

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
The Nurturing Nook Riverpoint

May 2024 Newsletter

Center News

Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month, and May the fourth be with you! Last month was pretty festive with our Week Of the Young Child spirit week. We loved all of the participation from both the staff and children.

This month we will be celebrating a few important holidays alongside AAPI Heritage month, including Teacher Appreciation Week and Mother's Day. We'll be celebrating our teachers during the first week of May with thoughtful gift ideas for each day. We like to not only tell our teachers how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication, but also show them. Alongside T.A.W, we'll also celebrate the special women in our lives with our "Muffins in the Morning" Mother's Day celebration on May 9th from 7am-9am. We invite you to join our center Mother's Day event, as well as the classrooms that are having their own Mother's Day celebrations. Lastly, we can't forget about our book fair, which is also taking place the week of May 6th-10th. Whew! That sure is an overload of activities for one week isn't it?!

As always, the season may technically be Spring, but we never know what will come of this Wisconsin weather. Parents please make sure your child has the appropriate outerwear for outdoor walks/play, as well as extra clothing for any food/milk spills or any other incidents.

May the fourth be with you,  
Valerie, Cynthia, and LaVada





Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
Little Lambs  
Molly & Laranda

April Re-cap

Last month we focused on the different seasons. We also did fun art projects

May Agenda

Our focus for this month will be Mother's Day and Memorial Day. We will be making special art activities for both holidays. As most of you know, we will be removing the containers (swings, bouncers, exersaucers, etc.) from the classroom little by little to help promote more engagement with your little ones, as well as more floor time to encourage infant mobility.



Special dates & Reminders

Please make sure your child has a light jacket/coat for outdoor activities such as buggy rides in the area





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Darling Ducks  
Alex & Timpani

April Re-cap

Last month we learned about BUGS! Our room really felt like Spring. We also did sensory play activity with paint and dirt.

May Agenda

This month we will focus on zoo animals. We have several art activities planned for this month, such as, Peacocks, Gorilla & me handprints, and Flamingos. We also have a Tiger sensory craft we'll be doing. Seeing how our theme for this month is zoo animals, please don't be alarmed by the moo-ing or quacking adults that you may see/hear as you enter our room.



Special dates & Reminders

Audrey's Birthday- May 22nd

We have been going outside more and ask that you please make sure your child has the appropriate outerwear for the weather (jackets, hats, sunglasses, etc.)

Please remember to check your child's daily sheet for any supplies needed (sunscreen, diapers, wipes, etc.)

Please check your child's bin to make sure the clothing is not too small/outgrown





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Toddling Teddies  
Dala & Daneca

April Re-cap

Last month brought so much fun and excitement! From tie-dye t-shirts and kites, to ducks and ladybugs. We especially enjoyed our visit from Ms. Ann with Music Together Northshore. We sang, danced, and played music instruments.



May Agenda

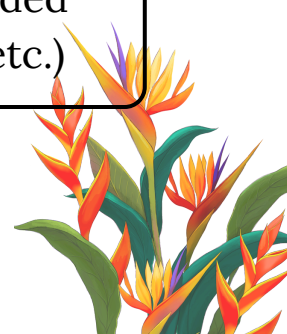
This month we will learn about many different things, such as insects, planting flowers ( and its process, and celebrating Mother's day and Memorial Day. We will continue to build on our skills that focus on eating with our utensils, developing our self help skills, and cleaning up after ourselves. Our friends Magnolia and Callum, and June are transitioning so well into the Toddling Teddies room since joining us from the Darling Ducks room.



Special date & Reminders

Please make sure your child has extra clothing for the classroom, as well as the appropriate outerwear for the weather

Please make sure you check your child's daily sheet for any supplies needed (wipes, diapers, diaper cream, etc.)





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Energetic Elephants  
Breanna & Landrey

April Re-cap

Last month we learned about our self help skills which included self-serving ourselves at breakfast and lunch. We also learned about community helpers such as, police officers, postal workers, firefighters, etc.

May Agenda

Our main focus for this month will be sharing and taking turns. We will also be learning about the things that spring brings (bugs, flowers, etc.). We will continue to work on identifying our numbers, colors, and shapes. As the weather begins to slightly warm up, we will start to plant flowers, fruits, and maybe even veggies.



