Children's Choice Community Tree! Silly ones are highly encouraged, OR you can email them to me for your Convenience!

# Meet the Meerkats of Children's Choice!



*Dorothy B.*

This is Dorothy (7), she has been attending Children's Choice for three years. She even attended the Children's Choice Pre-School. When asked about how she likes Children's Choice vs. the Pre-School, Dorothy said, "I like both, they are just different, my favorite part of the pre-school was playing with the pretend food...My favorite part here is the Science Area and the Games Area. I like games because the games are fun, and the Science Area because I love the geo-boards!"

Dorothy really likes to hang out with Dage (7), Ember (6), and Eduardo (8) when she is at Children's Choice. They like to play Minecraft Uno in the Games Area. She also likes to, "...read books with Eduardo in the Quiet Area, play with the geo-boards with Dage in the Science Area, and we all like to go to the gym together."

Dorothy's all-time favorite activity from Children's Choice is any origami activity that Hunter leads. She likes that he is, "really good at it, and can help me with the steps."

Dorothy's favorite superhero is Spider Gwen! If Dorothy was a super-hero, she would want the ability to be invisible, teleportation, super speed, and the ability to jump really high! Dorothy said, "I would use my powers for goodness, and also just for fun! I would



# Children's Choice Annual Turkey Trot

Every year Children's Choice hosts a Turkey Trot, where every child that participates has the opportunity to race for a chance to win a turkey for their family to enjoy during Thanksgiving!

Every year, this tradition evolves, and in order to uphold new regulations this year, we were not able to invite the parents into the program, to be a part of this tradition. We did, however take pictures and videos to help document this super fun event! We also decided to have the kids run in a straight line, to try and beat the turkey in a race, instead of catch the turkey. This was to help ensure more distance between the kids, and to lower the risk of a collision.

All of our participants were so excited to race against our turkey staff, Turkey Tait for the older group and Turkey Hunter for the Younger group.

We are looking forward to seeing how next year's turkey trot turns out!



# Beat-Box Presentation



Monique was able to schedule a presentation through the University of New Mexico Acapella Choir! This Choir is different from others, because they have their very own Beat-Boxer, who was excited to share his knowledge with all the kids!

This presentation was different from presentations in the past because it was virtually. Dakson was our main presenter, and was very knowledgeable with how to create different sounds while beat-boxing.

He discussed how and why it is important to warm-up your mouths before diving deep into beat-boxing. Then, he walked us through three different exercises:

1. Lips: vibrating them, by making a raspberry.
2. Tongue: fluttering it, like when you roll your "R's"
3. Cheeks: flapping them, similar to the raspberry and this was the hardest one. The kids had to turn their heads to the side, and blow air into their cheek.

Here were some quotes from throughout the presentation:

"That sounds like a UFO." -Bie (10)

"WOAH! That was a funny!" -Ben (8) -This was in reference to a VERY deep raspy sound

"My favorite part was his solo!" -Jair (8)

"I liked the last part, because it was very good, and I liked dancing!" - Sophia (7) and friends

We will continue to stay in communication with the choir, and I'm hoping to get a virtual holiday concert set up with them!

