

# May 2016 Newsletter

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## Mothering Heights

By Penny Haakinson

Have you ever wondered what a day in the life of a child looks like? When you think about it, how would you like to wake up and spend a day following a set of directives? You don't know where you are going or what is going happen next. "Time to get up", says Mom. "Get your clothes on and come down for breakfast". "Hurry, we have to get to school".

Now they are in the car and depending on their age, they have a destination in mind. They know about how long it takes to drive to school, so for a moment they know what is going to happen next. They don't know why they need to go to school or why you need to go to work. They don't have any conception of the financial needs of a family or why parents need to work. They just move forward to the next thing someone tells them to do.

So in this state of mind, how can we help children connect to those around them and to have an appreciation of what they have and what people do for them? One idea is to add a practice of gratitude to your evening or bedtime routine. In this practice you just spend some time as a family telling each other what you feel grateful for. You might start by saying that you feel grateful for each other. You might say how grateful you feel that the family all worked together to clean up after dinner. You might say that you feel grateful that it was a sunny day. Believe me, as you start this practice it becomes so easy to begin to see how much you are grateful for each day. Let the children say what they feel grateful for. In the beginning what they say might be silly or nonsensical, but you can just acknowledge their contribution. If this practice becomes a nightly routine it will grow in its scope and meaning.

When people engage in this daily gratitude practice they grow in their sensitivity of all that happens around them. It just enriches your life and helps you see the great part of everyday rather than focusing on the stresses or challenges that you faced. It truly changes the perspective on everything that happens to you. When you and your children go to bed, your mind is full of all that was good in your day. I have been using this practice for a long time now, and it is really helps me to keep my thinking on a positive road. Be sure to add a positive thought about your spouse and each of your children each and every day.

I'd like to challenge you to a 30 day test. If you, as a family, try this for 30 days I would really like to hear from you at the end of May about what changes you saw happening in yourself and your children. I think you will love the effects.

## May Themes

- May 2-6  
Just Me and My Mom
- May 9-13  
Bugs and Butterflies
- May 16-20  
In, On & Around the Pond
- May 23-27  
May Flowers
- May 30-June 3  
Summer Safety



We will be closed Monday May 30th for Memorial Day

## Front Desk News

### Mother's Day Tea

Our annual Mother's Day Tea for Bouncy Bears and Non-School Kangaroos will be Friday, May 6th from 12pm-1pm. Please R.S.V.P. to the Front Desk. Space limited to one guest per child.

### K-5 State Parents

With summer approaching those of you with state assistance will need to call state to switch your child from half days to full days for summer time care. You may call as early as May 15th. You will only have 10 days after the last day of school to switch over. If you do not switch over within 10 days, state will not back date your care and you will be responsible to pay the entire daycare costs.

### Walking Your Child to Class

We understand that parents are often in a hurry to drop off or

pick up, but we ask you walk your child to and from class and say hello or goodbye to the teacher. We need to make sure that children are not walking the hallways by themselves. It is also a good way to find out how your child's day went or share with the teacher how their morning is going and any information they may need to know for the day.

### Memorial Day

Please remember that we will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

### Summer

As summer is approaching we will need to know what your child's schedule will be or if they will be attending at all. Please watch for information sheets at the front desk. If your child is not going to be here, you may have the chance to pre-register your

child for the fall.

### Shoes & Sandals

As the weather gets warmer, we want to remind you about our shoe policy here at C.V. We do not allow shoes that do not have a back strap here. All shoes or sandals must have a back strap. If your child shows up with inappropriate shoes we will ask you change them. It is not safe to be running around with shoes that don't stay on. Thank you!

### Congratulations

A big congratulations to Miss Wendy (Snuggle Bunny Teacher) she tied the knot on April 16th. Best of luck to you and your husband Chris on your new adventure of marriage!



## Snuggle Bunny News

Happy May to all! We are excited to see the sun come out and get to go outside more often! Please remember to still bring in a coat as the rain is still around.

The color of the month is purple. The shape of the month is the triangle.

We are really excited and proud

that the Snuggle Bunnies continue to learn and grow. It has been fun to watch them grasp new concepts. Our goal this month is to work on our fine motor skills by stacking blocks. The words we are working on saying this month are "please", "thank you", "flower", "mommy" "frog" and "lily pad".

We want to wish all those mom's and grandma's a very happy Mother's day!

Have a wonderful May!

**Miss Wendy &  
Miss Simona**

## Tiger Cub News

Hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and the beginning of spring. It is going to be a fun month!

