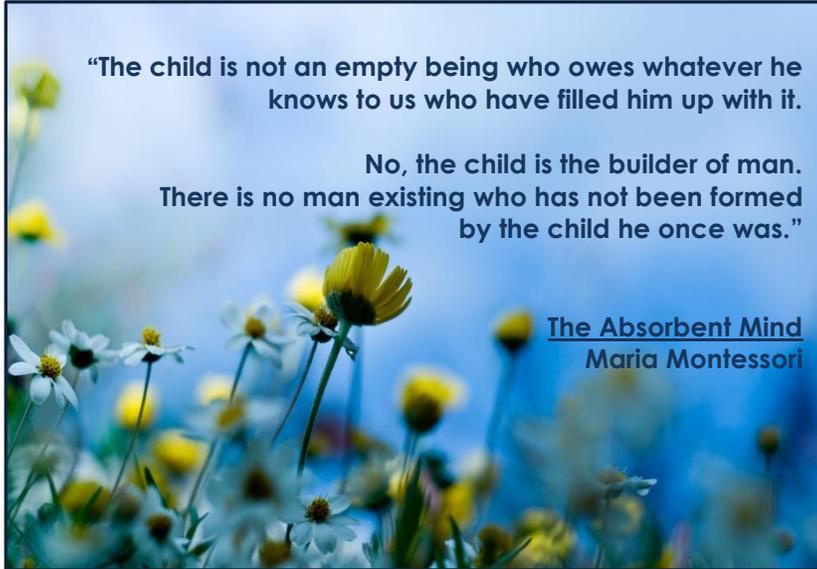




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May 2022 Newsletter



“The child is not an empty being who owes whatever he knows to us who have filled him up with it.

No, the child is the builder of man. There is no man existing who has not been formed by the child he once was.”

The Absorbent Mind
Maria Montessori

Important Dates to Remember:

Week of May 2nd through May 6th:
Teacher Appreciation Week!

Friday, May 6th:
Mother’s Day breakfast from 8am to 9am!
Come by during the morning before class starts for a special treat with mom!

Thursday, May 12th:
Open House from 8am to 9am!

Friday, May 20th:
Elementary Field Trip to Medieval Times!

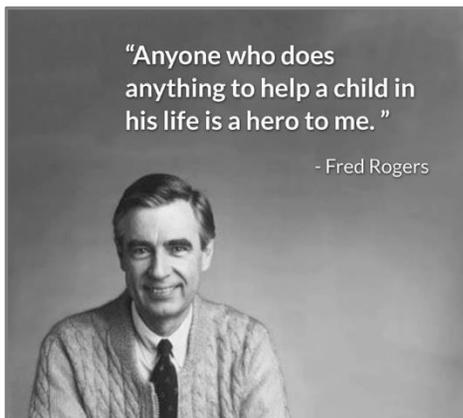
Monday, May 30th:
CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day



News from the Office

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week will begin on Monday, May 2nd and will end on Friday, May 6th. Please help us support our teachers and let them know just how much we appreciate all that they do! I will be sending out some ideas via email of our teacher’s favorite things 😊



- Monday, May 2nd** – Leave a Note to your Teachers!
- Tuesday, May 3rd** - Teacher Favorites Day!
- Wednesday, May 4th**- Teacher Gift Day!
- Thursday, May 5th**- Fresh Flower Bouquet Day!
- Friday, May 6th** – Mother’s Day breakfast from 8-9!

Let’s show our teachers just how awesome we think they are!

Mother’s Day Breakfast

We are so excited to be able to host our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast this year! This will be the first time in several years due to the previous pandemic. Our Mother’s Day breakfast will be the Friday of Teacher Appreciation Week on May 6th! Please come by during the morning from 8am to 9am for special treats and lots of celebration of our awesome moms! We hope to see you there!

Open House

We will be hosting Open House on Thursday, May 12th from 8am to 9am! Please come by during the morning before class begins to see all of the wonderful work your child has been up to! Your child will be YOUR teacher for the day and will be showing you their favorite pieces of work!

Elementary Field Trip to Medieval Times

Rooms 6 and 7 will be going to Medieval Times on Friday, May 20th! Be on the lookout for emails from Ms. Indigo and Ms. Michelle with instructions about this upcoming super-fun field trip!

School Closure

School will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. No daycare will be provided during this day.

