



## May Topics

Hooray for May! Hot weather and Summer is right around the corner! But before we make the transition to Summer, we will all be busy little bees this May. The end of May marks the end of the traditional school year and the beginning of our summer program. This is our last newsletter until August, so make sure you pick up a calendar listing our exciting summer events. Summer themes, stimulating activities, and visitors will continue to keep us excited about learning.

### Nursery

Please remember to check your child's chart daily to see if their supplies need to be replenished, and to update your Infant Care Instructions each month. This month is full of activities including painting on flower cut-outs, playing with contact paper, working on Mother's Day projects, and playing with tissue paper. We continue exploring the world with daily outdoor buggy rides, music, and conversation!

### Infants

Infants will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by painting Mexican flags and tasting various products from Mexico. We will also have units about zoo, ocean animals, and dinosaurs. Our Infants will prepare a gift for our mothers in celebration of Mother's Day. We will continue to explore shapes and colors as well as texture play and other sensory activities. The children will learn to walk backwards, learn to jump, and do various ball activities. Infants enjoy rhythm activities with music and musical instruments. Our outdoor cart rides are always a highlight and a great opportunity to experience nature and watch the birds. We especially like checking on the flowers that our fellow students have planted.

### Toddlers

Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day projects will keep us busy at the beginning of the month. Zoo animals, jungle animals, farm animals, ocean animals and much more will be explored through activities, games, songs and rhymes. We will also learn about dinosaurs and what they ate, looked like and talk about different dinosaur names.



## Young Threes

We look forward to learning more about Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day, the unofficial beginning of summer, and we will explore differences between city and country life this month. Country life explores the animals of the farm, while city life is busy with many activities. We will also explore how products get to market. We will continue on our fine-motor skills. Phonics will focus on the letters M, Q, and V as well as a review of previously studied letters.



### Pre-School

It's hard to believe that May is here! We are wrapping up our phonics program with the last letter of the alphabet—Zz! After Zz, we will review the letters from the past 5 weeks with daily reinforcements on each letter. The numbers 1-20 will be of continuous study as well as patterning and sequencing. With the weather so nice, we'll continue to take advantage of nature exploration at outside time and incorporate it into our studies. We will also discuss animals at the zoo and classify them by their attributes and characteristics. During the last few weeks of school, we will have some fun and review of topics discussed throughout the year.

Cherishing our moms for Mother's Day will be filled with a week long of gift making and card designing. We love our Pre-School moms!

### Pre-Kindergarten

It's hard to believe that we are only 4 weeks away from the end of the school year. Our final four topics will be: Fairy Tale Time, Pre-K Memories, and Welcome Summer! We continue to practice reading with emergent readers, retelling stories in sequential order, and sight word games. Creative writing will encourage expression, open ended sentences, and sentence structure. Handwriting will include Aa-Zz practice. Math will cover: numeration, addition, subtraction, capacity, ordering, non-standard measurement, graphing, matching numbers to number words. In science we will focus on: the power of the sun, summer safety, and thermometers.

