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A Newsletter for Families

May 2020



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Let's Celebrate



Cinco De Mayo

Sunday, May 5th

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10th

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th



Framework For Their Future®

May Class Themes of the Month



Dreamers ~ Theme: Bees and Buds

Our babies' key experiences will strengthen their sense of self, creative representation, communication, and language. Their joyous rhyme of the month is our old time favorite, Ring Around the Rosie, along with Bringing Home a Baby Bumblebee. Your little ones will experience playtime with hats, one-piece puzzles, and ladybug shapes.



Travelers ~ Theme: Hugs and Bugs

Would your child rather have a hug or a bug? Hidden inside our theme and some of the experiences are words that rhyme to help children with sound discrimination and emergent literacy skills. Gifts for Mother's Day and opportunities to sing about bugs while crafting them using play dough, paper plates, muffin cups, and paper towel rolls will be a big part of the fun.



Adventurers ~ Theme: We Bloom and Grow

As our toddlers grow each day, we note their accomplishments by recording their skills to share with you at our conference. We'll celebrate Mother's Day with murals, charts and art projects. Your children will enjoy putting their own words into the text and making up their own dog names. You are in for a wonderful treat this month without a doubt!



Discoverers ~ Theme: Butterflies and Blossoms

We welcome a new month and new theme while encouraging children to tell what they already know about it. We introduce The Very Hungry Caterpillar and new songs, rhymes, and fingerplays. We make models, divide the children into two small groups and guide them in creating their own hungry caterpillar. Symbols that represent spring will include: flower pot, pinwheel, kite, baby animals, baseball, bubbles, umbrellas, dandelions and, of course, blossoms!



Voyagers ~ Theme: Growing and Going

This month your child will explore alphabet picnics and ways to enhance their own self-images. Children will vote for their five favorite books and begin to feel like "big kids" as they create a Year Book with a great deal of planning. Their Key Experiences will include, as always, comparisons between numbers, moving to music, discrimination between sounds, and fitting things together in space.



Explorers ~ Theme: Nature Photographers

May brings many experiences relative to flags, literacy, art, and brain "entertainment." The children will make different kinds of flowers and work on crafting a special Mother's Day gift. A photo display of pictures both taken at our center and brought in from home will grace the classroom for additional fun this exciting month.

May

Dreamers



Math- This month children will be exposed to bright and bold patterns and learn about the color green!

Science- Dreamers will use their senses as they explore flowers and they will work on their pulling and pushing skills.

Social Studies- May's Social Studies Enhanced Learning lessons will expose children to people in job uniforms and they will practice self-recognition and friend recognition.

Travelers



Math- This month the Jr. Toddlers will learn about the diamond shape and build an understanding of the mathematical concept "more".

Science- Toddlers will learn about bees and how they help flowers. They will also get a chance to be a crawling caterpillar and then turn into a flying butterfly as we pretend play our way through the life cycle of a butterfly.

Social Studies- Travelers will work as a team as they become a caterpillar and collect leaves. They will also learn about what classrooms look like in different countries.

Adventurers



Math- This month, Adventurers will measure with non-standard measurement tools. They will also learn about octagons and recognize them in the real world.

Science- Sr. Toddlers will learn about the science behind bubbles and experiment with motion.

Social Studies- Adventurers will learn all about astronauts and construction workers this month. They will participate in pretend play scenarios where they will get to rocket to the moon and build and demolish tall buildings!

Discoverers



Math- Discoverers will become pretend pizza makers as they work on their addition and subtraction skills to add and take away pepperonis on different pizza orders. Discoverers will also continue to work on their pattern making and recognition skills.

Science- 3-year olds will learn all about what we breathe in and out and will conduct science experiments to discover how carbon dioxide affects liquids.

Social Studies- Discoverers will learn about the Statue of Liberty and what it symbolizes. They will also learn about and create a miniature model of the Grand Canyon.

Voyagers



Math- Voyagers will work on counting by groups of five. They will also begin building an understanding of division as they decide how many slices of pizza each person receives.

Science- 4-year olds will learn about solids and liquids this month. They will also make their own goo as they learn about things that are in between states of matter.

Social Studies- Voyagers will learn about Mount Rushmore and the famous faces on it. They will also learn about Sacagawea and her contribution to the Corps of Discovery.



Summer 2020

Register Now! Ages 5-12

Ask your center's management team for more information and for a physical or digital copy of our Summer Program brochure!

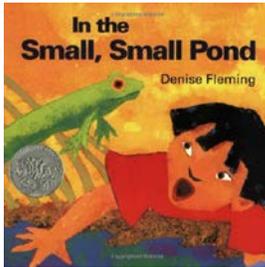
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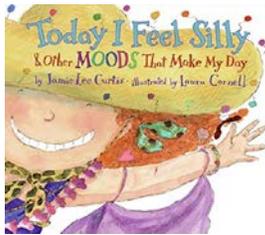
This summer, we will begin a quest for the unknown that will encourage a lifetime of curiosity through scientific discovery, artistic exploration, and creative imagination! We will explore some of the most common mysteries of the world. From the never-ending world of space and the deepest depths of the oceans, to intriguing animals and the most unique cultures, let's embrace curiosity and find what makes our planet amazing!

Register now to join us for a stimulating summer of learning and growth, friendship and fun! Visit LegacyAcademy.com to sign up!

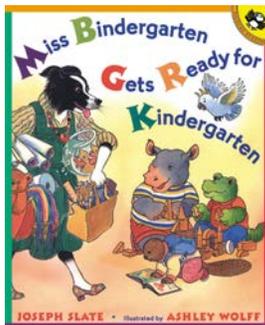
May Books



In the Small, Small Pond
 By: Denise Fleming



Today I Feel Silly
 By: Jamie Lee Curtis

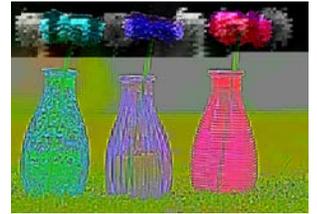


Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten
 By: Joseph Slate

Color Changing Flowers

Supplies

Water
 Vases or Mason Jars
 Food Coloring
 White Flowers



Directions

1. **Collect Flowers!** On your next grocery run, the store may have some white flowers in stock. Otherwise, a nature walk may be in order to collect some white flowers, or you can grow your own!
2. **Trim the Stems.** Cut the flower stems at an angle to increase surface area
3. **Dye the Water.** Fill the jars or vases halfway with water and squirt several drops of food coloring into each vessel.
4. **Place Flowers** into the jars and...
5. **Watch the Magic!** The physics behind this experiment is thanks to **capillary action**. This is defined as the ability of a liquid to flow in narrow spaces without the help of an outside force (like gravity). As water evaporates from a plant, it is able to pull more water through its stem.

Make predictions about what will happen. Record your predictions and compare them to the outcome ★ Allow children to add the colors! Experiment with different color combinations ★ Experiment with different types of white flowers. Does the type of flower make a difference? ★ What if you cut the stems shorter instead? ★ Ask questions like "How long do you think it will take for the flowers to start to change color?" ★ Take note if one color comes through faster than the others. ★ Set a timer to record your observations and any changes throughout the day or over the course of a few days.

