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YAY!! May is here and so many wonderful things happening this month!

The week of May 6—10 is our annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation WEEK. We plan on spoiling our teachers (and all of our staff) all week to let them know how important they are to us and how we couldn't make this school work without them! Thank you SO MUCH to all the parents that donated money to our luncheon planned for the 7th. As Lisa has stated to you all earlier, we used to have a pot-luck but found that a lot of the dishes had nuts in them, which we just cannot have here. It actually got a little scary checking all the dishes brought in! So, with that said, we are planning a nut free catered lunch brought in with no worries! If you think of it, during that week, give your child/Children's teacher(s) a hug, they would appreciate it! (pssst, I like hugs too!!)

Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences are scheduled for May 13-24th. Be on the lookout for sign up sheets in your child's classroom.

Memorial Day is May 27th, we are closed that day.

Hope your May is the best and hope everyone stays healthy!!

Carol



Dates To Remember:
 May 6—10: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
 May 13-24: Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences
 May 27: Memorial Day, CLOSED that day

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INFANT NEWS

Kateri's News

Hello families! Thank you all for the warm welcomes! This month is full of new and exciting things!

Starting this month we will begin getting ready for the transition to Young Toddlers. Yay!! With that we will begin one nap a day for the older children and practicing using our eating utensils as well as Dixie cups. We will also be going outside more and we would like to remind everyone to **please bring sunscreen** and sun hats for the children. We will apply sunscreen before outside time (morning and afternoon). If you have any questions or concerns please always feel free to come talk to us in the classroom.

Happy Birthday to Avery (May 10th), Lillian (May 14th) and Ms. Lisa (5/24th).

Thank you!

Ms. Kateri

Ms. Lisa

Ms. Gail



Sadie's News

Welcome to the month of May! We almost have all walkers, now. We have been enjoying the sun, sights and sounds of outside! We are using our senses to explore the sand and trees. We have begun to learn how to scoop and pour using shovels and buckets!

We have become adjusted to taking one nap and using sippy cups and utensils. By the end of May we will be working on using Dixie cups, and basically getting ready for the Young Toddler class. Can you believe we only have 3 more months?

We have been learning about personal space and "nice hands" and encourage our families to help with this at home as well. We would greatly appreciate it. We have also been working on ONE word sentences.

Shout out to all our MOMMIES, Happy Mother's Day!

As it is warm out and we will be exploring more, please help us remember to sunscreen your child in the mornings and we will reapply before outside time. Also, please make sure there are extra clothes in your child's cubby as we will be having water activities.

Happy First Birthday to Ebbett! We are so happy to be sharing your special day.

Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences will be the end of May, I will post more information as it gets closer.

Thank you to everyone who donated books to our class from our recent Book Fair.

As always, thank you for all the support you have given us. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to speak to us!



Ms. Sadie

Ms. Mikaela

Ms. Myranda



YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

Alex's News

Can you believe summer is almost here?? We are loving the warmer weather and the outdoor time. Please make sure your child has sunscreen on in the morning. If they don't have any on, please let us know and we will apply before we go outside. Now is also a good time to check your child's extra clothes in their cubby not only for sizes that might be too small, but also weather appropriate.

For May, our theme will be Summer Fun & Zoo Animals. We will explore these themes through art, stories, music and play.

This month we have 2 birthdays! Elijah will be 2 on the 2nd and Noah will be 2 on the 8th. Happy Birthday boys!! We hope everyone has a great May!!

Ms. Alex

Ms. Alma

Ms. Analy



Nicole's News

April showers bring May flowers and our Young Toddlers are in full bloom! We have successfully created a routine on introducing the potty which is going really well. We usually sit on the potty for a few minutes during diaper changes and follow it by hand washing. We have had a few successes and everyone is super proud of themselves. This is just the beginning of reaching a major milestone in your child's development. Please continue to work on this at home, we would greatly appreciate it!