Special Dates & Reminders

Mother's Day Breakfast

May 10th

8-9am

Please remember to check your child's cubby at the end of every day/week

Please make sure your child has weather appropriate outerwear and extra clothing






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Perky Ponies  
Sybal & Keshia

April Re-cap

We enjoyed painting a beautiful classroom mural for our wall last month. Our Week of the Young child celebration was our classroom favorite. The kids enjoyed being rockstars and dressing as their favorite family members as well. We also celebrated W.O.Y.C by making a friendship handprint tree to display in the hallway at the front of the building.

May Agenda



Spring is officially here. Flowers are starting to bloom thanks to all of the April showers we had last month. This month our theme will be planting and flowers. We will nourish our flower beds and watch how our plants start to grow. We will also be making a special Mother's Day craft to celebrate our mothers.



Special dates & Reminders

Nathan's Birthday- May 14th  
Brooks' Birthday- May 18th

Please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their cubby and the appropriate outerwear for the weather





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Happy Hippos  
Bobbie & Keke

April Re-cap

April showers, bring May flowers! April certainly brought rain. This past month we talked about different weather patterns and observed them by enjoying the outdoors. We enjoyed our art crafts of tie-dye butterflies, and painting the earth to celebrate Earth day.

May Agenda

This month we will have three main units (Flowers, Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo). We have lots planned for our units, such as, fork print flowers, making a special Mother's Day gift, and making sombrero hats. We would like to welcome Lyla and Thomas to our class from the Perky Ponies room, and say see you later to Julia as she transitions to the Playful Penguins class.



Special Dates & Reminders

Lyla's Birthday- May 7th  
Thomas' Birthday- May 10th

As the weather starts to change, please make sure you child has the appropriate outerwear in their cubby (jackets, hats, etc.)





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## Playful Penguins Angel & Rheannon

### April Re-cap

April brought us plenty of showers to nourish the flowers to grow. We enjoyed Week of the Young Child, lessons in music, science, and animals.

### May Agenda

This month we will talk about spring time and fun things to do in Spring. We will also talk about families and host our mother's for a Mother's Day Tea party to celebrate them. We would like to welcome Julia to our class from the Happy Hippos class. We're super excited to have her join us.



### Special Dates & Reminders

Mateo's Birthday- May 7th  
Nico's Birthday- May 7th  
Mother's Day Tea Party-  
May 8th at 3:15pm

Please check your child's cubby at the end of every day/week

Please remember to send wipes with your child if they are still in diapers/pull-ups







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Gifted Giraffes  
Shalonda & Erica

April Re-cap

Last month we learned about the four seasons, and what each season brings to the earth. We also talked about the ways we can keep the earth clean and green, and what it takes for the flowers and grass to grow back from photosynthesis.

May Agenda

This month is all about colors! The children will learn to identify colors by their names and spelling. Our activities for the month will consist of colorful caterpillars, color exercises, color sorting (socks), color patterns, and more!



Special Dates & Reminders

Movie Day- May 10th 3-4pm  
\*treats are welcome\*

Rainbow Fish Treat- May 17th





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## Leaping Lizards Melody & Vicki

### April Re-cap

With so much beauty in the world, it is a gift to embrace it all around us. Following a unit on Earth Day, we joined in Earth's Birthday Project, whose mission is to inspire wonder, learning, and caring for the Earth. We were sent caterpillars for us to study and care for. We watched the caterpillar double in size. We were so eager to see them form their cocoon, also known as a chrysalis. That was not the only big word we learned last month. We also learned that the process of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly is called metamorphosis.

### Special Dates

May 1st- Picture Day  
May 5th- Mykenna's Birthday  
May 10th- Mother's Day Concert  
May 16th- Kindness Party  
May 26th- Nolan's Birthday


### May Themes

Week of May 6th: The Farm  
Week of May 13th: All about Mom  
Week of May 20th: Gardening  
Week of May 27th: Bugs


Our class is excited for our unit on gardening. We'll be planting beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, and more. Our playground gets great sunlight, and in years past, our gardens have yielded a nice crop.

### Mother's Day Concert

With Mother's Day around the corner, our class will be performing a special concert on Friday, May 10th at 4pm. We want to show our appreciation for our moms, grandmothers, and any other special women in our lives. It's time to celebrate their love and selflessness that they give to their families everyday. The children will sing some songs for you, present you with a special gift they have made, and share homemade cupcakes from Ms. Melody with you. To ensure there is enough space for everyone to enjoy the concert, we ask that each child brings no more than two guests.




