

Classroom Hot Topics---Blue Room- May

As we enter May, the last month of the school year, it is certainly a time of reflection. It has been a wonderful blessing to watch your children blossom and grow during these past months. We have seen a tremendous amount of development in each child as they move forward in becoming the unique individuals they are meant to be. What a caring, loving group! It has been an absolute joy! Thank you!

We will be starting May with a focus on self help skills and appreciating diversity. Some of the topics to be addressed will be self-soothing methods, problem solving techniques, teamwork, manners, and differences. Specific activities in these areas can be viewed on the lesson plans.

This month we will also explore all about dinosaurs. We will learn the difference between herbivore and carnivore, study dinosaur habitats and have opportunities to become paleontologists.

We will round out the month by going camping. We will brainstorm camping activities and discuss and practice camping safety. By the light of a lantern we will create our own camp story. There will be opportunities to role play varied types of camping activities like fishing, roasting marshmallows etc. and to sing campfire songs. Of course, what better way to practice the concepts of problem solving, teamwork, manners, and appreciating diversity than on a camping trip!

Chapel

Stories: Jesus: Through the eyes of a Lost Son, Jesus: Through the Eyes of the Good Soil, Jesus: Through the Eyes of a Blind Man, Jesus: Through the Eyes of Peter at Pentecost, Jesus: Through the Eyes of the Church.

Songs: We will enjoy singing many of the children's favorite songs of the year!

Parent Education

As a parent, teaching your child about diversity often comes on the spur of the moment in what can be an awkward moment. This PBS Parent article: [How to Teach Children About Cultural Awareness and Diversity](http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2015/08/teach-children-cultural-awareness-diversity/), will help us prepare a bit in advance to help children become more aware of and comfortable with diversity.

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Monthly Events

May 11 Mother's Day Muffins 8:30 AM

June 1 School Closed-Teacher In-Service

May 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences Wright House

June 4 First Day of Summer Camp

May 28 Memorial Day- School Closed

May 31 Last Day of School