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Happy May everyone!! Spring has sprung and so has warmer weather! One more time, please sunscreen your child daily either before you get here or upon your arrival. We want to make sure all our little ones are protected against the harsh NM sun. The teachers will reapply again after lay down time, just so you know. Also, please remember hats, to be kept here, for added protection. Thank you everyone!

The week of May 7—11th is our Teacher/Staff Appreciation WEEK. We do not just plan a day, we plan a week to thank our dear teachers and staff for all their hard work and dedication to the children here at La Luz. Give your teachers, your chef or your administrators a hug to let them know you appreciate their efforts. Thank you!

The week of May 14—25 is our scheduled time frame for our end of the year Guardian/Teacher conferences. Check with your child's teacher to see when they are planning their conference time and sit back and enjoy how awesome they all are doing! This is also a great time to ask questions about development/progress or to share concerns. This is what your child's teachers are here for!

We will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 28th. See you all back on May 29th!!

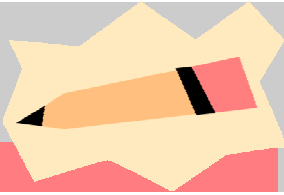
Thank you for promptly coming back with your new renewals for our 2018/2019 school. We greatly appreciate it and appreciate letting us enjoy your children another year!!

Carol



**Dates
To
Remember:
May 7—11:
TEACHER AP-
PRECIATION
WEEK
May 28: ME-
MORIAL DAY
OBSERVED**

Enrich the day, brighten the future.™



INFANT NEWS

Alex's News

Summer is just around the corner, can you believe it? We have lots of fun things planned this month. We will be going outside daily. Please make sure your child has sunscreen on each morning. We will reapply in the afternoon. Your child also needs a sun hat, socks, shoes and sunscreen to be kept in the classroom. Make sure to have sunscreen labeled with your child's name on it. Reminder, if sunscreen has expired, we cannot use it on your child. If there is no expiration date on it, generally it is still effective for up to 2 years from purchase.

We are growing more and more each day. We have had success using bowls and spoons to feed ourselves. We will continue working on this important self-help skill. We will also be exploring weather this month. This includes sunny, rainy, cloudy and windy. We will read stories, sing songs and work on art with this theme.

Lastly, we will have family conferences this month. A sign up sheet will be near the sign in/out book in the next coming weeks. This will be our last conference in the Infant room.

We would like to wish Elijah a Happy Birthday! He turned one on May 3rd!

We hope you have an A-MAY-zing month of May!

Ms. Alex

Ms. Alma

Ms. Analy

Nicole's News

Spring is in full bloom in the Infant room. We are reaching our milestones very quickly. Lots of us are waving, saying at least three words, crawling, picking ourselves up, taking steps and walking. Before you know it we will be Young Toddlers!

Thank you all, for the awesome book donations from the book fair. It's always such a treat to read new books during circle time.

This month we will be celebrating "Cinco de Mayo" with cultural music, stories and shaking bells. We will also be exploring our senses such as smelling flowers and a variety of other scents, we will explore with bubbles and water and we will look at bright outdoor materials such as the "green grass" and the "blue sky."

We would like to welcome Mireya and her family to the class. We are all so excited for a new friend to join us! We would like to wish Alex a Happy 1st Birthday on the 28th! Pretty soon we will have a class full of one year olds!!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mommies!! Happy May!

Ms. Nicole

Ms. Angie

Ms. Sadie





YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

Liz's News

Spring is in full gear and summer is trying to peek through. We ask that you all apply sunscreen to the children in the morning and we will reapply it in the afternoon as well. We are all so excited for our upcoming field trip on Friday, May 11th. For more details please ask, we have the answers! This month we will be working on our self help skills, shape recognition, understanding emotions and respecting personal space. Some time this month, we plan to take a voting poll for next year's themes! Your input is important to us.



Happy Birthday to Merrick (May 2nd)! He celebrated his BIG #2!
Thank you for all the book donations! The children really enjoy the time we spend reading books.
Here's to a marvelous May!

