



Wee Folk in May

Our calendar song this month, "May, May, May ... flowers bloom so bright in May," also reminds us of how much our Wee Folk have grown and bloomed though our time together this school year. Once again we anticipate graduating many of our students to the bigger world of kindergarten! As we say our good-byes to those moving on, we are thankful for the times we've shared and for the relationships we have established with you, our Wee Folk families.

Through the month, we will continue with a few more **Eric Carle** books and activities. We will also focus our attention on **Mother's Day**, busily preparing for our celebration with our mommies on May 9 & 10! We look forward to sharing some songs, serving some treats, and presenting gifts made from our little hands. Mommies, Grandmas, and Aunties are invited to join us at 11:15 at the pavilion on these special days!

Our circle time discussion focus will find us sharing together about the loving relationship between mothers and the children they care for as Mother's Day approaches! Among our favorite stories to read will be, *The Mother's Day Mice*, *Are You My Mother?* and *Mother, Mother, I Want Another!* Also included will be some newer books, including *The Berenstain Bears - We Love Our Mom* and *Mother's Day Blessings*.

The theme for the rest of the month will be a **potpourri from A to Z**, as we focus our attention on alphabet games and activities, and practice writing our names. A wide assortment of games, puzzles, and manipulatives, will be added to our shelves for the children to explore. A variety of alphabet books with wonderful art and lyric texts will provide us with a nice mix of literary experiences.

Our **show-and-tell** will reflect the alphabet theme, as well. Children who are our "Helping Hands" this month should come prepared to tell us the first letter and a few clues to help us guess what they brought to show and tell us about. For example: "My show and tell is about a thing that starts with letter B." It is an animal; it has whiskers, long ears, and a cotton-ball tail. I got it in my Easter basket." With those clues, we should be able to guess that it's a **bunny**! We will put the appropriate letter up on our alphabet flip chart to highlight during circle time. Then we will brainstorm other words that begin with the letter of the day, encouraging phonetic awareness and reading readiness.

We also look forward to continuing along with some of the early fundamentals of handwriting in our M-W-F class, using the preschool curriculum component of "**Handwriting Without Tears**," which was developed by an Occupational Therapist.

At a DVAEYC Conference we attended several years ago, I was able to purchase some of these materials, including some great manipulative pieces and a CD with songs that reinforce the concepts.

End of the year class picnics will honor children who celebrate summer birthdays. On these days, the children will enjoy an early lunch together outside in the pavilion, weather permitting. The children will be making their own sandwiches at school on their picnic day. Children with summer birthdays will have the opportunity to bring a treat to share with their friends to complete the picnic lunch, such as: potato chips, carrot sticks, or dessert. Look for a snack slip with these details if your child has a summer birthday!

As we close out another school year, I want to thank you for sharing your children with us this year. Your many acts of kindness and words of support have been a source of much encouragement to me and to Mrs. Thomsen. We think you are all the BEST, too!

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy fun-in-the-sun summer! We look forward to seeing many returning families in the fall! And to our “graduates,” don’t forget to come back to see us from time to time. We love visits from our alumni! And if you know someone still looking for a school next year, we would appreciate your referrals. We still have openings available in both classes.

Love and blessings,
Kathy Moyer

Special Days in May

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| May 1, 8, & 15: | Alphabet Adventures concludes with Letters X, Y, & Z!
Lunch-bunch followed by activities from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM |
| May 6: | M-W-F Class Bus Safety program with TSI |
| May 9 & 10: | Mother’s Day Celebration
Please meet us at the pavilion at 11:15 for some surprises! |
| May 18: | Daddy & Me Fishing Day at Center Point Pond
Please RSVP to me if you will be attending! |
| May 23: | T-Th Class: Last class day and PICNIC (students only) |
| May 27: | Memorial Day Holiday |
| May 29: | M-W-F Class: PICNIC Day (students only) with our traditional
“Graduation” slide down the sliding board at dismissal |
| May 31: | M-W-F Class: Last class day with WATER FUN AND SURPRISES! Children should wear clothes that can get wet, sneakers or sturdy water shoes, and bring a towel. |