

May 2018

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Administrator



— Fundraiser —

Thank you for your efforts with our recent fundraiser!! Our total sold was \$2800, we will earn approximately half of that. All proceeds will be instrumental in moving forward with our outdoor classroom. Thanks!!!

I cannot remember a spring we have welcomed in with more of a bang! Thank you for your patience as we have navigated the snow, mud and everything in between.

On a separate note, our NAEYC 2 assessors will be coming with their surprise evaluation 2 day visit this month. I have every confidence we will be re-credited and will shine proudly!!

— Kelly

Notes & Reminders

5/26 | Closed for Memorial Day

7/4 | Closed for July 4th with holiday on a Wednesday, we will survey care needs to determine possible closures

Announcements

Café of Love

In celebration of Mother's Day, we invite you to celebrate family with you child in *Davis' Café of Love* on Friday, May 11th from 6 am—9am. Juice and muffins will be served at your convenience during these times in the *Café of Love* (Atrium). We are excited to try something new in the hopes of respecting your schedule and your child's drop-off routine. We look forward to seeing you and hope you can spend a few extra minutes on this special day!

Please know that your child will be served their normal breakfast in addition to the snack they will have with a family member upon arrival. We hope you enjoy!!

Tucker Turtle

Our Week of the Young Child Garden kick-off was hindered a bit by mother nature! But, we are Wisconsinites so hope you have saved your ice cream cone seed and will plant it with your child soon. Tucker has officially joined every classroom!

Science Class Notes

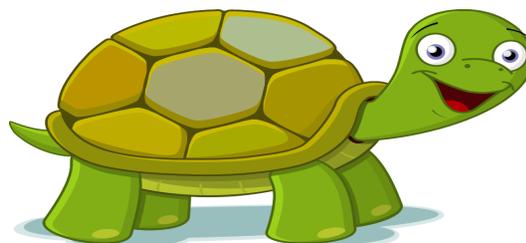
May brings exciting news for the science and gardening program! We will be taking most of our lessons outside with the good weather as we need to get our garden planted! In addition, we are also in the process of creating an Outdoor Classroom Space to complement our garden and support STEM learning here at Davis. We are doing this project in partnership with Oshkosh North High School Communities students who are helping with the design and implementation of this Outdoor Classroom space. This space is design to reflect aspects already found in our indoor classrooms while adding a new twist of natural materials. We are beyond excited for the completion of this project and are looking forward to a summer of gardening and STEM outside.

— Farmer Jenn

Davis Pride

Alyson | Trooper Teacher 1 years

Thank you for your hard work and dedication that you put in each day!



THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

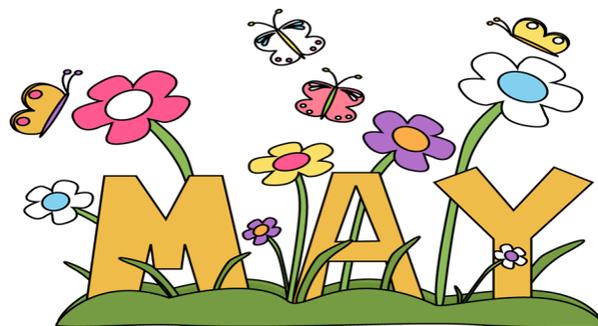
Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis & Ms. Jennifer

May Day! May Day! Calling all flowers! We will be taking walks to find all the beautiful spring flowers. Please have a light weight jacket, something on their feet and a hat here so we can enjoy the outdoors. Farm animals will be part of our daily routine, also. At the end of the month we will plant some vegetable seeds. Happy Mother's Day! Happy Memorial Day! Be safe.

Ideas for enrichment at home. Take your baby for a walk and observe the birds and trees budding.

Please bring in a bottle of sunscreen for going outside.

Deb, Alexis and Jennifer



THE CREEPERS

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

Happy Mother's Day to "The Davis Moms",

The Creeper's learning time for May will focus on Mother's, My Mother and Animal Mother's and their babies. We will learn about, look and touch a flower, and smell a flower during our learning and exploring time. We will also watch and listen to the Mother Duck puppet tell a story about her five little ducks, and hopefully enhance our learning by watching the duck families at the creek during our buggy ride time.

Please, sign up for a Parent -Teacher conference during the week of May 14-18, 2018. We can cover the ASQ assessments and development skills for your child.

Please bring a 35SPF or higher sunscreen for your child. This will be applied to exposed skin areas, morning and afternoon. This will require an Authorization To Administer Medication form which may be filled out in the classroom.

