



May 2020

# The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

## Message from the Center Director

Davis Families –

If I did not know better and the calendar didn't say May, I would think that this weather is a bad *April Fool's* joke – what happened to those warm temperatures we had this past weekend?!? I've even heard that there is a possibility of snow showers by the end of the week. I for one, can do without that!

I hope this find you all doing well and that everyone is staying healthy. Thank you for continuing to complete the weekly "Care Needs" survey that I send out. I know it might be a bit of an inconvenience, however, it is very helpful for our record keeping. Each week we see more children returning to the center, the weekly survey helps us to prepare for that.

The past six weeks have not been easy for anyone and it has been especially hard on our "little ones"; they miss their friends, their teachers and their routines. We are starting to see restrictions ease a bit, let's hope that the Badger Bounce Back moves swiftly and safely so that Wisconsin can move forward.

Stay well,

Angie

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## Notes & Reminders

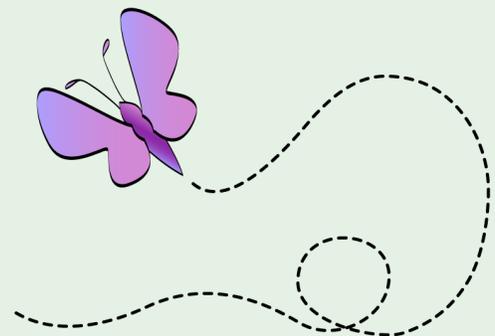
**Medical updates**– We will be contacting families that will be needing updated health reports and immunization forms for their child(ren). We understand that there may be a delay in getting this to Davis. We can always accept a copy of the "Well Child Summary" report and are happy to make a copy for you. Your physician may fax Davis directly at 920.233.0522.

**Blankets**– We continue to launder sheets and blankets each day at Davis. When at all possible, please bring a lighter weight blanket. \*Stuffed Animals and additional pillows are not permitted at this time.

**Water bottles**– Water bottles are washed each day and need to remain at Davis.

**Birthday Treats**– We can accept store bought, individually pre-packaged treats that will be sent home with the children (ie. Individual packages of goldfish crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, etc). Parents can then make the decision to serve the treat.

**Thank you for your patience and assistance as we adapt to the current situation.**



## Rockin' Rollers

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.

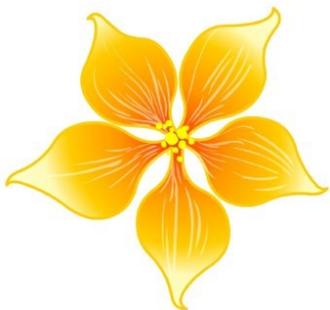
Kimberly, Christine, Lai and Hannah



## Creepers & Scooters

Here's to May!

Is Spring finally here?!? Hopefully it is here to stay. In the Creepers/Scooter room this month, we will be focusing on these themes: Mother's Day, Flowers, Butterflies, and Birds. We are excited to drive into these topics through all the areas of learning, but especially science, since we are going to attempt to make a bird and feeder and put outside our window for the children to watch the birds. Also keep an eye out as we will be sending out a checklist for the items needed for child as the warm summer months approach. We are hoping that everyone is staying healthy and safe during this time. Hopefully we will see everyone soon!



Happy Mother's Day to everyone!

## Wigglers & Troopers

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 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!

## Hoppers, Snappers, and Sparklers

We didn't have too many April showers, so here's hoping we still get a lot of May flowers! Now that the weather is warmer, we are excited to be outdoors more! We will be planting and weeding in our garden and playing more organized games like soccer when outside on the playground. For May themes we will be discussing Baby Animals, Butterflies and Frogs, Pond Life, and Colors.

Please go through your child's red bin in Bathroom #1 or yellow bin in Bathroom #2 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 sweat-shirt 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.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to hold Parent/Teacher Conferences as scheduled. After you return the ASQs we gave you, we will fill out a conference sheet to give to you, which will list their goals that we will work on through the summer. If you have any questions please ask 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. Diane, Ms. Christy, and Ms. Leah

## The Rangers

Happy May Everyone!!!! Hopefully spring is here to stay and the warm weather is here to stay.

Over the past month the Rangers have been enjoying several fun activities, be sure to check out the Davis Facebook page for pictures. The class has gone on several virtual fieldtrips and seemed very excited to get out and explore some interesting places. The Rangers have been doing a lot of writing in their daily journals, and getting really good at writing down environmental print they find around the classroom. During the month of May the Rangers will be exploring these themes: Growing Up From the Ground, Flowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies, Pond Life, and Summer Send Off.

Now that spring has finally arrived we would kindly like to remind our Davis families to make sure their child's cubby is stocked with weather appropriate extra clothing. We ask that you do leave your child's boots here at school for just a little bit longer as the playground can get muddy at times from the rain. If you wanted to take home your child's snow boots and replace them with rain boots and their winter coat for a lighter coat that would be just fine. Your child's snow pants may go home at this time as well.

