

May 2018 Newsletter



From the Directors:

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.

Curriculum Fees for the 2018 - 2019 School Year:

Curriculum fees are due now if you have registered for the upcoming school year. This fee covers art materials, curriculum along with teaching aids, workbooks and all other classroom and facility supplies directly used by your child. The reason why we ask for the curriculum fee prior to the school year starting is because we space the enrollment fees out to make it more affordable for our families.

Registration 2018 - 2019 School Year:

Registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year is open year-round. You can create your own schedule by add more than one program to accommodate your needs. You can get the registration forms online or in the office. To secure your child's spot for next year we will need the registration form along with the registration fee of \$125.00.

Summer Camps:

We are extremely excited about our 2018 summer camps this year! We kept some of our all-time favorites, but we added some new unique themes as well. Our camps are flexible to fit your daily needs, whether it being morning, afternoon or all-day care. You also have the option of choosing how many days per week you would like to enroll your child(ren) and we offer camps for different age groups. The camps are entertaining, informative and the children will definitely be having a lot fun! Our camps are focused on engaging students to explore, discover, work in teams and use their imagination in a fun and creative way!

Mother's Day Tea:

We will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea celebration on May 8th through May 11th. This is a time for us to give thanks to all of our wonderful mothers here at Daytime Playtime. An invitation was sent home with your child stating what day / time their Mother's Day tea party will be held. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be able to attend.

Carnival Day:

Our annual end of the year celebration, otherwise known as Carnival Day will be held on Thursday, May 24th from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm. There will be NO school on this day. All academic classes are cancelled to allow our teachers to join in on the festivities. There will be games, moon bounces, face painting, hair spray, snow cones, a silent auction, food and much more! This is our way of thanking the children for their hard work throughout the school year and congratulating them on their success. We kindly ask that our parents contribute one item to help with the cost. There will be a refreshment sign-up sheet on your child's door shortly.

Lunch & Learn:

Ms. JJ's LAST Lunch & Learn session will start on Monday, May 7th, 2018! This session is called "Summer Fun" and will highlight different activities you could do during the summer! This program is based on a 6-week session that has a different curriculum than the everyday preschool class. Your child will be able to eat lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 pm then they will learn about a specific theme. This enrichment program runs Monday - Thursday from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. We also offer the flexible of doing a drop-in lunch & learn on a as needed basis.

No School:

We will be closed on Monday, May 28th, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day.

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Ms. Victoria Says...

Ladybugs: April was an Earth focused month in every way. We talked about bugs, ways to keep the Earth alive and well, recycling, and planting. There were a lot of hands on activities that the children loved such as planting plants, examining seeds, and sorting through recyclables. With this unpredictable spring weather, we got outside as often as we could to get our hands dirty in the soil. We looked at seeds to describe their differences and the children were excited to go into our nature classroom to plant them! They should grow by the end of the year, so we can discuss differences in the actual plants. A lot of the children really enjoyed the planting, which may be a fun activity to do with them at home. We also did some work inside the classroom. We have almost completed the alphabet! We learned some hard letters; X, Y, Z, which are only hard when it comes time to find objects for show and tell. However, the children did an amazing job writing these letters. We also began vowels (A), so we're only about four letters left for the year! We've learned up to the number 15 in detail, and we are continually practicing our numbers to make sure we can identify and write them as best as possible. With May right around the corner, we will soon finish the alphabet and reach number 20. We have been practicing our performance for a while now, so very soon Mother's Day will come, and the children will have their time to shine and show off their hard work. May is a month to learn all about the ocean, which means summer is coming soon! We will talk about the many ocean animals and plant life. We will interact and explore with sand a lot, whether it be for a science experiment, writing activity, or of course in the sensory bins. So, before we kick back and relax in the real sand this summer, let's finish the school year off strong.



Ms. Maureen Says...

