

First Congregational Learning Center

Director's Notes:

Can you believe the end of the school year is one short month away? We are planning and getting ready for the end of the year picnic on Friday, May 24th. Hope to see you there! Also, I sent a letter out a few weeks ago and want to make sure everyone knows the center will be closed, Friday, August 2nd. If you did not see the letter I have attached the paragraph regarding the information.

As I have shared recently in an email, FCLC is full and has a waitlist for all of the classrooms. Therefore, preparing for the upcoming school year will be more challenging for the teachers since the enrollment does not go down in the summer like it has in past years. To ensure that teachers and classrooms are ready to continue our enriching program I have decided to *close the center on Friday, August 2nd*. This allows for the teacher trainings necessary at the beginning of the year along with getting the classrooms prepared for the start of the school year. I will be continuing this practice each year on the first Friday in August. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

May

Infant News (Room 204)

In a blink of an eye it's May, and hopefully that means no more snow! With warmer weather on the horizon please take a minute to make sure your child has weather appropriate clothes in their basket. Also, if you haven't already done so please fill out a sunscreen form as we look forward to spending more time exploring nature and our community. This month we are planning activities to promote their social/emotional development and cognitive development. An activity to do at home for children to promote cognitive development would be playing peek-a-boo, which promotes a child's object permanence. To create more of a challenge with the older infants try to hide a favorite toy under a blanket or behind a book to see if they can find it after removed from view.

Toddler News (Room 202):

As move into the month of May, we will focus on learning and understanding shapes. Shapes are all around us as we go on walks and explore the neighborhood. At home, practice having give and take conversations about shapes. Ask your toddler what shapes they observe as you are driving or playing at the park.

May is all about mom's as we prepare for Mother's Day. In the classroom, we will discuss various activities the toddlers can do with their mom's. We will use our fine motor skills as we create a special project for the mom in our lives.

Another classroom highlight for May is that we will continue our travels around the world as we learn about food, culture, and songs from a different country. In May, our country of focus will be Mexico! Our friends will celebrate diversity as we create Cinco de Mayo activities and learn about the country of Mexico.



Young Preschool News (Room 203):

For the month of May we will continue to explore our letters H and I. The children want to learn more about their families. We would love more pictures of your families to create a scrapbook for the children to look at. As we have been learning the months of the year remind your child which month they were born and when other birthdays fall in your family. If you have a calendar take time to have a look and discuss what day it is etc. As the weather is warming up please make sure your child has sun screen, a hat and a water bottle at school. With the sunny weather we are spending more time outside and burning more energy, please make sure your child starts the day with a healthy breakfast!



Preschool News (Room 205):

The month of May will begin with a Cinco de Mayo celebration. We'll practice our counting in Spanish, learn the Mexican hat dance and break open a piñata. Then we'll celebrate the love we have for our mothers. We'll use our fine motor skills to write cards, trace shapes and paint pictures to show how much we care. This month will also include a study of growth and development with the arrival of some caterpillars. While we observe the life cycle of the butterfly, we'll measure own growth and celebrate our accomplishments. Then, we can look forward to our family picnic. Our all-school activity will be to write your child a "fantastic kid" letter. We'll read them aloud during the week of the family picnic.