Ms. Liz

Ms. Jayce

Ms. Maria

Joslyn's News

Hello families! First of all we would like to say thank you to the families that bought the classroom new books. We truly appreciate it and the children are loving them at circle time.

April has come and gone and now it's May. It's getting warmer and brighter outside. Please start applying sunscreen on your child before coming to school and we will apply more on them in the afternoon. Also, please bring in a sun hat if you want your child to wear one outside. With that said, some of the children's extra clothes are getting small (and may be weather inappropriate). Please check them and update sizes if needed. Thanks!

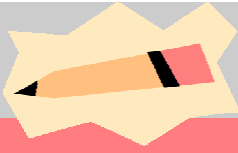
This month we will be doing more fun activities outside such as chalk, water painting and sports day, which one of our family members signed up to do w/the children. The children really do enjoy this time of year. We will also be working on manners at school and manners at the table. We are also trying to "use our words" with the children and with the teachers as well. The children now say, "Please & Thank You." They have come a long way and we are so proud of them. Happy Birthday to Serena on the 28th and Ms. Jos on the 26th! Let's have a great month!



Ms. Joslyn

Ms. Kateri

Ms. Adrienne



OLDER TODDLER NEWS

Ana's News

Hello parents and families! First, we would like to thank all our families that attended our field trip to the museum. It was so much fun and the children really enjoyed learning about planets and dinosaurs. It's always so much fun for the families and the teachers to spend quality time, outside of La Luz, together.

We are planning our end of the year celebration for July, just so you know. More info to come later.

We would like to wish two of our students a fond farewell.

Madisyn who left us in April and Yanismar who will be leaving us at the end of the month. We will truly miss you two!

Our month of May is going to be quite busy! "Cinco de Mayo" is always fun including many activities like our Mexican Fiesta which incorporates Mexican food tasting, dress up clothes AND speaking and communicating in Spanish. We will learn about the country and the Mexican culture. Bonus!! We will also make piñatas!!

We are planning on "Muffins for Mom's" on May 9th at 8:30am for all our mom's to come enjoy with us. Can't wait to see you all then!

Please remember to apply sunscreen on your child every morning and we will reapply again in the afternoon. Also, we would love each child to have a hat as well.

Happy Birthday to our amigitos, who will be turning 3 years old. Anna on May 12th & Aria on May 29th. Would also like to wish Ms. Lisa a Happy birthday on the 24th and Ms. Riah on the 25th!

Ms. Ana

Ms. Lisa

Ms. Riah



Danielle's News

Hello May! We are happy for the sun and warmer weather. Please bring a hat for your child and apply sunscreen on your child in the morning. We will reapply in the afternoon. We will offer lots of water during outside time, as well.

April was fun filled with fun lessons. Thank you all for joining us for the field trip. This was great for our lesson about dinosaurs. We were able to point out the dinosaurs we learned about.

For the month of May, we will be learning about bugs, honey bees and spiders. We will also celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Koinobori (Japanese Children's Day). If you are interested in joining us or helping with an activity in any of these areas, please talk with any one of us.

Family/Teacher conferences are scheduled for the week of May 21—25. The sign up sheet is near our sign in/out book in the classroom.

Have a great month!



Ms. Danielle

Ms. Brianna

Ms. Brittany



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Brittany's News

Hello families!

I can't believe it's May already and summer is in sight!

Please make sure you are applying sunscreen on your child in the morning. We will reapply in the afternoon before our outside time. Also consider bringing in a sun hat and sunglasses are welcome too. It makes outside time in the heat more enjoyable.

The themes this month are as follows:

* 4/30–5/4	Nature & Plants	Letter Nn
* 5/7–5/11	Nature & Plants	Letter Nn
* 5/14–5/18	Fairy Tales	Letter Qq
* 5/21–5/25	Fairy Tales	Letter Kk
* 5/28–6/1	Animals	Letter Jj

On Thursday, May 10th we will have a Mother's Day Tea Party from 3–4 pm. Any family member is welcome to come enjoy some snacks, photos and crafts with your little ones.