Frogs: We are so happy that Spring has arrived! We've enjoyed our outdoor recess very much. Our class really enjoys playing games together and have become close friends this school year. They've learned the skills of planning, cooperation and teamwork through creative play where they use their imaginations to enjoy the playground and each other's company. We've also enjoyed eating snack outside while conversing about the changes Spring has brought us as well as the activity of the surrounding neighborhood. This month we have been starting our day with academic centers as soon as students arrive and unpack. Activities offered focus on both math and language arts skills that students will need in Kindergarten. Students can choose an individual activity or work as a group. It has been a great way to "warm up" to a successful day of learning through play! We continue these centers throughout the day while incorporating reading, writing, art and science activities. April's lesson topics have been all about new life and discovering the world around us. The students already had an impressive amount of knowledge to share as we discussed insects, life cycles, planet Earth, recycling and taking care of our environment. They always have wonderful questions that prompt me to do some research. They've come to realize that learning is a life-long endeavor and that new things are constantly being discovered. And, they love to teach me new things too! The Frogs are truly a wonderful class with very strong skills in reading, writing and math. We have continued writing letters and numbers neatly in journals. Students practice letter and sound recognition which has helped in decoding new words in our reading program, Hooked on Phonics. In math, students are working on patterns of more complexity and enjoy graphing information. We are also working on simple addition and subtraction. We work as a group and individually. As always, it is a pleasure and a privilege to teach this fantastic class. We plan to "finish strong" as the year comes to a close.

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Ms. I Says...

Inchworms: My! Oh my! It is hard to believe that the year is rapidly coming to an end! Last month we had a blast learning about the 3 R's Reduce, Reuse, and of course Recycle. We also had a lot of fun learning about bugs, the lifecycle and finally getting a chance to go outside enjoy some nice weather! We even had a chance to get acquainted with the nature classroom where the children were able to explore planting! It was a nice treat to play in a different playground! This month my Inchworms will explore ocean life under the sea, beaches/islands and do some fun experiments with float vs. sink concept. The theme that I am most excited to talk to the children about is Mother's Day! We have been working hard on special projects for our Mother's Day Tea celebration! We will be finishing up the alphabet with the letters W, X, Y and Z. For the remainder of the school year we will be focusing on all 26 letters! The book of the month will be "The Rainbow Fish". It's a great book to end the school year with because it talks about one of the things we have been trying to teach the children since September which is learning to share. As always thank you for sharing your children with me. I have truly enjoyed getting to know all of my inchworms and I am going to miss them as my students. If you have any questions or concerns, please know I am always here if you would like to talk to me.



Ms. Robin Says...

Ladybugs: What a month April was! We spent the month learning about saving our planet, recycling, reusing and repurposing different objects. Our month-long project was our interactive bulletin board. To really bring the children into the world of recycling, they began with a bulletin board covered in trash and dark clouds coming from a plant on a hill. By week 3, recycle bins were added to the board and the children were able to begin cleaning up the trash and placing what they picked up into labeled recycle bins (made from recycled boxes). Once the board was cleaned, the children discovered things, such as small animals and a picnic area. Trees appeared next, and the plant disappeared along with all the dark gray clouds. By the end of the month, the board became a wonderful place for nature (of which, they learned, we are all a part of). The children also concentrated on planting different seeds, so they could understand the parts of plants/flowers, along with the type of bugs that are good for plants. The children created a wormery, so they could see how earthworms are beneficial to plants and to watch how they help create compost. In addition to all of the wonderful things we did, to build up to Earth Day, and beyond we spent time refocusing on each child's family by creating a Cherry Blossom Family Tree (thank you for your help with the information you provided!). Finally, the children focused on the last 3 consonants in the alphabet (X, Y, Z) and focused on our first vowel; the letter A. We also had one review.

In May, the children will focus on the remaining vowels, E, I, O, and U, with one review. Our Theme, for May, is Under the Sea (Oh, I just can't wait), which includes beaches and islands, along with ocean animals and plants. Keep a watch on the classroom and the bulletin board. Our imagination is already working overtime! Science will focus on floating and sinking and Social Studies will focus on one of our most important subjects; Mother's Day! May is going to be an unbelievable month and we can't wait to show you what we're up to.

