

Newsletter for May 2017

May



Art Work by a YMCA Manzanita Child

It's hard to believe our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to Kindergarten in the fall. We thank you for entrusting your child with us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of your children in our care and have seen so much growth and development.

We had a busy April. The children had a lot of fun engaging in a variety of activities. The "Week of the Young Child" was very eventful and fun. I think everyone would agree, our Field Trip to Turtle Bay was a lot of fun too. The children always have so much riding the bus.

The Spring Fling is just around the corner and we've already been practicing. We'll be posting information on your shining stars soon!

Dates to Remember

- May 12 Mother's Day Tea, 10:30-11:30 am
- May 18 Open House, 6-7 pm
- May 15-19 Parent Conferences
Sign-up sheet in the classroom.
- May 26 Spring Fling, 8:30 am
- May 29 Memorial Day- Closed
- May 31 Preschool Graduation, 6-7
- June 2 Preschool Closed-Teacher work day

Summer Fun!

Don't miss out on the fun! We have so many wonderful things planned for our Summer Program. Details coming soon!

If you will not be attending preschool after June 1, please remember to submit a cancel form by May 1st.

Every Day is Earth Day!



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

Pre-K Themes and Activities for May

Our theme for the month : Under the Sea

Theme Goals: To introduce different kinds of fish and animals that live in the water. Where do fish live? We eat fish. We also catch fish to put them in aquariums. There are many types of fish, marine and freshwater.

Songs: Baby Baluga, Fishy Pokey, Down by the Shore

Art: Starfish, making a large octopus and whales tail, sand paper creatures

Snack: Counting and eating fish crackers

Large Motor: Crab Walk, practice walking on on a balance beam and continue SPARK activities.

Small Motor: Beach Playdough and Gak, practicing our names, cutting projects and stringing with beads.

Literacy: Re-telling stories and create our own story using stickers.

Math: How long is a whales tail?

Sorting shells, fish patterning (AABB pattern)

Science: Sink or float, salt and fresh water animals, Sea Habitat

Books: Baby Baluga, Hello Ocean, What Lives in a Shell and Ocean?

Games: Ocean Bingo, Dive under the ocean and Hidden Treasure

Sand and Water Table:

Blue water with ice cubes, adding fish.

Zoophonics: Flash card and grouptime review

Food and Fun: "Play Hard" and enjoying strawberries!

Harvest of the Month



Yummy Strawberry!

Food and Fun

What happens when?

After the children have been sitting at group time, announce that they need a movement break.

Activity:

The children will be shown various movement flash cards with instructions on how to do them. After they are finished movements, ask the children how they feel? Are their hearts beating faster?

Second Step

"Showing empathy"

First we talked about what empathy is. Then we roll played.



Helping a friend



40 Developmental Assets

Family Support

The children will draw and dictate stories about people who love them.

The Week of the Young Child

Flower Garden



The Week of the Young Child

Activities



We had so much fun at Turtle Bay

Exploration Park during

"The Week of the Young Child"



Fun with Peter Cottontail at the Egg Hunt



Wish List

Clorox Wipes
Sea Shells
Glue Sticks
Markers
Dry Erase Pens

Fun supporting the joggers at the Jog-A-Thon



Fun at the Box Car Race



YMCA Core Values

CARING: To demonstrate a sincere concern for others, for their needs and well-being

HONESTY: To tell the truth, to demonstrate reliability and trustworthiness through actions that are in keeping with my stated positions and beliefs

RESPECT: To treat others as I want them to treat me, to value the worth of every person, including myself

RESPONSIBILITY: To do what is right, to be accountable for my choices of behavior and actions



Cooperative Play



Our Mothers

May is here and with it comes Mother's Day.

A mother is more than the person who brings us into the world. She is the person who loves, cares for, teaches, guides and protects us as children. Moms make a difference in the lives of the children to whom you give such loving care.

Thank you to Our Mothers!

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