# THE COMMUNICATOR-MAY

# **Parent Reminder:**

Mother's Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>

The center will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day)



## **May 2022**

#### Special points of interest:

- School Closings
- Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans
- Preschool Lesson Plans

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### Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans

#### Finger play

>"I Love You"

#### **Cognitive Skills**

>Peek-A-Boo with objects in a box

#### Readiness skills

>Looking at pictures (animals)

#### Fine & gross motor skills

>Fine motor skills—Pincer grasp—picking up finger foods

>Gross motor skills—Simon Says

#### **Physical Development**

(coordinating movement)

- >Activity center
- >Playing with shapes
- > Block building
- > Dancing with music



#### Song

>"You are my Sunshine" Physical contact (large motor skills)

#### **Social/Emotional Skills**

- >Body Awareness
- >Facial expressions
- >Communication, responding to child with positivity and action words
- >Make eye contact and communicate with the child.

#### **Story time**

>Look at a picture book (our community)

#### **Coordinating Movement**

>Push walker/ Pull a toy behind



#### **Tummy time**

(physical development/coordinating movement)

>Reach and Scoot for objects (Jungle Gym)

#### Circle time

(cognitive development/exploring and discovering)

- >ABC's song
- >Numbers—Counting flowers
- >Colors with felt
- >Viewing Large shapes Flash cards

#### **Music with Motion**

> Shake rattles to music Singing "Where is Thumbkin" with hand gestures

#### **Reading Readiness Skills**

>Puppet Show story time

**Arts and Crafts** 

- >Making flowers
- > Coloring bunny pictures

#### **Sight and Sensory**

- >Bubble machine (large and small bubbles)
- >Outside play with push toys

#### Sign Language

> apple

#### **Spanish**

> manzana (apple)

**Lesson Plan: 2s & 3s** 

**Letters:** M & N—Alphabet Maze; Letter March;

I Spy (cognitive development)

Numbers: 13 & 14—Number Walk (cognitive

development/exploring social learning)

**Number worksheets:** Color by number (fine motor skills/cognitive development)

Exercise: Tap dance (physical development –

gross motor skills)

**Colors:** Yellow and green—Color Mix-Up (sorting activity) (cognitive development)

**Shape:** Circle—using craft sticks (fine motor

skills/social/emotional development)

**Poem:** They Keep Us Free (language and literacy)

Handwriting: M & N with chalk; in sand; with

markers (fine motor skills)

Spanish: Colors

Song: "You are my Sunshine" (social/emotional

development)

**Music:** Playing instruments/ marching

**Arts & Crafts:** Sponge paint with yellow and

green

**Sign Language:** Colors yellow and green

**Language Development:** Early Literacy:

Pre-Reading and Pre-Writing M and N /Story

Time

Cognitive Skills: First and Last Name

**House Keeping:** Dramatic Play

**Sensory Center:** Sand/ plastic bottles

**Lesson Plan: 4s & 5s** 

**Review:** Ending sounds (reading readiness)

**Exercise:** Tap dance (physical development—

gross motor skills)

**Handwriting:** Numbers 1-100 / Writing their name —using chalk, sand, and/or crayons (fine

motor skills)

Math: Subtraction from 10 using manipulatives

(cognitive development)

**Colors:** Yellow and green—Color Mix-Up

(sorting activity) (cognitive development)

**Song:** "Proud to be an American" (social/

emotional development)

**Poem:** They Keep Us Free

(language and literacy)

**Spanish**: Greetings

**Arts & Crafts:** Collage with yellow and green

Sign Language: Colors

**Language Development:** Early Literacy:

Pre-Reading and Pre-Writing/Story Time—Sight

Words

**Cognitive Skills:** Matching Game (Uppercase

and Lowercase letters)

**Computer:** Age appropriate games

**Blocks Corner:** Architects

**Sensory Center:** Sand/ plastic bottles

## **Department of Defense:**

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps were established in 1775, in concurrence with the American Revolution. The Department of Defense originated in 1789, but was originally called "The War Department". In 1790 the Coast Guards were established and in 1947, the Air Force was established. The men and women that serve in these military branches are the reasons why we celebrate Memorial Day!





# **Pineapple Dole Whip**

### **Ingredients:**

- 2 large cups frozen pineapple chunks
- · 1 cup vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1. Blend all of the ingredients in a good quality blender or food processor, starting on low and slowly increasing the speed (start with just half of the pineapple juice and add more as you need it)
  - 2. Enjoy immediately! You can also store it in the freezer for later, but let it thaw on the counter for 20 minutes before eating.

