Calvary MOPS Newsletter: February 2019 Edition

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# breathe freely, laugh freely

It's a difficult question to ask yourself and maybe a difficult answer to come to terms with, but ponder this...in the course of a day, a week, a month what is your ratio of yelling to laughing? We understand. Our kids are trying, they don't listen, they have their own agenda, sometimes you feel invisible, your significant other hands your child a cookie 5 minutes before dinner, frustrations boil over...so maybe we take 10 seconds to close our eyes and breathe, to center ourselves and hopefully cage the mangy, sleep deprived beast. You see breath gives life to our body, but laughter brightens, sweetens, and intensifies that life. Our MOPS theme encourages us to "breathe freely and JOYFULLY, and be refreshed".

Can you picture the last time you had the most uncontrollable urge to laugh? Can you remember physically how it makes your body feel more alive? Yes, it may be terrible timing and you're suppressing the urge to laugh with all your might, but take a moment to revisit the sensation of laughter rolling through your body and the fullness of spirit that literally wants to burst out of you. It's invigorating, it's energizing, and it is refreshing to your soul.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come". (Proverbs 31:35)

Our prayer for you is that on your journey this year to breathe freely you also allow yourself to laugh freely and to glory in the realization that joy lives in you and it yearns to be shared!

# Remember the woman you were before you had kids. She's still in there. Take care of her.

# a top five list.

- 1. For educational indoor activities on a cold day check out @dayswithgrey and @busytoddler on Instagram.
- 2. Teach your kids to breathe along with you with Cosmic Kids Yoga on Prime.
- 3. Kids eat free restaurants!
- 4. It may be a little late to attend the IF Gathering 2019, but if you're curiosity was sparked check out their <u>website</u>.

5. Here's the <u>Sound Development Chart</u> shared by Speech-Language Pathologist, Tara Roehl.



# **Creamy Avocado Dressing**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 very ripe avocado
1/2 cup packed fresh parsley or cilantro leaves, stem removed
sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
1/2 tsp ground cumin
juice of one large lime
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, or avocado oil
2 fresh garlic cloves, peeled
1/3-1/2 cup of cold water (start with less and work up to your desired consistency)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Place all ingredients into a food processor, or high speed blender, then blend until smooth. Keep refrigerated in an air-tight jar for up to 3 days. It may get thicker, so before serving, just add a bit of water and/or whisk until desired consistency.

Makes about 1 1/4 cups of dressing.

\*Recipe from CleanFoodCrush





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# **FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK**

Oh The Places You'll Go

# SONG THAT BRINGS YOU TO TEARS

Oceans

# **FAVORITE SEASON AND WHY**

Spring, everything is starting over. New and beautiful.

dogs or cats

coffee of tea

chocolate of vanilla

morning person or night owl

# MOPS KIDS INFORMATION



Keep updated with what your children are learning about in our MOPS Kids program. All curricululm information is available on the Calvary MOPS website and take a moment as well to review our emergency protocol.

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