



Small Wonders Learning Center May 2017 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 29th**. We will also be closed for Independence Day on **Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th**.

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 12th and will run through Friday, July 7th. If you signed up for the bus, the cost is \$44.60/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 (\$44.60/child) will be deducted through Tuition Express on Monday, May 22nd 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 26th. Fees for this program can be paid in full or split between two payments in June.

All Families: Summer Hold/Fall Return will be withdrawn on Monday, May 22nd.

Milton Pre-K Program: All families that have registered for the Milton Pre-K program should notify the office of your childcare needs for the fall immediately. We have several families interested in before and after care for the 4K program.

School Age Families: Reminder there is no school on Friday, May 26th. Be sure to sign up on the clipboards located on the Parent Table regarding your childcare needs.

Shooting Stars Celebration: On Friday, May 19th, the Shooting stars will have an End of Year Celebration from 10:00-10:30am. We are celebrating the fun and friendship we have shared throughout the year with songs and snacks! Notes were sent home in late April, please return as soon as possible.

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.

Staff Retreat: Small Wonders staff will be having a fun filled, educational day on Saturday May 6th. Thank you so much for all of the support! The money and efforts that were raised by our some of our earlier fundraisers will surely help our staff to learn and grow together to create a well-balanced learning center.

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 Seeds, Flowers, Pets, Tornados ad Animal Sounds.

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. Our hands (and more) may get a little dirty as we explore dirt and plant flowers along with making golf ball paintings. We will also be learning about tornadoes and how they feel.

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. In addition, for the safety of all of our children, we cannot have any plastic bags of any sort stored in the drawer under the cribs. Thanks!

Have Fun in The Sun!

Miss Cheryl, Miss Nikki and Miss Taylor



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 Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Flowers, Memorial Day and Our Pets. 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 also be building their pre-reading skills as they point to objects in books and practicing their social emotional skills as we use gentle touch and comfort each other while using our words. We are also making Mom a super surprise present for Mother's Day! Our fun filled sensory projects will include activities with cool whip and Jell-O and 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 Mom.

Happy Birthday wishes go to our friends Aria, Alayna and Jack! We hope you all have a super special day!!

Happy Mother's Day!

Miss Barb L, Miss Marta and Miss Rhonda



From the Moonbeams:

Happy May! Throughout the month of May we will be talking about Mother's Day, Gardening, Tress, Sea and Ocean Animals and Memorial Day. As we begin a new month, our friends will be busy little bees 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 more time enjoying nature on our walks and in our art projects. Our friends will be planting their own flowers and learning to help tend to them and watching them grow. We will also focus on our large motor skills as we practice balancing and pedaling on the small tricycles. We will continue to work on our eye-hand coordination and fine motor development with making a bird feeder out of cheerios along with make and take sensory bottles. We will end the month making Americana crafts.

Happy Mother's Day!

Miss Lynn and Miss Emily



From Milkyways:

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 Flowers, Mother's Day, Five Senses, Memorial Day and Insects. We have so much fun planned for the first half of the month as we will be expressing our self-creativity through music, movement and art. During our Flower unit, we will be creating beautiful flower art using plastic bottles and painting with flower petals. As Mother's Day approaches, we will be learning all about our families and cultures. We are making bubble wrap bouquet of flowers for Mom along with a special surprise!

For the second part of the month we will be using our multi-sensory abilities to process information with our five senses with activities such as blind fold painting, Kool-Aid art and rhythm shakers. We are also going to be using our scientific thinking to gather information when we learn about our country while making hand print flags, and stars & stripe collages. We will be finishing off the month with hypothesizes and predictions while learning about bugs. We will be watching and studying how they are alike and how they are different from each other. We will be making flyswatter paintings, caterpillar names and painting with bugs (fake ones, of course! 😊)

Mom's Rock! 😊
Miss Melody



From Milkyways:

Oh Happy May! We are soooo excited for a new month as we look forward to new experiences and fun times together. Our learning units for May will include Flowers, Insects, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. We will start out the month using different types of materials to make all sorts of flowers projects like muffin tin prints, tall tulips and balloon blooms. We will be using our creativity skills and imaginations to express ourselves through art activities. We will also be using our large motor skills and observations to gather information while we go walks outside looking for bugs and enjoying the flowers. We are going to compare how they are alike and what their differences are too.

In honor of May Day we will be delivering May Day baskets to neighbors of Small Wonders! We are also going to be working on our special Mother's Day gifts too!

With summer approaching, we will be accepting sunscreen starting in May. Make sure to fill out a medication form and check the expiration dates! I am super excited for the warmer weather and sunny days!! Aren't you?!

May Flower Power!
Miss Mitchy



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 Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Insects, Memorial Day and Gardening. We will start the month off learning about another culture with our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta **Friday, May 5th**.

We will then focus on Mother's Day and use our creative art skills to make gifts for the special moms in our lives. We love our moms!! As we explore insects we will use our senses to learn about our six-legged friends and create creepy, crawly masterpieces.

As we switch to our gardening unit, we will be getting our hands dirty as we plant vegetables to grow in our classroom until we are able to transplant them outside. We will be learning all about growing plants and how to take care of them. As Memorial Day approaches, my friends will be working on the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 10:00 - 10:30am on Friday, **May 19th**. 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!

Happy Birthday wishes go to our friend Mason who will be celebrating in May. We hope you have a fun-filled day!

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

Enjoy the beautiful weather!
Miss Kelly and Miss Heather



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 29th** for Memorial Day. There is no school on Friday, **May 26th**. 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 (\$44.60) will be deducted Monday, May 22rd.
3. Notify the office of your Fall 2017 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. It will be due back Friday, May 26th.
5. Please make sure to check your child's mailbox daily! We have noticed that some are getting quite full!

Main Site:

Our themes for this month will be Flowers, Mother's Day, Five Senses, Memorial Day, and Insects. During our flower week we will make flower baskets and deliver them around the community. We are excited to make a special gift for our moms for Mother's Day! Mom's Rule! We will be exploring our different senses and enjoying a taste-test!

East:

Our themes this month are May The 4th be With You in honor of National Star Wars Week and National Scavenger Hunt Day. We will be creating galaxy sun catchers, working on our social interaction and teamwork while creating our own pods and racing them. We will even be enjoying some light saber snack sticks! In honor of National Scavenger Hunt day will be doing Scavenger Hunt themed activities like making our own treasure maps and using large motor skills on scavenger hunts around Milton East School. We are also going to create secret code messages along with many more fun activities for the month of May.

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

Sunny May Day Wishes!
School Age Teachers

