

May 2019 Newsletter



From the Directors:

Friendly reminder that we follow the PWC calendar, and will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day. We appreciate all the support we receive from our families!

Tuition:

May tuition is due. Please remember we bill on the 25th of each month and you have until the 1st of the month to pay. A \$45 late fee will be added onto the account if payment is received after the 1st. Please drop your payment off soon to avoid receiving a late fee.

School Pictures:

Get your smiles ready!! School pictures will be held on **Monday April 29th and Tuesday April 30th**. Make-up individual pictures and class pictures will be taken on these dates.

Summer Camps:

Summer is coming up fast! There's still time to get registered for some of our awesome summer camps and take advantage of our **early bird special**!! You can also receive a **\$20 credit** in your DTPT account by referring a friend who is not currently registered with us to sign-up! To make signing up even easier we will also be starting to accept **credit cards** to make your summer camp payments. Our camps are flexible to fit your daily needs, whether it being morning, afternoon or all-day care. Our camps are focused on engaging students to explore, discover, work in teams and use their imagination in a fun and creative way!

"Early Bird Special": Sign up for two or more three-day camps and receive \$20 off on each camp.

This Early Bird Special ENDS Tuesday, April 30th

PJ Party:

We love to hold PJ Parties for our parents and our next PJ parties will be **May 10th**! These events allow our parents **FOUR** kid-free hours to run errands, go on a date night, or go out with friends while knowing your child(ren) are safe and having fun at school. Your child(ren) will be able to play games, make a craft, eat pizza and watch a movie in our Music & Movement classroom in their PJ's!

Lunch & Learn:

We will be starting a new Lunch & Learn session on Monday April 29th and it will continue until the end of the school year. This final session is called "Summer Fun". Our students will be having a great time talking about everything that makes summer so much fun and of course having lots of outside playtime. If you're interested in signing up please stop by the office.

Mother's Day Tea:

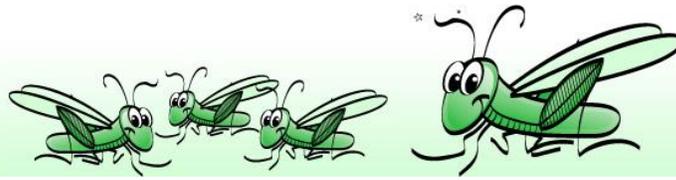
We are getting so excited to celebrate all of our DTPT Moms with our annual Mother's Day Tea! The invitations with all the details were sent home in your child's backpacks from their teachers. We can't wait to recognize all our awesome moms!!

DTPT Drop Zone:

We know that life can be busy and sometimes you just need a few extra hours in your day. We are here to help by ensuring that your child is comfortable, happy, and enjoying their time at our DTPT Drop Zone. This program was created to allow our families the convenience of leaving your little one at school for the day on a drop-in basis. Your child will stay and play while you get those few extra hours in your day.

Hours: 9:00 to 12:00 pm or 12:30 to 3:30 pm

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Ms. Kristine Says...

Ladybugs:

Hi Ladybug Families! We embraced Spring by learning all about our Earth in April! The Educational Character for April was Courtesy, so our Book of the Month was be The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. We read this book many times discussing how important it is that we take care of our planet. We spent most of our month focusing on Bugs, Lifecycles, and Plants. We learned so much about different insects and their lifecycles. We learned about ants, butterflies, bees, and our very own ladybugs! We used different shapes to make these insects. The children LOVED this activity! It really showed how shapes are all around us. Once we learned about how important bugs and insects are to our planet, we celebrated Earth Day! We talked about what we all can do each day to keep our beautiful Earth clean and healthy. During this section, we learned about recycling and how easy it is to do at home. We did a hands-on activity in which each student was able to identify different items and determine if it was recyclable or not. It was so fun seeing them get excited to learn that items they have at home can be recycled. We finished out our month by learning about Plants. We also spent a lot of time learning about PLANTS! We discovered the different parts of a plant and what they need to grow. We even got to plant our own seeds! I cannot wait to see what sprouts will come from them!

May will be filled with love and celebration! We are so excited to be able to celebrate our amazing Moms and show you how hard our Ladybugs have been working on our special Mother's Day Tea Celebration. Our final month of school will be overflowing with our Ocean theme. We will learn about ocean animals, ocean plants, beaches, and sand! We will learn all about different animals that live in our Earth's oceans and the plant life that can be found. We will immerse ourselves in so many crafts during these weeks! I cannot wait to see how far these Ladybug imaginations go with them! During our Beach and Sand week, we will explore seashells and even get to make our own "sandcastles" with sandpaper shapes. We will finish out our month by conducting sink vs. float experiments. We will make predictions about different objects and determining whether they sink or float. Our little Ladybugs are very curious, so I am excited to hear their thoughts about this experiment. Our last few weeks of school will definitely be full of fun and big smiles!



