



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello May,

We are sure excited to get outside and spend some time exploring. The month of April gave us a tease of the beautiful weather but we know that warmer days are just ahead.

Last month we celebrated our children during the "Week of the Young Child." We loved the Candy Land Theme and the children had fun participating in the activities all week. We also had an amazing family night and were glad that so many of you could attend.

As we get into the month of May, we will be celebrating our Teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week along with all of our mom's.



Teacher Appreciation Week

is May 8th -May 12th. Please check your email for special things that we have planned. Thank you in advance for your participation.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We would like to extend a Happy Mother's Day to all of the amazing ladies in our lives. We hope you have a Happy Mother's Day. Please join us on Friday May 12th for Muffins with Mom. 8:30am

Here Comes the Sun



The sun is finally beginning to warm our days.

In order to keep your children safe from the sun's rays, The Nurturing Nook provides sunscreen that we can apply to your child with your permission. If you prefer to provide your own sunscreen, that is okay as well. We ask that you please complete a medication form indicating brand and administration instructions.

Sunscreen authorization forms will be located in the front entrance on the table next to the fish tank. Please complete and return asap.



The Nurturing Nook Inc. has utilized the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) since Fall 2014. The ASQ is the #1 developmental screener for children from 1 month

to 5 ½ years. It is fast and easy, reliable and valid and it is parent completed. In addition, it is a culturally sensitive tool as well as being consistent over time and across different users. The ASQ is a tool that is used by local pediatricians' offices including Bayshore Pediatrics and Northshore Pediatrics Children's Medical Groups and is a tool that you can use to check your child's development. Your child will be able to do some of the items but possibly not all of the items. The answers you provide will help show your child's strengths as well as any areas where your child may need support or more practice. You will be able to practice the same skills with your child that we practice here at the Center. Our teaching staff have been trained in both the use and scoring of the ASQ by an ASQ certified trainer. We will send home the ASQ that aligns with your child's age this

month. We ask you to fill it out and return it to us so we can score it. Please return to the center by Friday **May 12**. We value being able to partner with parents to develop future learning opportunities that will help their child grow. Teaching staff will collaborate with parents, utilizing the results from the ASQ to identify targeted goals and objectives for their child that will become the focus both at home and school to ensure consistency in their child's learning plan. So please keep your eye out for the purple ASQ Questionnaire that will be in your child's mailbox. Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled for June and July so watch out for dates for your opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. We have a lot of wonderful things planned for this month so please keep your eyes open for more details.

Mary



May Birthdays:

Eva	05/02
Zoe	05/03
Maggie	05/10
Camille	05/13
Sage	05/18
Quinn	05/19
Jabril	05/20
Adalyn	05/25
Zara	05/28
James	05/30
Adelaide	05/30

May Staff Birthdays

Ms. Sierra	05/10
Ms. Halima	05/14

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

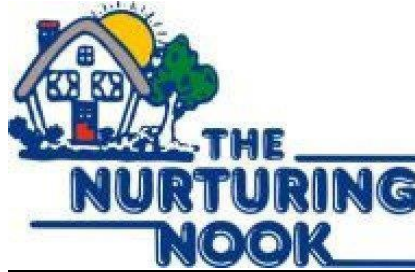
FREE COMMUNITY ACCESS DAYS AT BETTY BRINN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Feb 16 | March 16 | April 20 | May 18 | June 15 | July 20 | August 17 | September 21 | October 19 | November 16 | December 21

Special Days in May

May 1- May Day
 May 4- Star Wars Day
 May 5- Cinco De Mayo

May 6-Kentucky Derby
 May 8-12- Teacher
 Appreciation Week
 May 22-23 Picture Day
 Lifetouch Portraits
 May 29- Memorial Day
 Center Closed

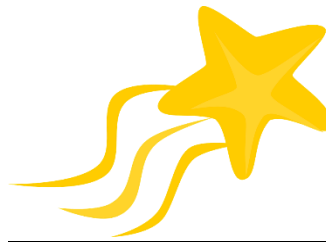


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be dedicated to the Flowers and to the mom's doing projects with the babies. The third week will be reading and doing activities about Mother Goose. The fourth week we will be reading and listening to music from Sesame Street and the last week of the month will be for the colors red, white and blue.



**REMINDER WE ARE
 CLOSED ON MONDAY,
 MAY 29TH FOR MEMORIAL
 DAY!**



**Little Stars
 May Newsletter**

In the event you are unable to reach our center, please call our emergency phone 414-507-6084. You can also call one of the other centers and they can get in touch with Mary or Andrea M or Andrea O

Glendale/Donna
 414-961-1482
Riverpoint/Valerie
 414-352-6115

Hello May,
 Can you believe how far the children have progressed? Winnie already sits alone without support, Izzy and Grayson are already rolling all over the room and taking the toys that are around her, June rolls over from stomach to back and tries to take the toys that are far from her, Zach and Lennox take the toys with his hand. Very good children!