Happy Mother's Day, From Your Little Creeper and Ms. Kathy and Ms. Sarah



THE SCOOTERS

Ms. Cassy & Ms. Emily

Scooter Friends and Families,

The month of May will bring much more of our fantastically fun enrichment activities that we plan for your children daily. Reference our Parent Board in the hall to see the lesson plan or the dry erase board on our window to see daily activities posted. Daily sheets often hold neat tidbits as well.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 11th, our Café of Love will be open for our Davis moms. You will be able to join your little one in the atrium for a treat upon your arrival. Following, you can drop off your child to class "per usual" and head to work with memories to last a lifetime.

We will continue to utilize the idea of having a class library- what this means is that at-will you may borrow these books to read to your children at home and return when able. Scooter Teachers will rotate the selection periodically to keep up with our future scholars!

Thank you for your dedication and love.

Ms. Cassy and Ms. Emily

THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Evan

Happy May!

We are certainly bustling with energy these days! During May we will celebrate mothers and also talk about flowers, planting, and bugs. We'll continue to read stories the children love to hear too, because we feel it's important to develop a love for reading by supporting the children's true interest rather than forcing them to listen to stories which are not meaningful to them. We've also found that incorporating simple musical instruments helps keep them focused as well as interested. With the younger children coming into the room we are focusing on more large motor activities and reinforcing classroom rules such as: be safe, be gentle and be kind. Hopefully this positive reinforcement of simple classroom rules will help the children develop greater self-control - which is sometimes hard for young two year olds. With our temperatures becoming delightful we will certainly be spending more time outside, incorporating our large motor activities outdoors which may include: bubbles, musical instruments, sidewalk chalk and bikes. We also use large blankets in the shade with buckets of small motor toys to help cool the children down if they need it, as well as more frequent water breaks. This month we will focus on colors and shapes as plants and trees begin to bloom. A home activity could be pointing out the colors and shapes of things you see in nature.

Enjoy Spring!

Miss Kelly and Mr. Evan



THE TROOPERS

Ms. Sara & Ms. Alyson

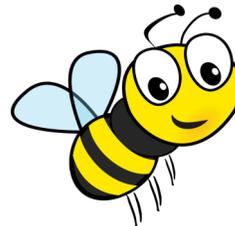
May already?! Hard to believe it's real, considering our previous April weather, but here we are, ready to soak up this beautiful weather. Sunshine and warmth are more than welcomed this month. Besides celebrating the weather, we will also be celebrating moms this month. Watch for posted information about our special activities. The Troopers are also excited to welcome Blake, Cooper, and Rook to our "Trooper Family". Welcome, boys!

Throughout May, we will be learning about things we can grow in the spring. We will be exploring gardens, flowers, and bugs. We have been observing our caterpillars, watching them grow every day, and waiting for them to go into their cocoons so they can emerge beautiful butterflies. Ask your Trooper about the "life cycle" of our caterpillars. They are catching on to the order/concept quite well.

This month we will also be sending home an ASQ for you to fill out for your child and return to us so we can go over your child's progress, together at conferences. It only takes a few minutes, nothing difficult, we promise. Some of you may have even done an ASQ at pediatric check-ups. We are excited to meet with you to discuss all the great things your child is doing/learning. There will be a sign-up for conference times posted on our parent board (by your child's folder). Enjoy the beautiful growth and beauty this month brings.

Happy May!

Ms. Sara and Ms. Aly



THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Hello friends: It's hard to believe it's May already! April brought us some rain and snow showers that will give us May flowers. The Hoppers will be more active outside looking for dandelions, flowers, and bugs in the grass this month so we can better learn about them. Our other themes this month are butterflies and caterpillars, picnic fun, and dinosaurs. We also will be doing a few projects to honor our Mothers.

Last month, I sent home the ASQ's for you to fill out. May is conference month and I will be posting some conference times for you to choose from. If these do not work please let me know and I can schedule another time to go over your child's progress. Thank you again for returning the forms on time, I appreciate all you do!!!

The Hopper class learned a new song for morning meeting. Each child makes a pledge that they are ready to listen in the Hopper room. Have your child teach it to you. It has been helping each child to become a 5 star listener at story and group times.

Happy Mother's Day,

Ms. Diane

THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

We didn't have too many April showers, so here's hoping we still get a lot of May flowers! Week of the Young Child was a huge success, the Snappers had so much fun with all of the activities! Now that the weather is warmer, we are excited to be outdoors more! We will be walking the Evergreen Nature Trail to see wildlife and all the flowers bloom, visiting our tree we adopted (Treeana) that we will care for and play with (reading it books, drawing pictures of it, etc.), and playing more organized games like t-ball when outside on the playground. We are also planning the summer's activities, so be on the lookout for that later this month! For May themes we will be discussing Baby Animals, Butterflies and Frogs, Insects, Pond Life, and Colors.