Ms. Sarah Says...

Frogs & Ladybugs:

April was a FANTASTIC educationally filled month! Designed to help the children with new concepts in mathematics, language arts and science. As we continue through the last month, I'd love to share my enthusiasm about the different aspects of the rainbow, learning how to tell time via an analog clock as well as a digital clock. Majority of the class is reading at least 10 sight words and Frogs have BRAND new sight words, vowels AND letter blends to begin studying! Letter blends and ending constants are going to be one of our biggest focuses for the month of May. Since the children have all successfully mastered the short and long vowel sounds - we will continue to build on that by recognizing them in words now! This is a VERY tricky concept that will give them a head start in Kindergarten.

On the white board as always - in the front of the classroom I have written a LIST of monthly goals for May. This board and these goals are to not only challenge your child but to challenge myself as an educator. As a class we continuously reach and maintain consistency meeting these goals - without you, these goals would not be possible to reach!

The major milestone met this month was mastering and being able to successfully read a clock by the hour and half hour. The students shared their enthusiasm with me in being successful in our telling time by always double checking to know if I can read the clock on the wall! It has also given them a concept of when we do certain activities (10:30 means snack time!) I have lots of friends that remind me of the time now!

Our daily schedule and routine has remained the same for the last several months and will only be altered slightly come May as the year will slowly come to an end - we will continue to focus on abstract concepts (such as: cause and effect, predictions, adding, subtracting and 64-100 piece puzzles) Academically our morning focused on the letter of the week, the sound it makes, how to write it the proper way (top to bottom). A new concept was introduced way back in January that will carry over into April is VOWELS and LETTER BLENDS - I hope the children continue to practice for you at home. If not, I highly recommend you asking your child "What does a long 'A' say? What does a short A say?" and so on... 😊

Ms. Victoria and I look forward to a productive month with our Frogs and Ladybugs!

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Ms. Barbara Says...

Inchworms:

Hello boys, girls, and grownups! April was a fascinating month. We received a new item for our playground...a big boat! The kids have been loving the new addition! Our playground has also been a place of new discoveries. Our inchworms love to dig in the rocks until they find the soil, and they found "treasure"! A few warms so far. 😊 We have been enjoying the playground to observe flowers growing, the birds flying, squirrels running, and dogs walking by. We love spring! In April, we learned the letter "U," "V," and "W." We learned about recycling, bugs, Earth Day, and FAMILIES. We loved having all of you come read to us. If you didn't have a chance to come during the family week, do not worry. If you want to read for us, just let Ms. Barbara know, and we will choose the best day for your visit. We talked about our families, and we made craft sticks families; for this project, each child told us who was part of their families. In April, we had a chance to make new things out of recycled materials. We loved playing pirates with our hats and binoculars. We talked about our planet and the importance of taking care of it. To celebrate Earth Day, we planted seeds in our school garden. We will visit the garden once a week to observe how the plants are growing. Our favorite week was the week we talked about bugs; we love bugs, all kinds of them. All of your Inchworms had a lot of fun learning about bugs. In May, we have so much to learn. I cannot believe that it is almost the end of the year, but we still have a lot to cover. We will learn the letters "X," "Y," and "Z." We will explore under the sea. Ms. Barbara is planning a lot of experiences outside and with water. Please, remember to wear nice and comfortable clothes, use sunscreen before coming to school, and change the extra clothes inside the backpack that are weather appropriate. We are going to use chalk to practice writing and we will use water to paint the outside sidewalk on our playground. We will also be bringing back our water bin! We are so excited to celebrate all our moms with the Mother's Day tea. We will celebrate on May 8th and 9th, please chose one of the days to visit us from 9:15 am until 10 am. It's going to be so much fun! In June we will have our graduation, we will send more information out about this during the month of May. Let us enjoy our last month of school, and get ready for the summer and new adventures.



Ms. JJ Says...

