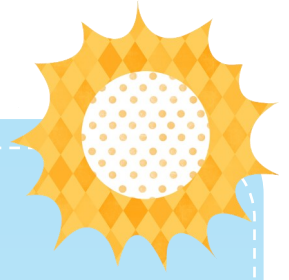


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Important Dates

05/02-05/08 Teachers' Appreciation Week

05/05 Cinco de Mayo

05/05 National Day of Prayer

05/6 National Nurses Day

05/08 Mothers' Day

05/10 Hispanic Mother's Day

05/30 Memorial Day (School is Closed)

A Message from Our Director

We are in the Month of May, a month of celebration, where we get to show our great appreciation for all moms. As a mother of 5, I can proudly say that my greatest accomplishment in life are my 5 children (and delivering without epidural lol). I'd like to extend my gratitude once more, for having entrusted us with your little ones. It is our pleasure to serve them and serve your family.

I wish you a great Mother's Day, may your day be joyful and filled with positive surprises and plenty of blessings.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her."

Proverbs 31:25-28a

Happy Mother's Day!

América Leticia Figueroa

Library Fieldtrips

Story Time at the Indio Library continues to be a success. Our children made a special card for Ms. Lori to celebrate Library Worker's Appreciation Month.

Although we all have plenty of fun at the library, we do not know how long we will continue doing this walk, as our weather is ever changing. The forecast for this week is almost in the 100's. We will let you know when we will stop this fieldtrip, which will of course resume in the Fall.



Letters of the Month: D, E, F

Value of the Month: Kindness

Numbers of the Month: 0-10

Colors: Brown, Purple

Themes of the Month:

Flowers and Mothers

Gardening

Volcanoes & Old Faithful

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Help Your Child Build Fine Motor Skills

Many of your child's daily activities—like getting dressed, eating, and writing—require control of small muscles in the hands. We call these skills fine motor skills. Your child can do more things for himself when he has opportunities to practice these skills. There are lots of activities that can increase muscle strength and coordination, preparing children for more advanced skills, from writing with a pencil, using a computer mouse, or playing a musical instrument. Help your child build fine motor skills at home by providing opportunities to...

- Set the table
- Hold knives, forks, and spoons to eat
- Pour juice into a cup
- Wipe the table with a sponge
- Help with meals—stir, shake, chop, cut, and mix
- Get dressed—button, zip, snap, buckle, and fas-

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- Use Velcro tabs
- Open and close containers with lids
- Cut with child-safe scissors
- Finger paint
- Use a paintbrush
- Play with playdough and clay—roll, smooch, pat, pound, and use tools like popsicle sticks or stamps
- Draw, scribble, or write with crayons, pencils, and markers
- Put together puzzles
- Place pegs in a board
- Build with small blocks
- Play board games
- Play with puppets

(Source: Adapted from "Getting a Grip on Things: Building Fine Motor Skills," Message in a Backpack, 2010, *Teaching Young Children* 3 (5): 26–28.)

"Educators are the only people who lose sleep over other people's kids."

-Nicholas A. Ferroni

THE ORIGIN OF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week originated in 1953, and teachers have Eleanor Roosevelt to thank for its inception. Roosevelt convinced Congress that there needed to be a specific day on which teachers were recognized. Prior to Roosevelt going before Congress, it is believed that some states did practice, but it is unclear and unsubstantiated. The theory, however, is that either a teacher from Wisconsin or Arkansas (they aren't sure which) wrote letters to her trying to get her to help teachers' cause.

The Arkansas theory states that Mattye Whytte Wooldridge began writing letters to Eleanor Roosevelt. Roosevelt decided the cause was worthy of her attention and took it to Congress.

Even with Eleanor Roosevelt taking the case to Congress and getting their help and support, it would take another 27 years for it to become an official national day. It was 1980 when the National Education Association (NEA), which was formed in 1857, joined together with the Kansas State and Indiana State Boards of Education and began to lobby Congress to have the day nationally recognized.

The First National Teacher Appreciation Day

National Teacher Day was celebrated on March 7th until 1984, when it was moved to May. Behind the move was the National Parent Teacher Association and, instead of just one day, they named the entire first week of May to be Teacher Appreciation Week. The NEA followed suit the next year and held National Teacher Appreciation Day on the Tuesday of the week.