Last but not least, as many of you know, Ms. Brittany gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Riley, on April 15th. They are both at home, happy and healthy. We can't wait to welcome her back in June.

Happy Birthday to Oliver, Dylan and Frank in the month of May!

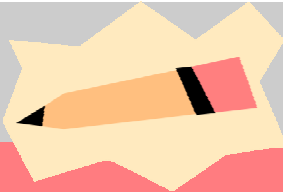
Ms. Christina

Ms. Mikaela

Mr. Brandon

And of course, Ms. Brittany





PRESCHOOL- PRE-K NEWS

Shannon's News

Happy May! We are so glad for the warmer weather and have been spending much of our outside time digging in the wet sand and looking for bugs. Our class is really focusing on kindness—this includes being kind to bugs! The children have learned to observe the bugs on our playground without disturbing or harming them. Thank you to Stewart (Evelyn's dad) for coming in and teaching the class about the Sun. Thank you Chris and Shelley (Kali's mom and dad) for launching rockets and Moon (& Jupiter) walking with the class. Also, thank you Jessica, (Hyla's mom) for coming in to teach us about insects and spiders she brought in preserved and even had live specimens! We truly appreciate your involvement in our classroom!

Our Praying Mantis egg hatched and we released hundreds of babies onto our playground in hopes that they will stick around and care for our gardens. We are patiently awaiting our caterpillars to complete their metamorphosis.

May curriculum is as follows:

*April 30—May 4	Plants and Gardening Week 1
*May 7—11	Plants and Gardening Week 2
*May 14—18	Transportation
*May 21—25	Wild West
*May 28—June 1	Water

Dates to remember:	May 10:	8:30—9	Muffins for Mom
	June 15:		Graduation/End of Year Field Trip

Don't forget to sunscreen your child before school every day. We will reply in the afternoon as well. As always please come to us anytime with questions, comments or if your would like to volunteer for any of our activities.

Happy Birthday to Colton on May 7th and Cormac on May 18th!

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Alyssa

Ms. Lindsay





PRE-K NEWS

Lauren's News

Hello Spring and hello Pre-K families!! Graduation month is upon us (as hard as this is to believe!) Please save the date; Friday, May 18, 2018! Invitations have been sent out and there is a pot-luck sign up/head count form located next to the sign-in book! Please let us know how many guests you have attending ASAP so we can plan properly! Thank you! We have prepared a little performance and each child will receive a Pre-Kindergarten diploma! Following the ceremony we will enjoy cake, lunch and play! Your child has worked very hard all year and graduation day is when we celebrate their achievements in a fun BIG way!

May's curriculum is as follows:

*April 30—May 4	Cinco de Mayo/Pre-K Portfolios	# unit: 61-70
*May 7—May 11	My Mom/Pre-K Portfolios	# unit: 71-80
*May 14—May 18	Graduation	# unit: 81-100
*May 21—25	Creepy Crawlies	Sight Word review
*May 28—June 1	Zoo Animals	Sight Word review

Quick Reminders:

*No School: Monday, 5/28, Memorial Day

*Please remember to sunscreen your child before or upon arrival daily. We will reapply in the afternoon as well.

*Last conferences are set for June

*Learning doesn't stop after graduation. We have a super fun AND educational summer program planned including: exploration, wacky days, water play, movies, a Petting Zoo and more!

Lastly, thank you for your wonderful team work and support this year, it has been great!

Ms. Lauren

Ms. JoAnn

Ms. Desiree





Happy May to all! I want to take some special time to recognize moms. This could be your birth mom, a special grandmother, a cherished neighbor or anyone who you feel a motherly connection or bond to. I've read that "being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had and dealing with fears you never knew existed." I have definitely experienced this with my own two children. It can be very overwhelming at times but nothing comes close to being as fulfilled as knowing that you've helped raise independent, strong, smart, compassionate and caring human beings. The worrying, it never stops!! But, I wouldn't trade a minute of it. I love being a mom!!!!



Please enjoy this month of warmer weather, green trees, colorful flowers, hopefully declining wind speeds, and most of all, enjoy each other!

Lisa



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!