**May Curriculum**

**To: All Parents**

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**Re:May Curriculum**

"*Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun" Kahil Gibran*

In the merry merry month of May we will have our final parent teacher conference scheduled for the 4th. We will have a chance to celebrate Mother's Day with a special tea on the 6th and 7th. The monarch caterpillars will be arriving in early May. The children will have a chance to pick milkweed, feed the caterpillars and watch them grow each day until they form the chrysalis and emerge as beautiful butterflies. We will be learning about the country of Argentina as we continue our study of South America. We will end the month celebrating Memorial Day.

The following material will presented in your child's class:

**Practical Life**

Gardening-raking, planting, weeding, and digging

Kiwi and strawberry food prep work

Weaving

**Science**

Life cycle of a butterfly

Parts of a turtle

Backyard birds

Male/ Female/offspring

**Geography**

Continent of South America

Country of Argentina

**Math**

May Calendar

Counting Turtles

**Sensorial**

Sterognostic Sorting

Seasonal Bag

**Language**

Memorial Day Books

**Music**

We will build upon recent lessons in reading music notation by reading the musical rest among quarter notes and playing non-melodic rhythmic instruments. We will be cerebrating upcoming Mother's Day by singing "I Want a Mom" by Cyndi Lauper and a version of J.J. Cale's "Mama Don't Allow". In addition to our many other fun songs and rhymes, we will be learning to dance the Tango, a dance from Argentina.

**Kindergarten Exit Skill**

Fractions

 The children have been busy preparing the vegetable gardens for planting. This month we will be planting tomatoes, peppers, snap peas and basil. In the summer we will pick our harvest and enjoy some new recipes sampling these summer gems. The weather is turning sunny and warm so please send in a full change of warm weather clothes. I wish each mom a happy Mother's Day! Enjoy your special day and celebrate you- for being a mom is truly a special gift.