

May 2021



# The Davis Harbor News



Davis Child Care Center

## Message from the Center Director

I thought it was supposed to be April showers that bring May flowers? Clearly Mother Nature has other plans...May has certainly gotten off to a rainy, gloomy start! Our playgrounds are really a soggy mess, please continue to send in rain boots for your child(ren). Hopefully, the sunshine returns soon and dries everything out.

The week of May 10-14 we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week in our building. Our teachers certainly deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to Davis and to our Davis families. When COVID found educational systems in our state shutting down, our Davis Child Care teachers reported to work each and every day because they knew that you and your child(ren) needed them. Please join me in celebrating our wonderful teachers; take a moment to send an email or write a note to tell your child's teacher(s) how awesome they are. Thank you.

Angie Soda

Center Director

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## Reminders:

Flower Sale Pick-up:  
Wednesday, May 5th  
from 3:30-5:30pm.

Davis will be closed for  
Memorial Day on Mon-  
day, May 31st.

If have not already  
done so, please return  
the sunscreen form  
that was sent home  
last week.

## Happy May!

Now that we are in the warmer weather months, please make sure to bring appropriate clothing for your child's cubby.



## THE 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.

Please bring in a bottle of sunscreen for going outside!

Illiana, Christine, & Birdie



## THE CREEPERS

Dear Creeper families,

Spring is in full swing! That means warm weather.... Finally! If you have not done so already, please bring in a sun hat, sunscreen, and bug spray. As the weather continues to get warmer, we will be doing water play outside at least once a week. Please start to think about swim suits and water shoes. Remember, all shoes need to be closed toed.

The beginning of the month we will be celebrating mothers and all that they do for us. We will also be learning about flowers, how they grow and about the different types. Warmer weather also means more construction. The Creepers will take buggy walks to look at different types of construction that goes on around us.

ASQ's are due May 3 and conferences will be May 12. They will be in person this spring so look out for a sign-up sheet soon! We cannot be happier to be done with cold, gloomy weather! Remember to fill out a med sheet for the sunscreen and bug spray that is located outside the classroom next to the daily sheets. Looking forward to spending more time outside and enjoying the warm weather!

Sincerely, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Hannah



## THE SCOOTERS

*Here's to May!*

*Is Spring finally here...is it here to stay?!? Everyone in the Scooter room is so excited for the warmer weather to be here and stay. We are so ready to be outside more often and enjoying what is to come, such as more walks, gardening, water play, etc. In our room this month, we will be focusing on these themes: Moms and Mother's Day, Flowers, Butterflies, and Birds. We are excited to dive into these topics through all the areas of learning. We are especially excited about Science, since we are going to be watching butterflies grow and attempting to make a bird feeder to put outside our window for the children to watch the birds.*

*Just as Spring has sprung, so have our kiddos' language skills. They are learning so many new words and even small phrases. To keep them learning, keep talking to your kids and having conversations about anything and everything. They catch on quickly, don't they?*

*Also, as a reminder, it is conference month. Please look for the sign-up sheet for times by our room. If you have any questions regarding ASQs or conferences, please let us know.*



*Happy Mother's Day to everyone!*

*Ms. Emily & Ms. Cassie*

## THE WIGGLERS

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!

## THE TROOPERS

During the month of May, we will celebrate Mother's Day and learn about flowers, things in the garden, butterflies, and bugs. We will be reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".



With the weather warming up, we ask that you take home your child's snow pants, boots, winter coats, and mittens. A light spring jacket or sweatshirt and a pair of rain boots will suffice. Also, start gathering some extra warm weather clothes to put in your child's cubbies soon for when summer decides to make an appearance. We are looking forward to the beautiful warm weather. We will be spending a lot of our time outside when the weather is nice and cooperative. The month of May will also hold our spring parent-teacher conferences Troopers will be held in person on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the front lobby. Also, please don't forget to return the ASQs sent home with your child. Thanks!

## THE HOPPERS

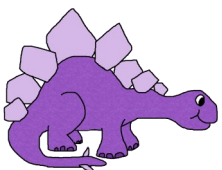
**Hello Friends: It's hard to believe its may already! April brought us some rain showers that will bring us May flowers. The Hoppers will be more active outside looking for dandelions, flowers, and bugs in the grass this month so we can better learn about them. Our themes this month are Mother's Day, flowers, caterpillars, and dinosaurs.**

**Now is that in-between time where some days are cooler and pants are a good idea, and other days are warmer and shorts are a better option. For the reason, I ask that you send in a warmer weather outfit so we are prepared for anything. I 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 May 13. 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!**

**During this month when you're reading a story with your child, if you could have your child practice being a 5 star listener. 1. Eyes are watching. 2. Ears are listening. 3. Lips are closed. 4. Hands are still. 5. Feet are still. The biggest challenge in the Hopper room is my friends want to talk and move around while reading a story. My friends are also inquisitive and want to ask questions. I want them to ask questions but wait till the end.**

**Thanks for all you do,  
Ms. Diane**



## THE SNAPPERS

*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, especially watching our ladybug larva grow! 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 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 Butterflies and Frogs, Pond Life, and Insects.*

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*Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the second week 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** Happy Mother's Day!!! The Sparklers and I cannot believe that it is May already. Where has the time gone? There is a lot going on in May! Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, and teacher conferences are on Tuesday, May 11, after 5pm. Look out for the sign-up sheet in the entry way to meet with me. The Sparklers are so excited about our ladybugs in the room. We have been watching them for a while now and hopefully this month they will become ladybugs. Throughout the weeks we will be learning about mothers, flowers, ponds, and dinosaurs. We will be taking some walks to look at the pond and flowers at Evergreen. This month we will be working on our cutting skills. Cutting the paper into different shapes is always a fun way to practice this skill at home. The weather is changing so please make sure to send in shorts and t-shirts for extra clothes. I will send home the winter items when we get closer to summer just in case the weather changes again. It is going to be a busy month and I can't wait to get started.



## THE RANGERS

Hello Ranger Families,

The Rangers are excited to see what May has in store for us.. Our class had a great time learning about weather and our garden this past month. We had a blast during our celebration Week of the Young Child. . The kids really loved our catapult art and working together to make chain patterns out of our friends. We continued expanding our cooperation skills by learning to recycle and using recycled materials to build a project together. We ask that you help to continue cooperation skills at home. It is important for your child to feel comfortable working with others, as they do partner work and small group work in the future. Please work in letter sounds at home..

May will be filled with lots of eventful learning. We begin our month with learning about flowers, and planting our garden. Your child is very excited to see how our garden grows at Davis. We will explore the bugs, ponds and nature to round out our month.

Please remember to check your child's Ranger folder nightly, along with the 4K folder, and return both folders to school daily. This is our main way to communicate additional activities that may be going on in our classroom, or the center with you.

Warmer weather, means sloppy messes. Please keep in mind that we go outside daily. As the weather keeps getting nicer, we need to make sure that your child still has appropriate clothing for outside. For right now please make sure that your child has a Coat and Boots (each item labeled with your child's name/initials) daily. You may want to send along a pair of wind pants to go over your child's pants for the muddy days.

Your Ranger Teachers,

Ms. Sara, Ms. Katie, and Ms. Hannah

