



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone,

May has finally arrived and we have been looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather this month. With all of our April showers, we should have an abundance of May flowers.

Last month we celebrated our children during the "Week of the Young Child." We had an amazing family night and were glad that so many of you could attend.

This month we will be celebrating our amazing teachers and all of the ladies in our lives.

Teacher Appreciation Week

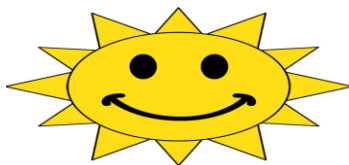
is May 2nd -May 6th. Please check your email for special things that we have planned. Thank you in advance for your participation.



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.

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 Tuesday May**

17. 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.



Welcome to the Nurturing Nook. We would like to welcome all of the new children and families that have joined us this month. We are looking forward to our partnership as we work together on your child's educational journey.

Special days in May

- May 1st – May Day**
- May 2nd -6th - Teacher Appreciation Week 😊**
- May 4th – Star Wars Day**
- May 5th – Cinco De Mayo**
- May 8th – Mother's Day**
- May 15th– Chocolate chip Day**

May 20th- Pick strawberries day

May 23rd- Lucky Penny Day

May 27th- Sunscreen Screen

May 30st –Memorial Day

The center will be closed in observance of Memorial Day



Have a wonderful month.
Mary



May Birthdays:

Maggie	05/10
Ezra	05/12
Sage	05/18
Quinn	05/19
Elizabeth	05/21
Adalyn	05/25
Kiana	05/29
James	05/30

Staff Birthdays

Ms. Jasmine 05/02

Staff Anniversaries

No Staff Anniversaries

Community Events

Taste of Italy at Italian Community Center
www.iccmilwaukee.com

Sidewalk Chalk Art Fest
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-day-sidewalk-chalk-art-festival-tickets-274410929477>

Bayshore Art Festival May 05/14 & 05/15

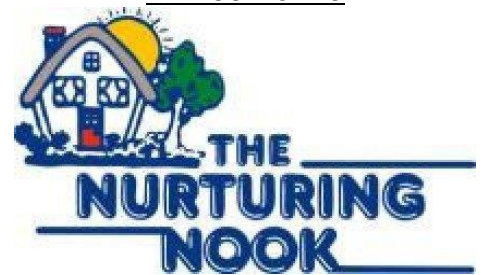
Big Truck Day
<https://www.milwaukeeevent.com/bid-basics/community-projects/big-truck-day>

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

Glendale/Donna
414-961-1482

Riverpoint/Valerie
414-352-6115



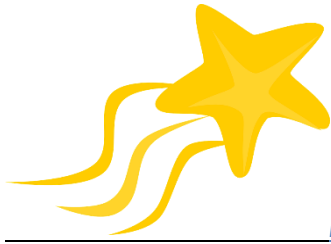
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News
from the Little Stars

Welcome May

Welcome May! April was a great month and went by so quickly, we are excited to see what May will bring. We would like to welcome the newest addition to our classroom Nicholas. We are looking forward watching him learn and grow while he is in our Little Star's classroom.

Wow, where is time going? Our babies are moving right along, Alexander is already crawling and moving around the room. Eevie, John, Sophie and Zachary sit without help, Mackenzie sit with support, Leyla holds her bottle, Theo is already starting to grab toys with his hand.

May is going to be as so much fun as we talk about celebrating friends, sharing toys, clapping hands, and other fun milestones. We will continue to listen to a variety of music, sing songs and shake rattles. We will make a special project to celebrate and recognize our moms.

Reminder to 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 for our classroom bulletin board?**
- Please can you bring your baby a sweater or jacket to go outside.

Thank you!

I Love You Mom!

Mom's smiles can brighten any moment,
 Mom's hugs put joy in all our days,
 Mom's love will stay with us forever and touch our lives in precious ways...
 The values you've taught,
 the care you've given,
 and the wonderful love you've shown,
 have enriched my life in more ways than I can count.

I Love you, Mom!

Happy Mother's Day



Ms. Mayra, Ms. Elizabeth, and Ms. Lori



Sparkling Sprouts

Welcome may, we are so very excited to see you! This month we have lots going on, from Cinco De Mayo to Mother's Day and Memorial Day. We will be going outside daily now that the weather is nice. Please remember to send shoes. I sent home sunscreen forms. The center does provide a brand but of course you can bring your own in.

This month we will be working on a variety of new skills.

1. Using a sip cup

2. Eating with a spoon
3. Sitting in a chair
4. Cruising along furniture
5. Simple problem-solving skills

Our themes of the month will be Dinosaurs and Colors. We will read *Baby Dinosaur* and *If I were a Dinosaur*. We will introduce finger play 5 little Dinosaurs as well as, My Many--Colored Days, Baby see the colors. We will be using colored finger paints to paint rainbows and flowers. We are looking forward to a fun filled month of May!

Mrs. Sarah & Mrs. Asiyat

News from the Toddling Turtles



Hello parents-

Our units for this month are as follows:

May Week 1- Theme: Cinco De Mayo

During the first week of May, we will have different Cinco De Mayo crafts and activities in celebration of the holiday like decorating sombreros.