Busy Bees:

It was another exciting month in our Busy Bee classroom! Our students learned about recycling, saving water, and helping nature in honor of Earth Day. We enjoyed reading our book of the month "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss and talked about what our parks and yards would look like with no trees, or if it would be fun to play if there was trash all over the grass. Everyone agreed our world is more beautiful with lots of green trees, colorful flowers, and with no trash! We discussed what can be recycled, such as paper & plastic and why it's important to recycle. They also had a great time creating cars out of recycled toilet paper rolls and the tops of applesauce pouches. Then we learned about plants and flowers by painting a flower picture and labeling its' parts. The kids explored sensory bins with planting and bug themes. Then we began working on a few Mother's Day surprises for our Mother's Day Tea. I hope everyone can make it to the tea, but we do understand that work schedules sometimes won't permit it. If mom is unavailable to attend, please feel free to send in grandma or an aunt to spend time with your busy bee. The children will be performing a few songs, creating a craft with you, and then everyone will enjoy some light refreshments. Our letters in April were Z, A, and I. In May we will finish up the alphabet with O, U, E, and ending with a week of review the last week of school. Can you believe we are on the final countdown to summer?!? In May we will perform science experiments with water to learn about sinking and floating. Please make sure your child's backpack has a change of clothes in case they have too much fun with our water experiments and need some dry clothes. We will also discuss our oceans, and the plants and animals that call it home. Our book of the month for May is "How Deep is the Sea?" You may recall in December we read "How Big is a Million?" about a penguin named Pipkin who wanted to know what a million of something looked like. In "How Deep is the Sea?" Pipkin wonders how deep the oceans are and wants to know what lives there. Lastly, Daytime Playtime will be holding our end of the year carnival on Thursday May 23rd. Regular academic classes will not be held on that day so that the entire school can enjoy the carnival. More details about this event will be sent out from the office soon. Hope to see everyone there!



Ms. Lindsey Says:

Ladybugs:

It is hard to believe we are almost to the end of the preschool year. May will prove to be a busy month, filled to the brim with fun and excitement! I hope you are enjoying the warm weather with your families! Throughout April, we discussed Recycling, Bugs, Plants, life cycles, and Earth Day. We labeled with parts of a flower and planted grass. We also completed a hands-on sorting activity about recycling. We worked very hard on surprises for our Mother's Day tea. The children loved our spring sensory bin filled with pebbles, plastic bugs, and magnifying glasses. This sensory bin was a favorite! The children put the plastic bugs in different containers by color. They sorted the colored bugs with child tweezers and containers.

In language arts we focused on the letters Zz, Aa, and Ii. The children had fun brainstorming words that start with these letters. The children did a great job with their letter journals and handwriting handouts. We worked on our letter songs and practiced our letter sounds. The children did a great job!

In May our themes will be *Floating/Sinking, Ocean Animals, Plants, Mother's Day, and Beaches*. In May we will have our Mother's Day Tea. The children have been preparing songs and a special gift for this event. We cannot wait to have you in our classroom! Our letters for May will be Oo, Uu, and Ee. We will continue to have Show and Tell on Thursdays. The children love sharing with their classmates.

We will also continue to work on all of the letters in the alphabet until the end of the year. We will be reviewing everything we have learned this year and will continue to let the children play and explore. They learn so much through fun, hands-on activities!

In June, we will have one fun week together before Graduation! We will be practicing two very special songs that we will perform at our graduation. Where did the time go? Your children have grown so much this year! It brings me so much joy to watch them grow, mature, and exhibit more confidence each day. Thank you for your involvement and commitment to your child's learning this year and for sharing your children with us and entrusting them to our care! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have a relaxing and safe summer!



Ms. Teresa Says...

Busy Bees: A big Thank You to everyone for making our Spring Break Party so much fun. The class had a feast! In April we learned about the start of our spring season. We discussed what makes an insect (it has 6 legs!), and made our marble painted bee. We even flew our bees around to the song "Buzz Buzz". We discussed the important jobs that bees have in pollinating the plants so that we will have fruits and vegetables to eat, and the beautiful flowers to look at. Also, the class enjoyed making their beehives, and their floating bee to buzz around the hive. We planted our flower seeds in our recycled containers and brought them home. The class discussed the water cycle, how some clouds are made up of water droplets waiting to deliver the rain for the flowers and grass to grow. Our letters were Zz, Aa, and Ii. We went over their shapes and sounds, and reviewed the numbers in English and Spanish.

In May our class will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea in our classroom. Our "Tea Time" is Tuesday, May 7th at 11:15. The children have been working very hard on surprises for their mothers, and are looking forward to spending some time with them in the classroom and sharing their gifts. Our theme for the month will be "Under the Sea". We will be studying sink and float, as well as learning about life that is under the sea. We will be learning about seahorses, fish and sharks. The class might even make their own pirate while looking for gold! We will be finishing up learning the alphabet letters by learning Oa, Uu, and Ee, and their shapes and sounds. We'll continue to review the numbers, colors and shapes. Carnival Day will be on May 23th. It is always a fun day for the children to come and enjoy! In May we will be preparing for our graduation in June, and will be practicing our songs for it. We will be having a small graduation celebration in our classroom. More details will be coming. Also, on June 4th we will celebrate all of our friends who have summer birthdays! I can hardly believe that the school year is coming to a close so soon, and summer will soon be here!