



Newsletter

May 2021

Message from Sonna

We are winding down the school year this month and getting ready for our summer program. Hard to believe how quickly this year passed. While it was challenging due to the pandemic, I am grateful for the chance to continue our important work in the school.

I would like to thank our generous families who donated crayons to the Crayon Initiative last month. We collected 2 boxes full of crayons to donate!

We are in the midst of enrollment for the coming school year and have a few spots left in some of our classrooms. If you know someone looking for quality childcare and education, please pass along our information. We love family referrals and also offer a bonus as thanks to the referring family. Please ask us if you'd like more information on the referral bonus or the spots we have open.

Teacher Appreciation Week is officially May 3-7 and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our wonderful teachers here at Dayspring Preschool. This year was challenging because of the pandemic, and yet they managed to come in daily, full of joy and excitement, to make a difference in the lives of our young students. They truly go above and beyond to reach and teach our students and I am grateful for their contributions. If you would like to acknowledge the teachers, we would be happy to take cards, notes and letters from the children to give to their teachers.

California is reopening and many businesses are restarting their operations. We are, however, still in a pandemic and the risks to health still remain. Please be reminded that children must be healthy to come to school. If your child has respiratory symptoms, please keep them home, even if you suspect

it's allergies. We also ask that you keep items such as lovies and toys at home so that we can minimize the risk of germ transfer.

I'd like to thank families for your patience during the recent water leak repair. I'm happy to report that the leak was fixed as expected, and we are back to business as usual. Our volunteer facilities person, Mr Brett, was invaluable in helping us fill water buckets and toilet tanks. Thank you Mr Brett! You were so dedicated and cheerful, and we appreciate you!

We are excited to present year end concerts and a graduation for the Kindergarten and PreKindergarten classes. While COVID restrictions are still in place, we are busy planning songs and activities to mark this special time in the children's development. Please look for more information as we get closer to the end of the month!

This month also marks a very important holiday -- Mother's Day. I'd like to wish all our wonderful mothers a peaceful, healthy and fun filled Mother's Day. You make the world go round, and we love you.

Message from Grace

I am glad to be back at Dayspring! My seven-year history with Dayspring started in 2010, as one of its pioneer teachers, instrumental in creating a high-quality program that responded to the needs of the community. I would like to thank the children, teachers and families for welcoming me back. I have had the opportunity to spend time in each of the classrooms, learning the names of the children, getting to know them and their individual schedules. As an educator for the past 20 years, I believe that education should promote independence and critical thinking through experiential activities. I hope to contribute and be of help to our teachers in providing a learning environment that is motivating, supportive and a fun experience for your children.

Dayspring will be closed May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.

May Highlights

Letter of the Week:

Zz - May 3-7

Shape: crescent

Colors: black and grey

Motor skills: gallop and skip

Theme: transportation

Character trait: I am a good citizen

Tuition

May tuition will be billed through Brightwheel on April 30th. If your child will not be continuing at Dayspring in the fall or if you chose not to roll over your deposit, your \$500 deposit will appear as a credit. If you see any errors please let us know. Tuition is **due on May 1st** and late after May 7th. There is a \$10/day charge for tuition paid after the 7th.

Tuition for the **summer program** will be billed on May 10 and is **due by May 17th**. Your summer tuition amount was sent home in a recent letter, but please let us know if you need further information.

Important Dates

May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 9	Mother's Day
May 31	Memorial Day holiday - Dayspring closed
June 3	Last day of school
June 8	Summer sessions begin
August 2	Last day of summer sessions
August 9	Family orientation/visit classrooms in the morning (If COVID restrictions allow)
August 10	First day of school

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Classroom Updates

Classroom 1: Orange Owls – Miss Lindya & Miss Lauren

It is difficult to believe that we are almost at the end of the school year. Our focus in May will be mostly on reviewing the letters and numbers and shapes. We will also do the letter Z. We will be working on our Mother's Day gift and doing arts and crafts with different media. Transportation is the theme of the month so we will learn various modes of transportation. May 1 is Mother Goose Day so we will read our favorite nursery rhymes. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5 and will be making cactus art and will read Living in Mexico where we will learn about the culture. We will continue to work on being respectful and kind to each other.

Classroom 2: Playful Puppies – Miss Shruti

April showers bring May flowers. Most people are familiar with this saying. The month of May is filled with sounds of birds, the smell of fresh flowers and summer breezes from time to time.

This month marks the end of spring and the beginning of summer so we will focus on transportation, beach, vacation, and of course Mother's Day. We will continue our hands-on STEM projects especially for wind, speed and directions. We will continue yoga every day. This whole month we will review all letters and the numbers 1-20.

Cinco de Mayo has everything to do with Mexican pride, heritage, culture and history so the activities and events are broad.

