



Small Wonders Learning Center May 2018 Newsletter



From the Office:

Happy May Day to all of our families and Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mothers! With all of the late April showers, we are sure to have beautiful May flowers! We look forward to enjoying them throughout the month! We're always amazed to see the beautiful colors emerge in the spring! Hopefully the warmer weather will arrive soon and stay throughout the month of May. As a reminder, we will be closed **Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th**.

Outside Gear: All of our children will go outside daily. Please be sure to send in a jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with your child every day. The air can still be a little chilly.

Summer Schedules: If your summer care needs are changing, you should have already filled out a schedule change request or stopped by the office. At this time, our program is full and we are not taking any new enrollments. However, we do have a waiting list available.

Summer School Bus: The Milton Summer School program begins Monday, June 11th and will run through Friday, July 6th. If you signed up for the bus, the cost is \$39.50/child. Once you receive your confirmation from the Milton Summer School Program, please return the Summer School & Bus Confirmation Notice. This form must be returned prior to your child riding the bus. The bus fee (\$39.50/child) will be deducted through Tuition Express on Tuesday, May 29nd unless it is pre-paid.

School Age Summer Program: The School Age Summer Field Trip program is set and ready to go. Permission slips will be sent out the second week of May. We have some great activities planned for our school age friends. Permission slips are due Friday, May 25th. Fees for this program can be paid in full or split between two payments in June.

Summer Hold/Fall Return Families: The Summer Hold/Fall Return fees will be withdrawn on Monday, May 21st.

School Age Families: Reminder there is a half day on Friday, May 25th. Be sure to sign up on the clipboards located on the Parent Table regarding your childcare needs.

Shooting Stars Celebration: On Monday, May 14th, the Shooting stars will have an End of Year Celebration from 2:30pm -3:15pm. We are celebrating the fun and friendship we have shared throughout the year with songs and snacks! Notes were sent home in late April, hope to see you there.

Playground: All children must wear closed-toe shoes on the playground. We ask that you refrain from sending your child in slip-ons, crocs, or clogs because they are dangerous to wear on the playground. If your child wears such a shoe, he/she will not be allowed on the equipment. If you would like to send in an extra pair of playground shoes for your child to keep at Small Wonders, please label them and put them in your child's cubby.

Outside Safety: As a reminder, only adults are allowed to open the outside gate to the playground. When leaving the gated area, all children must be accompanied by an adult. In addition when dropping off or picking up your child, please do not allow him/her to run freely across the street or in our parking lot. Our parking lot is extremely busy with cars coming and going all of the time. On the same note, please drive with care when entering and leaving. Thank you.

Sunscreen and Bug Spray: You may bring in sunscreen and bug spray starting in May. A medication form must be filled out prior to use. This form will cover the entire summer. Please check expiration date on each item as we are not able to use expired items.

Garden Center: With Spring well underway, we are so excited to start our outdoor gardens. As part of our curriculum we will introduce the fun of gardening to our children. Several of our classrooms have already planted seeds and have been learning how to take care of their plants. The Cornerstone of Hope has donated the supplies for our raised beds. Once the weather has warmed up we will be transplanting them into our flower gardens on the playground. All of our friends will be getting their hands dirty as they help tend to our gardens. As the items grow and are ready for harvest, we will have the children taste and share with their families.

Growing Together with Laughter and Fun!
Miss Beth, Miss Terri, and Miss Julia

From the Sunshine Room:

As the nice weather continues to move in, we look forward to spending more time outside enjoying the sights and sounds as well as the cool breeze and warm sun on our skin. Our learning units for May will include Mothers Day, Fruits & Veggies, Bugs & Insects, and Trees.

We will spend time throughout the month working on tummy time, rolling over, crawling, and walking. We will also be practicing our balance, learning to stand, and walking with toy walkers. We will be working on special gifts for the important women in our lives.

As we start to spend more time outside on walks and enjoying the grassy areas on the playground we'd like to remind our parents to send in a light jacket or sweater with your infant every day. In addition, please send in a hat to help keep the sun out of their eyes and off of their little faces. Please bring in diapers and wipes as needed. If you have not done so already please send in a family photo to be displayed in the classroom.

We are excited to welcome Claire, Hudson, and Samuel to our classroom this month. We are so happy to have you all come learn, grow, and play with us.



Have Fun in The Sun!
Miss Nikki, Miss Lynn and Miss Marta



From the Rainbow Room:

As the flowers start blooming, so are our toddlers. We are so excited for the warm weather and the many activities we have planned for May. Our learning units for the month include Gardening, Pets, Memorial Day, Flowers and Insects. Our activities will include working on our fine motor development and self-help skills such as using a spoon at meal time and drinking from a cup. Our friends will be planting seeds during our gardening and flower unit. We are also making Mom a super surprise present for Mother's Day! Our fun filled sensory projects will include playing in the sensory table as well as smelling flowers!