The colors this month are yellow and purple. The shape of the month is the triangle. The vocabulary words this month are "flower", "mom", "triangle", "purple", "yellow", "please",

"thank you" and "potty".

The goal for this month is to work on learning to put on our own clothes. We will also be continuing to work on putting our socks and shoes on the right feet, by ourselves.

If you have borrowed some of our extra clothes, please bring them back in. Our supply is

running low. Thank you.

Also, please make sure your child has extra clothes here. With it getting warm outside, we will be doing more water play. Hope you have a wonderful spring and enjoy the sun!

**Miss Simona &  
Miss Adai**

## Fuzzy Duck News

Happy May to all. We are looking forward to seeing the "spring flowers" that May always brings. The colors of the month are purple, black, brown, pink and yellow. We will also be learning about the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9. The shapes for the month are the heart, oval, circle, hexagon and triangle.

The letters for the month are "J", "K", "L", "M" and "N". We will be learning about bugs, gardening, soil and more about flowers this month.

For fine motor skills we will be working on tracing our names, we will also be working on identifying our names. We will continue to work on making our

own nap mats.

Please make sure your child has extra clothes here and that they fit.

We hope you have a great month and enjoy the sunshine to come!

**Miss Rachel,  
Miss Ashley &  
Miss Sara**

## Bouncy Bear News

May is here! Can you believe it? We are going to be very busy this month. Our weekly themes are Just Me & My Mom; Bugs and Butterflies; In, On & Around the Pond; May Flowers and Summer Safety.

Shapes for the month will be heart, oval, circle, hexagon and triangle. For letters and phonics will be learning about M, I, P, F and S.

Mothers Day Tea will be on Friday, May 6th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. If mom's are unable to

attend grandma or auntie are welcome to come. We've even had single dad's come. The children have worked very hard on the program. We hope to see you then!

We've been having our lunch outside for a picnic when the weather has permitted. There is just something about eating outside that signals warmer days are here. The children love it.

In the next few weeks, we will be getting our garden up and

running. We will be planting various vegetables and flowers. The children love to help with this project that lasts all the way to fall. Stop by and check it out!

Thank you for your response to the "restroom" issue in the mornings. Morning have been running much smoother. We appreciate your help!

We are looking forward to another great month!

**Miss Lisa, Miss Conni &  
Miss Marilynn**

## Kangaroo News

Happy May to all! The months are flying by and soon summer will be upon us!

The Non-School age Kangaroos will be helping to host our Mother's Day Tea! It is Friday, May 6th, from 12p.m. to 1p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to the Front Desk! The Kangaroos have been working really hard and are super excited for the tea.

The colors of the month are purple, black, brown, pink and yellow. Along with that they will be learning about the letters "M", "I", "P", "F" and "S". The shapes of the month are heart,

oval, circle, hexagon and triangle. We will also be learning about the numbers 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

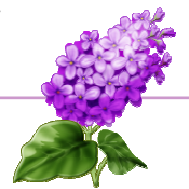
The goal for the month is to work on writing our names without any help. We will also be working on being respectful to our friends and teachers.

As the weather warms up please remember that flip flops and sandals with no back strap are not allowed in the center. Sandals and shoes must have a back to them. This is for your child's safety as they can easily slide out of their footwear if

there is no back to them. Thank you for understanding and helping us with this.

Also, we have been having lots of issues with children bringing in toys from home. We ask that they only bring in 1 share toy and on Friday only. We have a hard time keeping track of all the extra toys and they tend to be a distraction to the children. Friday is the only day we have share toys. Thank you for helping with this.

Last month, we had extra fun during Earth week and we made a ro-



## Panther News

Happy May! The months are beginning to fly by and soon it will be time for our summer program! We have lots of interactive activities this month.

The science projects for the month will be doing fireworks in a jar and shaving cream rain clouds.

For cooking projects we will be making rain drop cookies, "mom" treats, emergency survival food kit and backyard bug snacks.

For art projects we will be doing lots of spring time art. We will be making flowers in pots, bug

catchers, fireproof hats and swirling snails.

Please remember that the only day for cards is on Thursday. Please remind your child that we are not allowed to trade cards here. They should also be labeled as they tend to get mixed up.

This month we are really focusing on encouraging one another. We are really working on listening to what our words mean and how we say things.

Please remember, we do not allow flip flops in the center. All

sandals must have a back strap. This is for safety of your child. Also, if your child is going to be here this summer, please start bringing in sunscreen for them and label them with their name on them.

Hope you have a wonderful May and enjoy the sun that has been shining more and more lately!

**Miss Brenda,  
Miss Heather,  
Miss Shannon,  
Miss Michelle,  
Miss Briget**