Important Reminders

Illness Policy Reminder

An ill child will not be permitted to enter the classroom. If a child becomes ill at School, the parent will be contacted to arrange for the child's care. The child must be picked up by the parent or authorized person within 30 minutes of notification. Any child who has been sent home with a fever, diarrhea, persistent cough, and/or discolored nasal drainage will not be allowed to return to school until the child is symptom free for a complete 24 hours.

Tuition Reminder

Please remember that tuition is due on the 15th of each month for the following month. All payments received after the 25th will be assessed a late fee. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for Tuition Express.

Procure Connect App Check In and Out Reminder

Please...Please... remember to check your child in and out daily via the Procure Connect app on your phone or via the tablets in the hallway! Also, a reminder that school starts promptly at 8:45 AM for elementary, and at 9:00 AM for preschool and toddlers. Please have your children here on time!



Music News from Ms. Karen

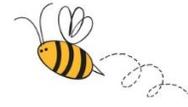
We had fun in April singing about the showers that bring May flowers. The children are now able to identify violets, daffodils, and irises. You're welcome. In May, we will even throw in Lilies of the Valley with our song "White Choral Bells".

All the classes enjoyed singing "I Am a Pizza" and we will continue with this song, only in French! Both the English and French versions are available on YouTube sung by Charlotte Diamond.

I have yet another version of "My Favorite Things" in the wings, as well. This is the classic song from "The Sound of Music" with lyrics that are tailored to our wonderful school, Montessori of Ladera Ranch.

I have created a playlist on Spotify with some of our songs from music class. Please check it out by clicking the link: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4zphaaEgLUWGZ4FhgRYXdg?si=280de6ad7ee447a5>

Keep singing!



Room 1

Ms. Jocelyn
Ms. Yoko
Ms. Megan F
Ms. Zayra

Although there has not been actual precipitation, the vocal strains of "April Showers" emanating from Room 1 are sure to bring on the blooms. The window boxes we planted on Earth Day are filled with vivid flowers and the toddlers take great pride in keeping everything nicely hydrated. We will be singing about another flower in the month of May – the Lily of the Valley, "White Coral Bells."

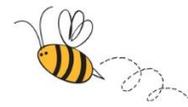
Joining us this month is Thomas Holm!

Our Color of the Month for May is **blue**, and we will be enjoying our collection of books by the renowned children's author, Lois Ehlert. Fish Eyes and Feathers for Lunch are two of the favorites in Room 1!

We have been hard at work on a gift for our moms and we hope that you can join us for a light breakfast on Friday, May 6th from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Children who do not normally attend school on that day are welcome to come with mom for a bite to eat!

Open House will be on Thursday, May 12th from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. At drop-off, plan to spend some time with your toddler, as he and/or she selects work from the shelves and simply dazzles you with the intense focus and concentration we see on a daily basis. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Happy Birthday to Makenna and Thomas!



Room 2

Ms. Emma
Ms. Vivian

Hi everyone and welcome to May! Last month in April, we learned so much about the earth and even started our own garden! This month we will be focusing on the ocean. We will be learning about the things that live within its waters. We will be studying the parts of a fish and learning about The Great Barrier Reef and how it is one of the most amazing things in the world! We will be spending some time discovering what lies within this reef. We will be taking a

virtual dive into the clear, clean Australian waters with a class virtual "field trip"!

I am so excited to announce that on May 6th from 8am-9am, you are invited to our Mother's Day breakfast! This is one of our favorite events and I am so excited it is able to return (finally!) this year.

We also will be seeing the return of Open house May 12th from 8am-9am. During our Open House, you will be able to come into the classroom with your child where they will have the ability to show you their work on the walls and even demonstrate how to complete their favorite work for you.

This month we will be learning about Australia! The world's largest island and smallest continent. We will be looking at some famous artwork of the ocean, especially Katsushika Hokusai's "The Great Wave". This month will be so much fun as we explore the amazing and mysterious down under both Australia and under the sea!

I look forward to hearing from you all. As always, you can expect updates through the month with each week's activities and focus.

Happy Birthday to Tommy!



Room 3

Ms. Jasmine
Ms. Sofia

May is already here, and there is only one month of school left! April was a busy month, and the children had a great time learning about ways to help the earth by reusing, reducing, and recycling. They enjoyed planting plants and just spending time gardening in celebration of Earth Day.