As the weather continues to warm, please be sure to switch out your child's extra clothing items for more weather appropriate items. We will be spending more time outside so please dress your child for outside play every day. As a reminder, it can still be a bit chilly in the mornings so please send in a jacket or sweater. In addition, please send in a hat to help keep the sun out of their eyes and off their faces.

Class project: Please bring in a picture of your pet.



Happy Mother's Day!
Miss Barb L, Miss Taylor and Miss Tara



From the Moonbeams:

Happy May! Throughout the month of May we will be talking about Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, May Flowers, Picnic, and Memorial Day. As we begin a new month, our friends will be busy making "special gifts" for their mom's special day! We will also be enjoying more time outside as the sun continues to shine and the temperatures warm. We love getting outside to enjoy the fresh air and to run and play on the playground. Please make sure to send in your child's sunscreen (medication form required).

As we explore through our learning units, we will spend some time working on our scissor skills. Our friends will also be planting their own flowers, learning to tend to them and watching them grow. We will be having a Cinco de Mayo party May 4th - please note: NO AM snack is needed that day as we will be having one with our party. In addition, we will be having a picnic lunch on Thursday, May 24th - please send in a cold lunch (no heat able items) as we will be eating outside.

We are updating our Family Wall so we would like everyone to bring in two (2) current family photos. Thank you so much! Happy May Birthday wishes go to our friends Aria, Alayna, and Jack. We hope you have a great 3rd birthday!

Happy Mother's Day!
Miss Heather and Miss Alexis



From Milkyways:

First, I would like to say, I have had such a wonderful time getting to know each of my Milkyway friends and their families. Thank you so much for welcoming me and for sharing your children with me!

As May arrives, I want to say, "Happy Mother's Day" to all of the wonderful mothers...I hope you have a super month! My friends will be very busy in May as we explore with our learning units of Insects, Mothers Day, Picnic, Memorial Day, and Gardening. We have so much fun planned for this month. We will start by working on our fine motor skills to create a creep crawly project during the insect unit. Followed by exploring our social/ emotional development expressing our love for our moms and making her a secret gift!

For the second part of the month we will be using our multi-sensory abilities while walking around to find the perfect spot for our outdoor picnic we will be having during our picnic unit. To finish off the month we will grow lima beans, we are excited to see them grow over the month.

Mom's Rock! ☺
Miss Payton



Shooting Stars:

Welcome to the beautiful May flowers and the warmer weather! As we start the last month of our school year, our learning units will be Insects, Mother's Day, Picnic, Memorial Day, and 5 Senses.



Happy May! As we work on insects our first week we will make toilet paper roll butterflies, ladybugs and finger print insects. As we move into our Mother's Day unit we will be working on a top secret gift for the special women in our lives.

As we switch to our picnic unit we will be showing off our creative skills doing several creative art creations. As Memorial Day approaches, our friends will be work as a team to create a flag. Finally to finish off the month we will be learning about our different senses. We will do texture rubbings and paint while blind folded. We will also be spending more time outside as the weather continues to be nice. Don't forget, the center is closed Monday, May 29th.

Mark your calendars... our End of The Year Celebration will be from 2:30 - 3:15pm on Monday, **May 14th**. We hope you all can join us. Our friends have been working hard practicing for this program. You are sure to be proud of all of them!

Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. We are excited to be part of their transition into being a school ager!



Spring has Sprung!
Miss Melody and Miss Allie



Comets:

Wow May is here already and that means summer is just around the corner!! With that in mind, we are excited to say our School Age Summer Program is ready to go. Permission slips will be sent home the second week of May to those children who signed up. There are fun activities planned including some of our all time favorites as well as a couple of new adventures.

With the warmer weather slowly arriving, we will continue to spend more time outside both in the morning as well as at night. Please be sure your child has a jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt as it can be a bit chilly in the mornings and late afternoons.

Reminder: Small Wonders is closed Monday, **May 28th** for Memorial Day. There is a half day on Friday, **May 25th**. If you are in need of care, please be sure to sign-up on the sign-up clipboard that is located on the Parent Table. Here are a few more reminders for our families with school agers:

1. Notify the office of summer care needs. (Should have been done already)
2. Summer School & Bus Confirmation. Notices will be sent home to everyone who signed up to use the bus. This form should be returned a.s.a.p. once you have received your summer school confirmation. Summer School bus fees (\$39.50) will be deducted Tuesday, May 29th.
3. Notify the office of your Fall 2018 care needs. (Should have been done already).
4. If your child is attending this summer, the School Age Field Trip Program information will be sent home early May.
5. Please make sure to check your child's mailbox daily! We have noticed that some are getting quite full!

Happy May Birthday wishes go out to our friends; Elise, Gracelynn, Peyton, Alex, Mason C and Mason R! Happy birthday everyone!!



Sunny May Day Wishes!
School Age Teachers