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Ms. Shawna Says:

Ladybugs: April has been such a fun month! We have had the perfect weather to explore Precipitation and the water cycle we learned about. We had the chance to see many different forms of precipitation and conducted a few experiments along the way to further investigate this topic. In April, we learned about recycling, nature, and taking care of planet earth. We discovered all of the different materials that can be recycled and how they can be turned in to new things. We created some of our own recycled art. We spent one day "Trashing the class" where Ms. Shawna brought in a ton of recycled items which we had a recycle sort relay. The kids had a blast running around quickly sorting all of the items. Hopefully they have taken some of these new lessons and incorporated them into home life (if they are all the sudden very interested in saving that paper towel, you now know why). Insects and plants are the hot topic of the month. We finally have some warmer weather where we have been able to get outside and explore! We examined and held some bugs, worms, and insects during class, and even created some playdoh bugs of our very own! We have been working on letters X, Y, Z this month as well as reviewing past letters. We have begun to learn to count by 5'S and will soon be ready to work on how to tell time. I am so excited to celebrate Earth Day with the children, we will be planting lots of garden goodies this month. Be ready to enjoy some of those fresh herbs coming soon! In May we will end the alphabet by learning our vowels A, E, I, O and U. We will also talk about ocean life, beaches/islands and the concept of float versus sink. Thank you for all of your continued support at home. We look forward to some sunshine, and outdoor exploring in our future! If ever any questions, please feel free to chat with me at any time.

Ms. Teresa Says...

Busy Bees: 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 made a ladybug wind sock and hung it on our bulletin board. 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 Xx, Yy, and Zz. We went over their shapes and sounds, and reviewed numbers 7, 8, and 9. In May our class will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea in our classroom. Our "Tea Time" is Tuesday, May 8th 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 Aa, Ii, Oa, Uu, and Ee, and their shapes and sounds. Our last number to go over is 10, and then we will continue to review the numbers again in English and Spanish. Carnival Day will be on May 24th. 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. Also, on June 5th and 6th 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!



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. 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 X, Y, and Z. In May we will finish up the alphabet with all the vowels, A, I, O, U, and ending with E 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 24th. Regular classes will not be held on that day so that the entire school can enjoy the carnival.

Ms. Lindsey Says...

Ladybugs: April has been a busy and fun month in preschool. Throughout April, we discussed the following themes: *Recycling, Plants, Bugs, Earth Day, and Life Cycles*. The children enjoyed our book of the month, Planting a Rainbow, and then planted grass seeds outside in our nature classroom. They are patiently watching and waiting for their grass to grow in our classroom by the windows. Earth Day was a main topic of conversation during April, as the children learned how important clean land, air, and water are to our planet's survival. We also discussed the significance of recycling to reduce waste. One of the children's favorite hands on projects this month was our Recycle Sort. They were very excited to bring in recycling items from home and then work together to help sort the items by category in our classroom. They were very proud of their accomplishments and on the way to understanding how important recycling is to the future of our earth! The students are doing a great job writing their first names, "the kindergarten way". It really is amazing to see them transition from writing their names in all capital letters to only capitalizing the first letter of their names now and writing the rest in lower case. I am so proud of them! We are continuing to work on writing our last names as well. In Language Arts, we focused on the letters X, Y, Z, and A. The children did a great job making lists of words that begin with these letters. In addition, we worked in our letter journals with these letters. We practiced writing each letter in uppercase and lowercase, starting each letter at the top. We have a song to remind us to always start at the top when writing and practicing letters. Please ask your child about it! The children also went on picture hunts in magazines and cut out pictures that began with the letter of the week. They practiced letter recognition and improved their scissor skills. In May our themes will be: *Floating/Sinking, Ocean Animals, Plants, Mother's Day, and Beaches*. We will be having our *Mother's Day Tea* in May. The children are excited for you to come into our classroom for this event. They have been busy practicing some special songs for you!



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Ms. I Says...

Busy Bees: Another month has come and gone so quickly! My Busy Bees are growing closer to become Ladybugs! For the month of April my students enjoyed learning about becoming ecofriendly and what recycling means. They sorted out different items that could be recycled into specific bins. Some of their favorite activities from last month were making windsocks, painting a picture using aluminum foil as paper and exploring the Nature Classroom! We worked on the letters X, Y, Z and the vowel A and in May we will be finishing up the vowels with I, O, U and E. In May we will be using our imaginations and pretending to be sea creature swimming in the ocean in the Music & Movement Classroom! We will also be making a 3-dimensional beach ball, a sand bucket, a cardboard tube jellyfish and ocean slime! The book of the month will be *The Rainbow Fish*. It is a book about a beautiful fish who finds friendship and happiness when he learns to share. This is a good reminder for my Busy Bees that sharing makes things more fun because everybody gets to play! And of course, if you have any questions and or concerns you can always talk to me. I know it's now crunch time with it being the last few months of the school year but I can assure you that both your children and I are doing everything we can to get ready to emerge into Ladybugs next year!