We have been using our words more frequently during peer interactions and we will continue to work on this all year. We have also been really engaged in our art work as we creatively express ourselves.

Picnics on the playground is something else we have been enjoying (as long as the weather allows us to.) We will continue enjoying picnics during the summer months.

The petting zoo was such a blast and everyone really enjoyed it. Thank you to Cassia's mom, Makah, for helping our class during the petting zoo. Thank you to Ms. Carol and her awesome family for allowing us to have that experience.

We would like to give Ms. Mikaela a warm farewell. We thank her for the time she has spent with us and wish her the best on her new journey in the Infant room. Please bear with us as we search for an afternoon closer to complete our team. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask.

Our theme for the month is "Flowers & Bugs". We will have fun going on "bug hunts" though out our playground, exploring flowers and reading books about "Bugs & Flowers".

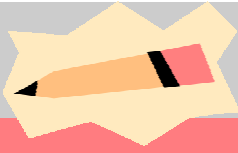
Happy 2nd birthday to Evie on the 16th, Sophie on the 25th & Alex on the 28th. We almost have a complete class of two year olds!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our amazing mommies!!



Ms. Nicole

Ms. Angie



OLDER TODDLER NEWS

Liz's News

Hi there families! We know the weather can't make up it's mind but the kids do need sun-screen to protect them. So please bring some in for your child. Please apply in the morning and we will reapply for outside time in the afternoon.

It was wonderful having you all come for the field trip, thank you so much for joining us!

This month we are working on name recognition, classroom helpers/superstars and we will talk about what it means to be kind.

Thank you to all of our little friends that donated books to our classroom. We truly have been enjoying every one of them.



Of course, don't forget how much we appreciate the participation from all of you!

Ms. Liz

Ms. Maria

Ms. Adrianna

Joslyn's News

Hi everyone and Happy May! The weather is so beautiful but a little wild some days. So please, always remember to bring in a light jacket for your child. Also, please apply sunscreen on your child in the morning and we will reapply in the afternoon. Everyone is doing well on this but just a reminder. Thank you!

This month we will be working on a special surprise for all you mummies for your special day. We will also be talking about sea animals and learning about what community helpers are. All the kids are doing very well on their counting, ABC'S and colors but let's be sure we are working on these at home as well.

In June, we will have a field trip to Explora and will have lunch afterward. A date will be set soon. Just keep in mind that it will be in June and on a Friday..

Also, we would like to welcome our new mid day teacher. Her name is Andrea and the children love her! We are excited to have her join our class! Have a great month!



Ms. Joslyn

Ms. Andrea

Ms. Adrienne



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Danielle's News

Happy Cinco de Mayo! We will be kicking off our May 5th with making salsa, homemade tortillas and sombreros! Along with celebrating cultures we will be celebrating Japanese Children's Day formally know as Koi Nobori. For this special day we will attempt to make sushi and Koi wind socks.

To top off our celebration fun, we will be learning about Zoo and Jungle animals and their habitats. To help with our better understanding, we will be going on a field trip to the Zoo on Friday May 24th. We will meet thee at 9:15 am and will enter the Zoo at 9:30am.

Please mark your calendars for Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences which will be held May 22 & 23. Sign up sheets will be posted in the classroom.

Congrats to Ms. Jayce for having her baby on April 11th. Happy Spring!!

Ms. Danielle

Ms. Brianna

Ms. Jayclyn



Alyssa's News

Dear families,

May is upon us and it is hard to believe how quickly this school year has passed. With that said, we are planning an "End of the Year Celebration" on Friday, June 7th. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion as we look forward to celebrating this fun filled year with our families. Our ceremony will begin at 10:30 am at Manzano Mesa Park. Please join us for a special performance by our preschoolers and a potluck to follow. I will be posting a sign up sheet as we get closer to this big day for anyone who would like to sign up to bring a dish.