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Welcome to the team!!



Rheannon comes to us with 3 years of experience in the childcare field. Her favorite thing about working with children is being able to shape their education.

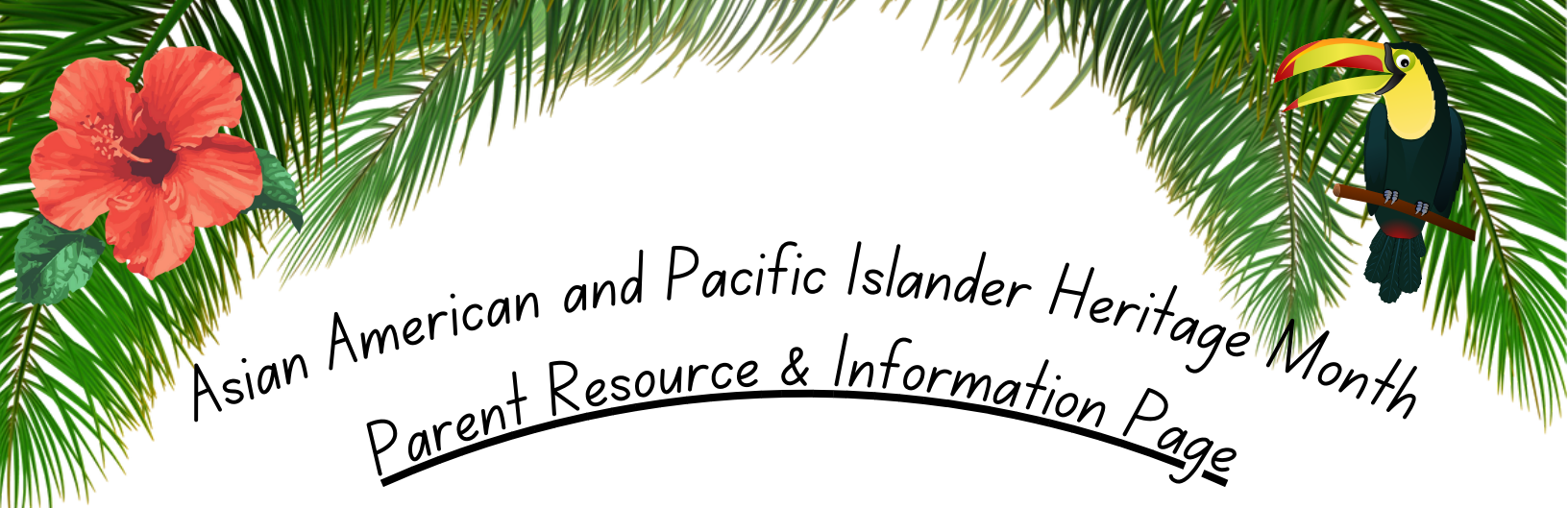


Laranda is joining our team with 9 years of experience in the childcare field. Her favorite children's books are the Pete the Cat series, and The Berenstain Bears.



Landrey comes to us with 32 years of experience in the childcare field. She loves working with children because they embrace who they are in an untainted, authentic way.





# Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Parent Resource & Information Page

## Why we show our teachers appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is a time to honor the invaluable contributions of educators who tirelessly guide and inspire students every day. Teachers are the shining stars in the constellation of our society, illuminating the path to knowledge and growth. Please join us as we celebrate our teachers!

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## Upcoming Center Events

Make-up Picture Day: May 1st

Teacher Appreciation Week : May 6th-10th

Book Fair: May 6th-10th

Muffins in the Morning: May 9th

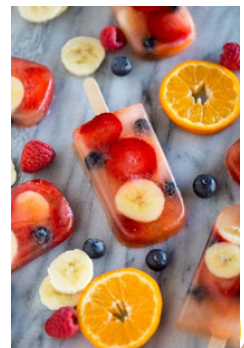


Check out the fun family activities happening in the city EVERY weekend:

<https://www.mkewithkids.com/post/weekend/>

## Fun Kid approved Snack idea

Homemade Fruit Pops recipe:  
<https://tastesbetterfromscratch.com/easy-homemade-fruit-pops/>



If you need to print your child's shot record in an instant you can do so by at this link:

<https://www.dhfswir.org/PR/clientSearch.do>