May Week 2- Theme: Mother's Day

The second week of the month we will talk about how much we love our moms and read books and make crafts for mom.

May Week 3- Theme: Flowers

This week we will be doing projects based around the different flowers we see during the spring and summer time.

May Week 4- Theme: Memorial Day

The last week of May we will see and play around with red, white & blue celebrating Memorial Day.

Please join us in welcoming our new friend Alice to the Turtles Room.

Just a reminder as the weather gets nicer and we are getting more sunny days you do have the option of sending sun hats and your own sunscreen with your child. The daycare provides sunscreen as well. A medication authorization must be filled out for any sunscreen usage. Thank you once again for your partnership and continued support.

-Miss Kie & Miss Jasmine

News from The Little Bears Room



Hello Month of May! The Little Bears are so glad to see you arrive. We have planted our Radishes and we are already seeing the little sprouts pushing through the soil. We wanted to start early because these vegetables are for a special person on their special day.

Happy Mother's Day to our little bears mother's, we hope you all enjoy your special day with nothing but smiles and great memories. During the month of May, we will be celebrating Memorial Day and making special crafts for the children to bring home and share with their families. The month of May will bring more focus on our community helpers. We want the children to be introduced to what they do and how important they are to us. You can also help with this by talking to your child while out in public about police officers, grocery store clerks, firefighters and paramedics.

May week 1- This week will be focused on neighborhood community helpers and safety community helpers such as garbage collectors and firefighters. Activities will encourage children to use their imaginations and we will focus on uniforms that they wear and vehicles they drive. Short videos will be shown to allow the children to watch garbage truck drivers pick up garbage throughout their day and where the garbage truck goes afterward. We will listen to the sounds of a police car while pretending to drive one and put out fires with tissue roll tubes that we will paint ourselves. This week we will also be working on our gifts for mommy!

Week 2- This week we will focus on builders and fixers and transportation community helpers such as construction workers and bus drivers. We will build buildings and create a yellow school bus with construction paper and chairs while we practice washing our hands after getting off the bus. While riding the bus we will sing "The Wheels on the Bus".

Week 3- This week we will learn about food and school community helpers such as gardeners, bakers, teachers, and crossing guards. We will be sorting loaves of bread of different sizes and colors while

wearing a baker's hat and watering plants like a gardener. We will also finger paint a crossing guard's vest and pretend to help each other across the street.

Week 4- The last week of May will be all about health community workers such as doctors, dentists, veterinarians and nurses along with celebrating Memorial Day.

Ms. Shanetha and Ms. Sonya are always glad to hear any questions or concerns you may have.
Thank you

Ms. Sonya and Ms. Shanetha

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**WELCOME MAY:
MOTHER'S DAY/CINCO DE
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MAY 2nd thru MAY 6th**

This week we will practice saying Happy Mother's Day. We will also practice learning to understand our feelings chart by reading some books about feelings. We will be

working on recognizing some letters in the alphabet. For craft activities, we will be doing a special project for Mother's Day. We will practice turning colors of red and white into pink on a white poster board. We will be going on a walk to wholefoods to look at flowers and talk about their different sizes and colors. We will use watercolor paint to color on a cut out guitar and dance to Mexican music. We will have bubble play and try to pop the bubbles as the bubble machine blows them up in the air. We will also use stampers this week and work on strengthening our fine motor skills by stamping onto different shaped cut out designs.

MAY FLOWERS

MAY 9th THRU MAY 13th

This week we will be reading the books: *My first book of flowers* and *The Tiny seeds*, we will also talk about different birds, their colors, and listen to samples of the different sounds that birds make. Look at pictures of some garden tools that we will use for our garden on the playground. We will be painting some bird houses to take home. We will also use some garden tools, sand, and water in the sensory table. We will finger paint flowers, play outside with bouncing balls,

and we will plant different seeds. We will be taking a walk outside in the neighborhood to look around for flowers, birds and signs of spring.

ANIMALS ON THE FARM

MAY 16TH THRU MAY 20TH

This week we will be talking about different farm animals. On Monday, we will talk about pigs, and read the book: *Babies on the farm*. For craft we will use chocolate pudding to make an edible muddy pig craft, and play with a piggy puppet. On Tuesday we talk about cows, and we will sing Old MacDonald had a farm with props each day of the week adding on a new farm animal every day. For our craft activity we will use a paper plate to make a cow. For large motor activity, we will be jumping on our bouncing balls. On Wednesday we will be talking about ducks. We will pretend to walk like a duck, quack like a duck and learn more about the life of a duck. On Thursday we start to cluck like a chicken and maybe even learn the chicken dance. We will be reading the book: *Fun on the farm*, and also sing if your happy and you know it song. We will practice kicking some balls outside on the playground with our new playground balls. On Friday we will be talking about where

all the farm animals live on the farm. We will be making a red barn and gluing on some of the farm animals we learned about during the week.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEK

MAY 23RD THRU MAY 27TH

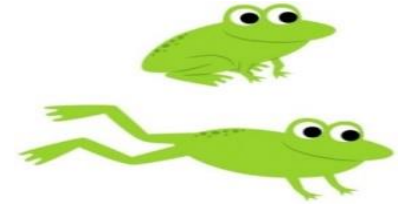
This week we will read the book: *Red/Blue I like you* and *F is for Flag*. We will sing songs and do some matching activities with the alphabet and see how many letters we are able to recognize. We will practice sharing with our friends and giving hugs. We will have red, white and blue colored rice in our sensory table. We will decorate some cut out stars using the colors red and blue, we will also make an American flag, and use tissue paper to make some sun catchers.

