



May in the Cardinal Class

Dear Cardinal Families:

Don't forget to put our Classroom Calendar in a special location and refer to it before leaving for school! In May we will be making something very special for our Moms (No Peeking), and our Field Day!

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Objectives for May:

Cooperatively Working With Three Friends on an Activity: In March we practiced "Using Successful Strategies for Entering a Group Already Engaged in an Activity" and in April the children were paired with a partner to work cooperatively on a project and now in May the children will work with three friends! This skill is a bit more challenging because now they have to manage being cooperative and supportive of more than one other person!

Self Help Skill: I Can Do It Myself! We will be getting your children ready for Kindergarten the following school year, by encouraging the children to be as independent as possible. For example: taking care of their belongings at arrival and dismissal, opening up their things at lunch time and putting everything away when they are finished, moving from group to group, following the classroom rules, etc.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IN MAY:

Gross Motor (Large Muscle): Field Day: In May the Bluebird, Cardinal and Kindergarten classes will participate in a very fun event entitled – "Field Day" - please check your child's class calendar for the date! The children will participate in relay races and afterwards the children will get a Field Day Medal and an Ice Pop!

Fine Motor (Small Muscle): Shhhhhh and No Peeking Mom's! Your kind and thoughtful children will be making a very special surprise for their mommies for "Mommy's Day"!

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN MAY:

I Am Going to Work on Learning to Say My Full Name, Address and Phone

Number: The children will be working on learning how to say their full name, address and telephone number – please practice this at home!

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN MAY:

I Can Recall 3 or 4 Items Removed From View: This is not only a fun activity but it is excellent for focusing, naming and memory recall.

ACADEMIC SKILLS IN MAY

Reading Readiness...

We will meet the letters Qq, Kk, Xx and Zz and review all the letters we have learned to date.

The children will:

- ✓ hear the story entitled: Quack, Quack, they will paint with Q-Tips, and play the “Quiet” and “Noisy” game.
- ✓ hear the story entitled: Katie Kitten and the King.
- ✓ hear the story entitled: The Sound of ‘X’, they will look at real X-rays and ‘X’ Marks the Spot – the children will go on a Pirate Treasure Hunt!
- ✓ hear the story entitled: Zoe’s Zippy Toy and Graph our favorite Zoo Animal.

Math Readiness...

Meet all the numbers to 20 and continue to play all our fun games to review all the numbers to 20.

- ✓ Have fun sorting! The children will be given a variety of interesting objects: keys, marker tops, shapes, plastic animals, etc. In “Cooperative Learning Groups” they will think of ways to sort, name and classify the objects in front of them.
- ✓ Have fun graphing! We will use our giant classroom graph and graph many of our favorite and not so favorite things. We will make our very own graph to bring home.
- ✓ Continue making simple patterns with shapes and colors.

Harcourt Math Readiness - Math Concept for the Month - Let’s Explore

Measurement...

- ✓ Explore Measurement: Learning Goal – Make direct comparisons of objects, based on length.
- ✓ Order Objects: Learning Goal - Order three objects by size.
- ✓ Explore Weight: Learning Goal – Make direct comparisons of objects, based on weight.
- ✓ Explore Time: Learning Goal – Develop an awareness of time.

Science Time - We will do the following science experiment...

- ✓ Dancing Raisins – Problem: What will happen to the raisins when you mix them with 7-Up?



ARTIST OF THE MONTH ~ GEORGES SEURAT

Georges-Pierre Seurat was a French Post-Impressionist painter and draftsman. His most famous painting entitled "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" altered the direction of modern art by initiating Neo-impressionism. The children will be introduced to a painting technique that Seurat used called Pointillism. Pointillism is a method used by impressionist painters using small dots of color. The children will make a beautiful heart by...
-putting dots of two primary colors close together in the same area using dot paint. This will create the illusion of mixing to make the secondary colors.



Activities you can do at home to reinforce the skills we are working on & Also to Prepare for the Kindergarten Screening...

- ✓ Work with your child on saying his/her full name, address and phone number with area code.
- ✓ Have your child print his/her full name in upper and lower case letters.
- ✓ Name a body part and have your child point to that body part.
- ✓ Name a word and have your child think of a rhyming word.
- ✓ Show a variety of pictures and have your child tell you what letter the picture begins with.
- ✓ Randomly hold up a number from one to twenty and have your child name it and count that many objects. Also make two piles and ask which pile has the most and which pile has the least. Also do "same" piles.
- ✓ Have your child match uppercase to lowercase letters and name the letters and think of words that start with that letter.
- ✓ Read a story and have your child sequence the story. What happened at the beginning, middle, end.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, etc. please put a note in your child's take-home folder.

