

THE COMMUNICATOR- MAY

Parent Reminder:

Mother's Day is May 12th

**The center will be closed on
Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day)**



May 2024

Special points of interest:

- School Closings
- Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans
- Preschool Lesson Plans
- We're on the web

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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 flower 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)

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!



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RECIPE
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MONTH

Sonic Strawberry Cheesecake Shake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 cup strawberry, and syrup, from Jello-O No Bake Strawberry Cheesecake kit
- 3 tablespoons cheese-cake mix, powder from cheesecake kit

TOPPING

- 2 teaspoons graham cracker crumbs, from cheesecake kit

Instructions:

1. Combine milk, ice cream, strawberries and cheesecake mix in a blender and mix on high speed until smooth.
2. Pour into two 12-ounce glasses.
3. Garnish the top with a squirt of whipped cream from a can and about a teaspoon of graham cracker crumbs from the cheesecake kit.
4. Serve.