This month we will be traveling to the continent of Europe and will be exploring its region. The children will be learning about the various animals and plants that are native to Europe, as well as its monuments! They will be participating in different crafts and activities during this unit as well. We will also study the parts of a leaf and the parts of a flower.

Our cooking project this month will be fruit salad.

Happy Birthday to Jacob, Marshall, and Hunter Howell!



Room 4

Ms. Isabelle
Ms. Kaitlyn

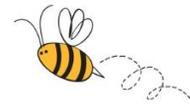
Happy month of May! Can you believe we are almost done with the school year? I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and holiday with their families. During our week of learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, we were able to have our own live caterpillars! We watched them grow from a caterpillar to beautiful butterflies, and then set them free into nature. We learned about the continent of Africa, its different areas and countries, and the different animals that live in Africa. We also learned about the parts of a flower, and we dissected a flower for the children to have a better understanding of the composition of the flower. We celebrated Earth Day and created our own planter choosing the theme of "Peter Pan Neverland".

During the month of May, we will be learning about parts of a tree, and the physical phenomenon of magnetism, and our continent of focus for the month will be South America. We will also learn about the parts of a toucan! Our artists of study will be the painter Frida Kahlo, and we will be listening to South American classics during our work time in the classroom.

Important Dates for May:

- Mother's Day Breakfast Friday, May 6th from 8am to 9am
- Open House Thursday, May 12th from 8am to 9am
- Memorial Day Monday, May 30th we will be CLOSED

Happy birthday to Walker!



Room 5

Ms. Abby
Ms. Veronica

Happy May! I cannot believe how quickly this school year has flown by; we only have one more month of school left!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our beautiful Butterfly Garden! The children had so much fun digging, planting, and watering. We are excited to continue tending to the garden! This month, our unit of study will be the life cycle of a vertebrate. In geography, we will be exploring and learning all about Europe. We will also be studying the parts of a root in botany. We have a lot of fun topics to cover this month!

On **Friday, May 6th**, we will be having a Mother's Day celebration! Join us from 8-9 am in Room 5 for coffee, doughnuts, and a special surprise the children have made!
We can't wait to see you there!

On **Thursday, May 12th**, we will also be having an Open House! You are welcome to come to the school from 8-9 am and be the student for the day while your child shows you their favorite work in the classroom!

As a friendly reminder, school starts at 9 am. If you happen to be running late, please have your child walk into circle time on their own so as to not distract the class. Thank you!

We have a fun month ahead and I am looking forward to all of our lessons and festivities!

Happy birthday Jonathan and Bohdan!



Room 6

Ms. Michelle
Ms. Jade

Happy May! I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to both our garden and our fruit salad. The children had a wonderful time planting and watering their flowers, and the fruit salad was enjoyed by all. If you have not had a chance to visit our garden, please do so. It is truly amazing!

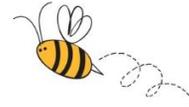
This month in class we will be going on a journey through South America, making guacamole, watering our garden, and listening to some country music. We will also be talking about the rain forest and what we can do to help it survive. We would like to invite all of our wonderful moms to enjoy a morning of Munchies, fruit, and coffee to celebrate Mother's Day. It will be held on Friday, May 6th, between 8:00 and 9:00 am.

Also, this month we would like to invite all of families to our Open House to be held on Thursday, May 12th, between 8:00 and 9:00 am. Come in and see our room and how your children spend their days. They are very excited to show you all of their work, so we hope to see you all there!

Don't forget, we will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

Happy Birthday wishes this month go out to Tanner, Bronson, and Serena.

Have a wonderful May!



Room 7

Ms. Indigo
Ms. Lidija

The month of April is now behind us, and we welcome the month of May!

Ms. Lidija and I wanted to start by saying thank you for all the wonderful treats donated for our egg hunt. Thank you for your participation in making this a special event for the children! The children enjoyed the egg hunt and festivities. We also hope that you enjoyed your spring break and the warm California weather. Earth day was a hit, and I personally can say I have never seen all the gardens look this full and beautiful.

We have exciting events this month starting with our Teacher Appreciation week and Mother's Day brunch. We can't wait to celebrate all the moms this month. May 20th is our Medieval Times field trip! Prepare for your child to learn the ins and outs of the rich culture of the medieval period. We learn about hierarchy, etiquette, and most importantly learn how to eat with our hands!