We are looking forward to a great month.

Mrs. Millie, Mrs. Maria, and

Ms. Kinsey

The Leaping Frogs News



Leaping Frogs Newsletter May 2022

The month of April brought a lot of happiness and excitement for us. We celebrated the week of the young child, and everything went perfectly thanks to the great support we received from our children's families. Thank you! Your support is very important to us and is much appreciated. We celebrated Easter with the grand friends and even got to meet the easter bunny with them. It was amazing to be able to see the reaction of the children once again interacting with the grand friends.

April is the month we celebrate Earth Day. To reinforce the importance of taking care of our planet we worked on recycling, reusing, and how to grow plants and how those things can positively impact the earth. We learned that we need to take good care of our planet so that we can live healthy lives.

This month we will be celebrating a very important day Mother's Day, and we also have some friend's birthdays coming up too, that we are going to celebrate with them in our classroom.

We are going to have some great units during the month that we will be working on and learning about.

The units for this month are:

May 2- 6
Cinco de Mayo and
Mother's Day

Two celebrations in one week will give us a lot of fun activities to do. We will be working on our Mother's Day gift that we will be crafting in the classroom. We will also be celebrating Cinco de Mayo; Mexico culture will be the inspiration for the activities of the week. We will have a taco sensory bin where the children will be able to build their own "taco". We will also have a Pinata for part of our celebration that will be enjoyed on Thursday, May 5. We will decorate the classroom for the celebration with some of our arts and crafts as well as, learning about the importance of Cinco de Mayo and why many Mexicans celebrate this day.

May 9- 13
Shapes

We will review our knowledge of shapes and have activities like matching the shapes with their name. We will be learning the names of shapes in both English and Spanish. We will play games with some shapes and look for different shapes as we are playing outside. We will explore in our sensory table

with slime and try to find different shapes that are inside the slime. We will look for shapes around and sort them with the correct shape.

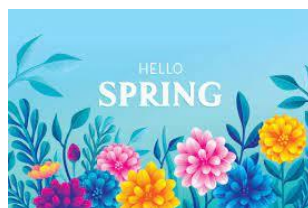
May 16- 20
Colors

We know most of our colors, but we still have a lot more to learn about them. We will sort different colors of candy pieces by numbers. We will learn how to mix the primary colors to create secondary colors in an experiment with colored water in clear cups. We will dye chick peas in a bag for the sensory table. We are also going to work on color patterns with blocks.

May 23- 27
Birds

With spring in full bloom and with warmer weather approaching, the birds will be more visible and looking for food. We will be decorating a little bird house for the playground tree and creating bird feeders to hang in the tree, to see if that brings some birds to our playground. We will take a walk to observe and try to find real bird nests in the trees.

Ms. Elia, Ms. Erin & Ms. Shannon



Roaring Lions May Newsletter

April has flown by, we enjoyed celebrating each and every child this month. We always look forward to family nights which are a way that we stay connected.

Mother's Day Week: May 2nd- 6th



Everybody knows that we can't do it without MOM so let's celebrate her this week! This week will be filled with loving crafts and joyous memories to show our appreciation for our mothers and mother figures in our lives. We will be using our social- emotional skills to show our thankfulness, along with language activities that will encourage each child to express their feelings.

Dino week: May 9th-13th



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Let's explore dinosaurs! This week we will be little explorers and learn some fun facts about dinosaurs. We will discuss the different types of dinosaurs, and how some of the dinosaurs were meat eaters and some only ate plants. We will be going on a dinosaur dig using small tools to look for dinosaur fossils, and talk about when the dinosaur roamed our planet.

Farm Week: May 16th- 20th



We will be learning all about farm animals and their babies on the farm. In communication and language, we will listen to stories and learn the song "Take me out to the barnyard". The children will enjoy all the different sounds that farm animals make as we take turns during a guess that farm animal game.

What's in our garden week: May 23rd-27



This week is all about planting. From planting flowers in the front of the center to planting vegetables that we can eat; we will be learning how to plant seeds and create a garden to maintain throughout the summer. We will learn the importance of watering our garden to help our plants grow and monitor their growth throughout the next few weeks.

Graduation Week: May 30th- June 3rd



We are excited to announce our Preschool Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 in the Roaring Lions classroom. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth in development in all of them. We will be celebrating all of our graduates through music,

art and social-emotional activities.

Ms. Brenda & Mrs. Andrea