



# End of Year Newsletter

## Program Updates

The Purple Room will remain a Hearing Impaired (HI) Co-Enrollment Explorer program; however, we will move to double sessions. \*More information to come.

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Projected Times for 2016-2017 school year (official times TBA)

School Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

- AM Class Times: 9:05-11:35
- PM Class Times: 1:40-4:10

\*Due to our new class schedule, most IEPs will be scheduled on Wednesdays.

### Staff & Service Providers

Cassee- Lead Teacher

Nancy- TA (Purple Room)

Deb- TA (Purple Room)

Valeria- Community Helper (Purple Room)

Darin- TA (Rover)

Cindy - HI Teacher (part time)

Cyndie -Speech and Language Pathologist

\*TBA-A second SLP is projected to be hired.

### General Program Info:

Children attending the Purple Room class will learn sign language in addition to verbal language using a total communication (TC) method. While we will not have an interpreter the teachers and teaching assistants know American Sign Language (ASL).

### Dates to Remember

#### May

5/3/16 Ice Cream Social

- 6:30

5/20/16

- Last Day for Explorers
- Island Day-Please send your child with water clothes and a towel.
- End of the Year Party
  - 5:30-7:30pm

8/8/16 First Day for Explorers

- AM Class Times: 9:05-11:35
- PM Class Times: 1:40-4:10

# What to do over the summer?

## *In the community:*

[Stay and Play](#)-Open Playtime, parent-child activities, circle time, parent support and education.

## [Story Time at the Library](#)-What is Storytime?

Storytime is a free service of the Pima County Public Library. It is an opportunity for parents to introduce their children to reading and language in a fun way. At Storytime, children have an opportunity to do activities that promote development and learning. All programs are designed for parents to participate with their children; arrangements for school, daycare, or other group visits need to be made in advance.

## *At home:*

### *Ready at Five- The Early Years Matter*

#### [ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD](#)-Ages 0-2 and Ages 3-4

- This free site has a lot of ideas for activities that target every area of development.
- [ACTIVITY CARDS](#)-Full list of activity cards

#### [SUMMER ACTIVITY PACKETS](#)-Downloadable PowerPoint

- This packet has a lot of fun and easy ideas you can do with your child.

## Rhyming Games

[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/featured-games/preschool\\_games\\_rhyme.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/featured-games/preschool_games_rhyme.html)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bll/reggie/index.htm>

<http://www.getreadytoread.org/skill-building-activities/online-games>

## Alphabet Knowledge

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-k/index/play.htm?f>

[http://www.abcya.com/kindergarten\\_computers.htm](http://www.abcya.com/kindergarten_computers.htm)

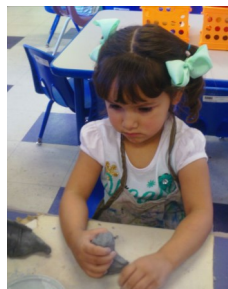
## Other Literacy Games:

# Preparing your child for kindergarten

[Summertime Tips for Preparing Kids to Enter Kindergarten](#)

# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Snapshots from Dinosailors and All Aboard the Dinotrain



## HELPFUL LINKS

Did you know the Purple Room has a Secret Group on Facebook just for families?

Please email me at [Cassandra.Melendez@tusd1.org](mailto:Cassandra.Melendez@tusd1.org) for an invitation.

Miles Preschool: <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Miles/preschool.asp>

This is the preschool website.

Miles Preschool PM Class: <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Miles/prehiexplorer.asp>

This is the link to the Hearing Impaired (HI) Co-Enrollment Explorer Program

Miles Deaf and Hearing Parent Group - <https://www.facebook.com/ilesdeafandhearingparentgroup>

American Sign Language University:

<http://www.lifeprint.com/index.htm>

This site has a lot of ASL resources including a video dictionary.

Pima County Public Library <http://www.library.pima.gov/>

PBS Parents: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/child-development/preschool-kindergarten/>

This site has some helpful information for parents.