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Happy May Families! Last month was such a great month. The children learned about Earth day, had Easter celebrations, and worked on so many different arts and crafts. We also celebrated “Week of the Young Child.” Our Chicago location also had a great turnout for their celebration of the “Week of the Young Child.” They were able to raise \$2001.91 for the walk-a-thon they held. The money was then donated to St. Jude’s Research Hospital. Thanks to the parents and families that helped out and donated.

**REMINDERS:**

- May 25th: CLOSED for Memorial Day!!!
- May 18th: PICTURE DAY!!!

This month we have so many fun things happening. April’s weather was not so nice for the outdoors as we expected, but hopefully the weather this month will get better for the children to enjoy more of the outdoors. Also parents, Picture Day is this month on the 18th so mark your calendars. Be sure to dress your child up if you plan on buying pictures. Class pictures will be done as well. These pictures are especially important for the Shark’s classroom as graduation pictures will be taken. This month is also Mother’s Day and we will be celebrating our beautiful, loving mothers with fun projects.

*“A Mother holds her children’s hands for a while, but their hearts Forever...”*



*Danny Thomas:  
Founder of St. Jude’s*

**Fun Activities to do with your child this May:**

- Planting Flowers with your child:  
[http://eartheasy.com/grow\\_gardening\\_children.htm](http://eartheasy.com/grow_gardening_children.htm)
- Children’s Day: May 2nd: Fleetwood-Jourdain Center is hosting their annual afternoon dedicated to children. There will be a face painter, games, food and fun.
  - \* Location: Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St.
  - \* Age: 2-13 yrs. accompanied by a parent
  - \* Admission: Free



Fruit Baskets

### *Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Vanessa's Bumblebees Class 2-year-olds*

April showers brings May flowers! April has zoomed by! Now for the month of May we will talk about Cinco de Mayo, Mother's day, and we will create May baskets! Our crafts are, but

not limited to, Cinco de Mayo easy plate maracas and Handprint Sombrero Cinco de Mayo Crafts! Our letters for the month will be letter M and letter C! The children will also make a special craft for

their mommies! We will continue to work on our letters, colors and shapes! Here in the bumblebee class we are "Ready, Willing, and able to Explore!"

### *Ms. Sandra and Ms. Daulet's Chipmunks Class 3-year-olds*

Hello parents! What a busy and fun month of April we had. We learned a lot about Earth day and how we can use recyclables to create new art. We also celebrated Week of the Young Child and had a

wonderful art walk through and parade for our parents. Thank you parents for coming to visit your child's classroom. They were so excited to show off the wonderful work they did.

May is here and we have so much fun planned again! Parents, the children love when they can show off their work so if you have time, let the children give you a tour of their classroom. Until next month!



Building a House Together

### *Ms. Alex, and Ms. Tammie's Butterflies Class 4-year-olds*



Planting Flowers

Happy May to all families! Throughout this month, the Butterflies class will have so much to discover and explore. Last month we had fun learning about flowers, plants, and rain. We also learned about the importance of loving planet Earth and recycling. Since April showers bring

May flowers, we are excited about sending our flowers home this May! Our themes for this month will include rhymes, manners, and ocean life. At the end of the month, we will spend a week reviewing all of the things we learned. We would like to encourage parents to vol-

unteer or bring in theme related books to share with the class any day of the week. We are also sending a warm thank you to all cooperating and involved families who participated in last month's recycling unit! We look forward to another fun and adventurous month!

"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are the seeds of today." -Unknown-

### *Ms. Jaya and Mr. Shonn's Sharks Class 5-year-olds*

Preschool children learn best through play. We try to keep our activities as fun as possible for them because we want them to enjoy their time here. They also learn the concepts much better through play.

We had so much fun celebrating "NAEYC's week of the young child." We took a walk around the neighborhood, picked up trash off the ground and threw it in a garbage bag to teach the children about keeping

our neighborhood clean. We also enjoyed art fun, music day, teamwork day and especially our "Talent show." This month we also talked about insects, Earth/recycling and community helpers in April.

In May we are looking forward to learning about Mothers, Transportation, Pets and Butterflies. We will keep practicing writing our letters, numbers and names. We will also review shapes, counting down from 10-0, count-

ing by 10s, and practice early additions. Furthermore, we will continue improving our early reading skills with guessing games, clue games, rhyming words, sounding out the letters, reading books, etc. A variety of art projects, games, and outdoor activities will accompany our learning.

Parents are always welcome to read books to the children and bring in books related to the theme of the week.



Walking Stick Spiders