Please go through your child's red bin in Bathroom #1 to make sure you have a spare set of weather appropriate clothing. Some of the clothing in there is too small, as your child has grown a lot since the fall! We also ask that you make sure your child has a sweatshirt available at all times, in case they feel cold inside/outside. Even though the afternoons have been warmer, it can still be chilly when we go out in the mornings before the sun has had a chance to warm things up fully.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the first 2 weeks of May. There is a sign-up posted, and if those times do not work for you just let me know and we can find a time that works for both of us! As you have filled out the ASQs, you may have noticed your child might be struggling with their fine motor skills. An activity you can try at home is cutting! Draw a pattern or shape, such as a circle or a triangle, with a pencil on a piece of paper. Have your child use child-safe scissors to cut out the pattern. When he can follow the pattern, draw larger or more complex ones. Make fun shapes, such as a teddy bear or a train!

Happy May Day!

Ms. Leah



THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

The Sparkler Room can't believe it is May already! Where has the time gone?

We have a lot going on in the month of May, such as, Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11, and Parent/Teacher Conference is May 14-18. For the conferences signup sheets to meet with me will be put where the field trip signup sheets usually are. If the times do not work for you, please let me know so we can set up a different time. The ASQ paper work will be due on May 7th, so that I can go over the information to prepared for our conference.

The Field trip we have planned for May are May 1st Grand Opera House, May 9th Gabriella's Village, Evergreen on May 14th and 29th. We will also be having the Oshkosh Rhythm Institute coming in on May 7th, and the Roving Reader on May 21st.

Throughout the weeks, we will be learning about birds, flowers, ponds, mothers, and dinosaurs. The Sparkler Room will be receiving a caterpillar for the classroom. We are so excited to watch them change, and to see the different stages. Cutting the paper into different shapes is always a fun way to practice this skill. The weather is changing, so we will be getting sunscreen for the hot days in May. A letter will be going out explaining our summer plans in detail.



THE RANGERS

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

Happy May Everyone!!!! Hopefully spring is here to stay and Mother Nature doesn't have any more surprises in store for us. On April 25th the Rangers went to see the play "Curious George and the Golden Meatball, and May 1st we saw the play "The Ugly Duckling" at The Grand Opera House; the children truly enjoyed both plays. A big thank-you to all the chaperones that made the last two field trips of the school year a big success.

During the month of May there will be a few exciting things happening here at Davis. On May 2/ May 3 the Rangers will have a special picture day to celebrate graduating from 4K, informational sheets have been sent home in your child's take home folder at the end of April. On May 7th the Rhythm Institute will be sharing love of music with the children of Davis. To celebrate Mother's Day, Davis will be serving muffins for moms on May 11th from 6-9 a.m., keep your eye out for more information to come. Reminder there will be NO 4K on May 9th and May 28th (Memorial Day).

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Cheryl

Wow the month of May! It amazes me to see how much the Preschoolers have grown this year, both physically, emotionally, and academically. Where did the time go?

Our topics of learning this month will be Butterflies, Our Wonderful Mom's, Fairy Tales and the wonderful stories by Eric Carle. We also will be finishing our alphabet books. We have worked very hard on these pages and it has been a wonderful introduction to the world of letters for them. We are quite excited to show you.

Just a reminder parent teacher conferences will be coming up this month. We will also have Muffins with Mom and a No School day on Monday, May 28th. As always more info will follow in our weekly newsletter.

Have a wonderful month.

Ms. Cheryl



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Erika

This month in class we will be exploring the themes: plants and seeds, frogs, pond and animals, farm and doing an author study of Eric Carle. We will be continuing to work on making connections to letters and sounds as we create stories of our own to share in class. The children are very proud to be authors and illustrators and have enjoyed making various kinds of books. We will also take some time to learn more about Kindergarten. We will be looking at pictures and stories from the various elementary schools the children will be going to. We will also be doing additional activities with the other 4K classes to see some of the faces that will go to the same schools. This will be a busy month as we begin to wrap up the school year.

Please continue to read the weekly news and check folders for additional information.

Miss Erika



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie

Where has the time gone? It is already May! We continue to learn about uppercase letters, lowercase letters and sounds. You can continue to practice letters and sounds with your child at home and throughout the summer. We have also been working on math skills, especially counting. Find ways to count with your child! We hope this month brings nice weather so we can get outside more for learning and exercise. We had an awesome April filled with fun activities! Happy May!

Miss Kimberly and Miss Cassie