



Ms. Mary Jo's Classroom News Letter Room 103

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May Flowers

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Welcome May with beautiful flowers and the sounds of nature!!

Our themes during the month of May will be the special gift we have in our "MOMS", farm animals, and we will continue to watch the change in the landscape!

Our color of the

month is "purple" and our shape is the "diamond"!

We will continue with our routine circle time activities which include ABC's, numbers, colors, shapes, calendar, weather, identifying and spelling our names, poetry, matching games, word wall

and story time. We will do some activities, crafts, eat snack or lunch outside whenever we can!



Reminders:
Field Trip to farm on Wednesday May 18th!
NO SCHOOL on Memorial Day Monday May 30, 2011!

Celebrate Mommy!

All of us in Room 103 would like to take the opportunity to wish all the "MOMS" that are responsible for the

delightful children in our room, a very



relaxing, Happy Mother's Day! Thanks for all you do to support us here at school! We appreciate you!

Extra Clothes / Potty Trained!

We will be asking parents to send in lighter set of clothes to keep here at school for spring. Maybe even spare sneakers?

We are happy to say most of our children are now on their way to being potty trained! Therefore, we do need a healthy supply

clean underwear, full change of clothes and we still need wipes.

We notice an increase of potty accidents when we start to go outside because the children do not want to interrupt their outside play to use the bathroom. Some children

are not able to verbalize their need to go yet. We appreciate our parents keeping up with the demand of clothes. We want your child to be as comfortable as possible during their school day.

May Birthdays



Happy Birthday to anyone celebrating one in May!

Keeping Your Child Healthy

We have almost made it through flu season! Please continue you watch your child for symptoms!

Simple rules of thumb that we follow are:

- wash our hands often
- use hand sanitizer between hand washing
- disinfect our toys regularly
- teach kids to sneeze into their elbow sleeve
- offer healthy snacks and drinks with vitamin C

Health (con't)

Please help us by keeping your child home if they experience a fever (100 degrees or higher), productive cough, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, we

want to provide a healthy safe environment for every child. Some of our children have compromised immune systems and other health problems so we must practice caution during these peak



Ideas for Activities at Home

- Look for "purple" food at the grocery store.
- Find something "purple" in each room of the house.
- Make diamond shaped sandwiches.
- Practice full name
- Take Spring walks count flowers and identify their colors
- Blow bubbles outside
- Fly a kite outside
- Set the table, count each set of objects
- Ride your bike outside

Community Events

Movie: "RIO"

When: April 30, 2011

Place: AMC Theaters

Maple Ridge

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$4.50-\$6.00

Monthly "Sensory Friend-

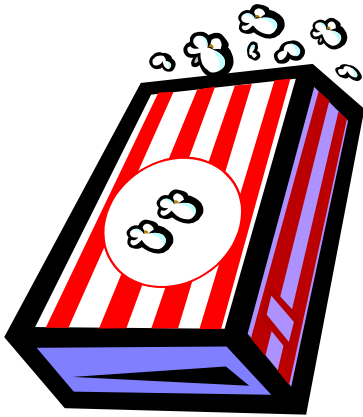
ly Movies" now showing at the AMC theaters! AMC theaters teamed up the Autism Society to provide movies once a month in a safe and accepting environment to families with individuals

with disabilities. They will turn the lights up and turn the sound down, there will be no previews or advertisements, you can move around, dance in the isles, sing or shout! Families can bring in your own "gluten-

Community (con't)

"gluten-free" and "casein-free" snacks.

Whether movies have been a challenge or if it is a new experience for your little one, this may be a nice alternative to enjoy a movie experience. Let me know if you try it! Have fun!



Farm Field Trip

It's that time of year again! Our spring field trip to the farm. The family at Kelkenberg Farms give us a wonderful tour and our children get to experience a day at the farm. The field trip is for staff and students only this year.

Date: Wednesday May 18th

Where: Kelkenberg Farms

Time: Buses load at 9:20 here at school!

Cost: FREE to Students