Classroom 3: Terrific Tigers – Miss Preeti & Miss Reshma

Welcome to the month of May! As we wrap up the school year we would like to thank our Tiger families for an amazing school year! We enjoyed learning and growing with our Tiger friends. We wish you all good luck for your bright future ahead! During May we will celebrate art in our class. Some fun activities we will enjoy are mixing primary colors, shaving cream fun, race car ramp painting, salt and water color magic, Sharpie and embossed tin art. We will work on our Mother's Day project and learn about different means of transportation. We will continue reviewing our shapes, letters and numbers. We will learn and practice our graduation songs in class. We are looking forward to having a lot of fun in Tiger class.

Classroom 4: Kind Kinders -- Miss Willow, Miss Rica & Miss Chelsea

This year has just flown by! It began full of uncertainty, but we came through with flying colors! It has been a pleasure to have your beautiful children with me. They really have come so far since August. I am amazed by each one of them, they will always have a special place in my heart.

May will be filled with reviewing, a special art project, and celebrations. We will also be learning how to write a personal narrative. We will practice writing about what we like, what we do, and how we feel. We will continue with addition and subtraction. In science/geography/social studies we have discussed "saving the earth" and where we are in the solar system and simple facts about other planets. Now we will begin exploring the planet earth. We will learn about continents, using a globe, map and compasses. As their awareness of the world grows, the children will use this knowledge to feel a connection with people they have never met and places they have never been!

Let's celebrate! Our last day will be poetic and musical. We will be graduating on Thursday, June 3, and Ms. Sonna will be videoing it all! Here's to memories!

Classroom 4 PM: Kind Kinders -- Miss Crisel

Welcome back, Katie and Bailey!

April was filled with fun and smiles. It was all about exploring animals and how things grow. The children planted seeds in a jar so they can see how they grow. They observed and watered the seeds every day and also drew pictures. The spring banners from leaf and flower pounding are beautiful. It's a long process, but it is worth the wait.

Another successful cooking project called Ant Hill was so good! The children had so much energy for the activity called "Move Like an Insect." Everyone was so excited going outside when they used their bug catchers. They were so curious about everything they saw and did not mind the warm weather at all. They did understand that once they caught bugs, they would have to let them go after they examined them.

Our science experiment/sensory activity “Melting Insects in Ice” was so much fun. The children cleaned up the mess after the experiment. Great job!

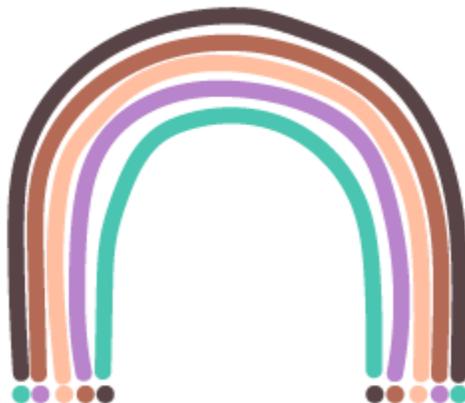
Our Art Show week was a hit! The children learned about famous artists and their work, such as Leonardo DaVinci’s painting of Mona Lisa, George Seurat is known for pointillism, Henri Matisse is known for both his use of color and his fluid and original draftsmanship, and Pablo Picasso is known for cubism, using shapes to create people and objects in his work.

Our theme this month is transportation. We will learn about the different modes of transportation and will use data to create a picture graph where the children will be asked which vehicle is their favorite way to travel. We will read books like Going on a Plane, If I Built a Car, Transportation Then and Now, We All Go Traveling By, and many more. The children will learn and explore the property of buoyancy by doing “Sink and Float” in our science experiment, making sand foam and cloud dough for our busy hands.

I would like to thank you all for teaching your children how to respect and love our mother earth.

I truly enjoy every day teaching your very talented and creative children.

Reminder: Please bring your child’s tote bag every Monday.





Snack Menu May 2021

Week 1	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
	Graham Crackers Applesauce	Veggie Crisps Dried Apricots	Cheese Quesadilla Sour Cream	Cheerios with Milk Bananas	Trail Mix Fruit Salad
Week 2	10	11	12	13	14
	Muffins Bananas	Yogurt and Granola Strawberries	Rice Pilaf Clementines	Wheat Thins Raisins	Trail Mix Fruit Salad
Week 3	17	18	19	20	21
	Ritz Crackers Apples	Pita Bread Hummus	Tortilla Chips Dried Mangoes	Fruit and Grain Bars	Trail Mix Fruit Salad
Week 4	24	25	26	27	28
	Cheerios with Milk Bananas	Chick Pea Chips Raisins	Sweet Potato Puffs Apples	Rice Crackers Veggies with Dip	Trail Mix Fruit Salad
Week 5	31				
	HOLIDAY				

We serve fresh fruits and vegetables whenever possible. Substitutions may occur based on availability. We no longer serve juice. 1% milk is provided at lunchtime. Children bring their own lunches from home.