We are so proud of all of our kiddos as they have worked hard and get ready to transition into Pre-K come August. This month we will learn about transportation and community helpers. We continue to work on sight words, rhyming words and our number and letter writing. We have been working on planting as we continue to look for signs of spring. This month, the children are learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been watching the metamorphosis of our caterpillars and anxiously await their transformation.

MOM'S! Please join us on Friday, May 10th at 8:30 for "Muffins for Mom's". This month we celebrate all of our wonderful Mothers and Grandmothers. Thank you for all you do!

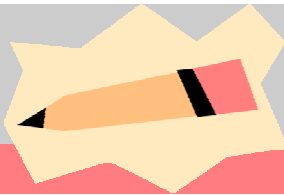
Lastly, Happy Birthday to Rose on 5/20 and Mr. Brandon on 5/4!

Thank you!



Ms. Alyssa

Mr. Brandon



PRESCHOOL- PRE-K NEWS

Shannon's News

Thank you to all who attended our Planetarium/Natural History Museum field trip! We welcome your feedback about whether you feel the field trip should be done again in the future. A HUGE thanks for all of the Book Fair donations from the children. We sure appreciate it!

We are so thankful for the warmer weather and will be taking more of our learning outdoors. Our class is keeping track of insects we see on our playground, observing the spring changes that are happening around us, feeding the birds and planning a garden.

Please make sure you are applying sunscreen on your child every morning and we will re-apply in the afternoon.

May curriculum:

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| *April 29-May 3 | Plants and Gardening |
| *May 6-10 | Plants and Gardening |
| *May 13-17 | Transportation |
| *May 20-24 | Wild West |
| *May 27-31 | Water |

Please be on the lookout! We will be asking for donations for our annual garden that we will be planting on our playground.

Dates to remember:

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| *May 9th | "Muffins for Mom's" |
| *May 27th | Center closed for Memorial Day |
| *June 7th | End of the year Celebration/Final Field Trip |

Please think of us as you do your Spring cleaning! We welcome gently used books and toy donations.

Happy Birthday to Oliver on May 10th, Anna on May 12th and Aria on May 29th.



Ms. Shannon **Ms. Arely**
Ms. Lindsay



PRE-K NEWS

Lauren's News

Hello Pre-K families. Happy Spring! This school year has flown by and as we near graduation.

We have a few reminders:

*Please remember to apply sunscreen prior to drop off, the sunscreen will be here for your convenience. We will reapply after rest time.

*Please have your child wear shorts/ leggings under their dresses or skirts.

Curriculum for May is as follows:

- *May 6-10 My Mom/Pre-K Portfolio
- *May 13-17 Graduation
- *May 20-24 Creepy Crawlies
- *May 27-31 Zoo Animals



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

*Muffins for Moms, Wednesday May 8th (muffins will be out during drop off for a quick Mommy and Me meal!)

*Graduation is May 17th, please bring your child to the park by 10 am so we can start our performance on time.

Thank you to all of our family volunteers, the class is really enjoying it. Our Summer Fun unit will begin June 3rd, keep your eye out for our calendar depicting special days including water play, science days, movie days and wacky days. We look forward to graduation and a great summer!

Ms. Lauren

Ms. JoAnn

Ms. Desiree



Thank you all for getting your renewals in! Carol and I have already been busy going through our wait list and making offers for the new school year.

This month, please note that our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is set for May 6 through May 10th. We have things planned for them all throughout the week and look forward to this every year. Thank you SO much to all who donated to our luncheon on Tuesday the 7th. Our families are the best!

Please note that we also have Parent or Guardian/Teacher conferences planned later in May. This will give you a chance to see how far your growing little ones have come. Let me tell you, they have all grown, inside and out, SO much! It's really incredible how far they have come.

We will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day! We thank all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country!

I hope everyone has a fantastic May!

Lisa



**HELP
WANTED**



As always, please check with your child's teacher if there is a special project, party, activity, etc. that you can volunteer to help with. Parent participation is always appreciated and welcome!