In this month of May, the first and second week will

**Reminders for
 Parents**

- Please wash your baby's hands every morning when you arrive.
- Please sign your baby in and out daily.
- **Please parents put a label on the caps of your baby's bottles with your child's initials and the date; the labels are in the room.** Thanks
- Parents, please do not remove the labels with your baby's name from the bottle, this is so there is no bottle confusion, thanks.

- Can you please bring a family photo.

Ms. Mayra and Lori



**Sparkling Sprouts
May News**

The month of May is filled with the sounds of birds, the smell of fresh flowers and summer breezes. We are so excited that May is finally here. The children have been enjoying the spring days that allow us to play outside time to time. The month marks the end of spring and the beginning of summer.

This month we will be talking about our garden and birds. We will get out

and plant our vegetables that we worked so hard on growing. The infants will be learning some new songs such as The Blue Bird and Five little birds sitting on a fence. The infants will be learning how to sign bird and the sounds birds make. As Mother's Day soon approaches, we will begin working on some super special surprises! All the art activities are designed to enhance the children's fine motor skills as well as perfecting their hand eye coordination. Please be sure to have an appropriate sun hat as well as light coat, sock, and shoes every day. This time of the year the weather can be unpredictable and it is always better to be prepared. We are looking forward to a fun filled month!

Mrs. Sarah and Mrs. Asiyat



**May News from the
Toddling Turtles**



Hello Toddling Turtle families,

Time flies when you are so busy learning in the turtle's room. We are sad to see our wonder twins Alex & Zach moving on to the little bears room but we will be able to play with them outside in the beautiful May weather. We are very happy to welcome our new friends Courtney and Julian into the turtle's room and see them grow in leaps and bounds.

This month we will be learning about some things we typically see in the month of May.

**May 1-May 5
Fish**

During this week we will be talking about fish and where they can be found. We will read stories like Sea Monster and the bossy fish, one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish, Piggy and dad go fishing, Gilbert Goldfish

wants a pet, and My visit to the aquarium. We will also pretend to go fishing in our sensory table and see who can catch the most fish. We will do some fish art and talk about the different color fish can be.

May 8-19

Flowers/Mother's Day

For the next two weeks we are going to be learning all about the flowers we see almost everywhere during this month. We will also be making something special for our mom. We will do some planting of flowers, smell different flowers we see on walks in the neighborhood, we will read about flowers and do some finger painting of the colorful flowers we see. We will be making flower art and painting beautiful flower pots for our flowers.

May 22-31

Bumblebees

For our last two weeks in May, we will be talking about bumblebees and how important they are to us. They give us honey, help to pollinate flowers

so that they can continue to reproduce. We will sing about a baby bumblebee. We will also make our very own bumblebee. We can even mimic the sound bumblebees make. We will learn about where bumblebees live and the colors that bumblebees are. This will be a fun week of being outdoors and using "binoculars" to see if we can find any bumblebees flying around our playground. Ms. Chelsea & Ms. Halima

**News from
The
Little Bears
Room**



The Month of May will bring a wonderful sight to our eyes. Flowers, flowers, and more beautiful flowers will be the subject for the bears. There will be matching activities, noticing differences in

large or small pots, along with making our own flower arrangements. Then we will have fun with science figuring out the insects that help the flowers grow. Art for this subject will include stamping, finger painting, gluing, and lacing. Happy Mother's Day this year it will be on Sunday May 14, 2023 and the Little Bears plan to make a surprise for you. How wonderful it is to bring a person into the world who looks forward to your every hug. Please remember to check your child's clothing as the season is changing. Please remember to write your child's name in/on everything you bring to the classroom. As always if you have any concerns or comments never hesitate to communicate them to their teachers. Thank you for all your support in helping us raise some amazing children! Mrs. Farhio and Ms. Sonya

**N e w s f r o m
T h e
J u n g l e
R o o m**



Bird Week: May 1st-5th

This week we will be reading the books, "Hello World" and "Good Night Bird." We will be watching videos of birds and talk about their differences such as their color. We will continue to focus on social emotional learning through activities such as talking about how we feel, how our actions make our friends feel and comparing and matching emotions.

**MOTHER'S DAY WEEK:
May 8th-12th**

During this week we will be focusing on literacy as we are learning our letters and how to identify the first letter in their names. For language, we will practice saying Happy Mother's Day and recognize the word, Mom. We will play a letter

matching game and decorate the word MOM. We will practice our fine motor strength while making a special Mother's Day project. The kids will enjoy kicking balls to each other and learn how to take turns, parachute play with hearts and flowers. We will try to take our group time outside as we read stories and other fun outdoor activities.

**MANIPULATIVE PLAY:
May 15th-19th**

This week we will practice stringing beads, practicing on a balance beam, and jumping on a line on the floor. We will talk about our different shapes and sizes, count our fingers and dance with scarves while listening to music. We will focus on our fine motor strength as we manipulate playdough and put together puzzles. As we use our fine motor strength to hold a cookie cutter to paint, we will focus on hand and eye coordination.

