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MONTHLY PARENT NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026

Weekly Themes

May 4: Mother's Day



Gardening & Plants

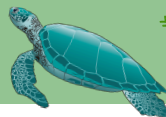
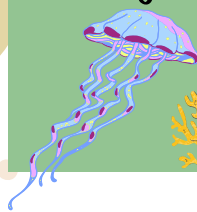
May 11: Dinosaurs



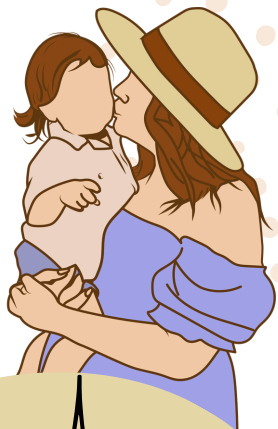
May 18: Dinosaurs & Memorial Day



May 25: Water Safety & Ocean Animals



Happy Mother's Day!



A mother's arms are more comforting than anything else.
- Princess Diana

After applying hand cream to chapped hands:

"...so can I have some ice cream to moisturize my mouth?"

- Lilly, 5 years old

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IMPORTANT DATES

Community Helper Day



Shaw- 5/1
Figarden-5/1



Closed for Memorial Day

All Locations-5/26

Kids Say the Darndest Things



Reading is Fundamental



We're Going on a Letter Hunt

The next time you are at the zoo, stop and take a look at the animal enclosure signs. Ask your little one to look for the letters in their name in the sign. You can even ask them to identify some of the letters in the name of the animal! Happy letter hunting!

Dollar Tree Finds

POOL NOODLES

Grab a few pool noodles! These can be used in many different ways for fine motor activities. Simply slice the pool noodles and use for lacing or stacking pompoms. Make sure to grab multiple colors as they can also be used for math concepts such as sorting, pattern practice, and counting!



Fun Dino Facts

Impress your little one with some of these fun dinosaur facts!

- When T-Rex roamed, Stegosaurus was already a fossil.
- Humans are the only animals known to transition from walking on all fours to two legs—except dinosaurs. A dinosaur called Mussaurus patagonicus likely walked on all fours. As it grew, its tail became heavy enough to allow the animal to balance on two legs.
- Dinosaurs liked to snuggle! A group of fossils were found huddled together, leaving scientists to believe that they would snuggle for warmth and protection.
- Dinosaurs could get the sniffles just like you and me! Can you imagine a giant brachiosaurus sneezing or coughing right next to you?

—National Geographic



Kitchen Korner



Dino Fossils

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
 - You can use wheat flour for a more natural look!
- 1 cup salt
- 1/2 cup warm water
- Plastic dinosaurs

Directions

1. Mix the flour, salt, and warm water together to make the salt dough.
2. Make a small ball of dough, then press it flat with the palm of your hand.
3. Gently press a dinosaur skeleton toy into the dough. Then, gently lift the toy up to reveal a cool impression!
4. Line up all your “fossils” on a baking sheet and bake on 250 degrees for 1-2 hours. Remove once they are hard.