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEK:
May 29th-June 2nd**

We will be celebrating Memorial Day by reading books, singing our favorite songs, and talking about our emotions. We will make an American flag

with red and blue bingo dabbers, bean bag tossing on stars, and parachute play with red/blue balls. We will end the week with having a parade and marching around the center.
Ms. Millie & Ms. Maria



**Leaping Frogs May
Newsletter:**

May the fun begin! We are super excited for the month of May. This month we celebrate Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Just a reminder the center will be **closed on Monday, May 29th**. We also have a few birthdays this month as well. Happy birthday to Quinn, Sage, Eva, and Jabril! We hope you enjoy your special days! With the warm weather here to stay we ask that parents bring in extra clothing (Summer attire) to ensure the comfort of the children. If you have not already, please fill out and return your child sunscreen authorization form as soon as possible thank you! At the end of the Month the Frog classroom will be going

on an adventure to Back Bay Park for a Picnic! Further details will be available as time progresses. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Ms. Carmen or Ms. Savannah if you have any questions or concerns.

**May 1-5
Cinco De Mayo**

¡Feliz Cinco De Mayo! We love celebrating and learning about new holidays in the Frog classroom all while teaching the children the importance of diversity. This week will be filled with many unique art projects such as homemade pinatas and maracas. We will also be using this week to learn a little bit more about the Mexican culture. This is also a great time to brush up on our Spanish speaking skills. We will be going over Spanish vocabulary words daily and hopeful parents can step in and help practice at home. I hope the frog friends are ready to dance and have fun because it is going to be a fiesta all week long!

**May 8- 12
Mother's Day**

We love you mom! Happy Mother's Day! We are dedicating this week

to all the mothers. Just allowing our froggy friends to show their appreciation for all that moms do. We have fun learning activities planned such as Mommy Vs. Me, a game where we separate tasks that mom does, what I do (The children) and what we both do. For some family involvement we will send home a handout for your children to interview mom to get to know her even better! We are also asking for the Frogs to bring in a picture of mom and me.

**May 15- 19
Camping**

Camping is a great outdoor activity although many of us may not have experienced it just yet. One of our big learning objectives this week is teamwork. We will incorporate teamwork by building a pretend fire and helping set up a pretend camp site. Our other learning objective will be learning how to respect nature. The Frogs will be singing campfire songs, building S'mores, learning camp safety rules, and many more.

**May 22- 26
Memorial Day/ Picnic**

"We are going on a picnic. What will you

bring?" In Celebration of Memorial Day, we will be going on a picnic at Back Bay Park. This week we will learn about Memorial Day and why we celebrate it. We will also incorporate the picnic theme as well to get us prepared for our very own picnic. We will learn about the different components that are involved in a picnic and learn new picnic songs!

REMINDERS:

-Please remember to sign your child in and out each day.

-Please clean out your child's cubby at least once a week!

-Ms. Carmen & Ms. Savannah



Roaring Lions May News

Wow, can you believe it is the month of May already. This year is flying by so fast. Hopefully the weather will catch-up with the season soon. Before you know it, we

will be in the middle of summer. Speaking of summer, have you handed in your summer enrollment forms yet? If not please get them to Mary as soon as possible. Also watch for our annual Graduation sign-up sheet to be posted on the classroom bulletin board. If your child will not be here in the fall and you are interested in taking part in our annual celebration, please see me for the sign-up form. We are planning the ceremony to be in early June. Now, for the other classroom news we will be having several fun, interesting, and amazing activities this month. Beginning with April showers bring May Flowers week, followed by a week all about mom, continuing with planting a garden week and Construction week and ending the month with Dino World Week.



April showers bring May Flowers May 1-5

During this week we will explore the parts of a flower. We will be doing some fun science activities that include flowers such as changing the color of the flower and exploring the insides of the plant. We will also prepare our flower pots for planting.



All about Mom Week May 8-12

All about mom week is dedicated to celebrating that very special person in our life we call Mom. This week we will be creating some special mementos for mom to show her how special she is to us. On Friday May 12th we will be having a special muffin with Mom breakfast. Please join us in the celebration. More details will follow please see our classroom parent board for more information.



Planting a garden Week May 15-19

During this week we will be planting a vegetable garden. We will also be planting flowers in the large flower pots outside the center. We will be exploring an indoor garden table and take part in other fun gardening activities such as watering and maintaining the plants.



Construction Week May 22-26

This will be a week of fun building structures and working with tools. We will be building bridges, constructing roads and making towers. We will use all sorts of materials such as large boxes to create a construction site

as well as the large road mats to set up a road construction area. We will set up a several throughout our day to enhance the construction site and make this a fun and exciting week.



**Dino World Week
May 29-June 2**

This week will be filled with many Dinosaur activities. We will learn about the dinosaur through books and stories to help us understand a dinosaur's life. We will be participating in a dinosaur dig and creating fossils. We will also be working on freeing Dinosaurs from ice. This unit is all about fun.

**Ms. Brenda and Ms.
Sarina**