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Upcoming Events

- 5/12 Mother's Day Tea
- 5/19 PNO Hosted by Reanna, Debbi, and Deena
- 5/29 Memorial Day Center Closed



Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear...
Marley
LaGhea
Mason A
Danny
Teacher Abby
and Teacher Reanna
Happy Birthday to you!

ALT News



Coming Up

Looking ahead, we will be having our Mother's Day Tea Friday, May 12th. The performances will begin at 3:30pm and will be followed by refreshments, time for visiting, and an opportunity to have your picture taken with your child by our photographer.

Also, the center will be closed for Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th.

Thank You

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please help us celebrate the wonderful teachers who work at Airport Learning Tree. They work so hard and love your children like their own! The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation week and we will be showering them with love, please feel free to do the same.

Sunscreen

It's hard to believe we will need sunscreen already, but we have a few warm days coming up. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen at school, make sure you have filled out a current authorization form, which can be found at the front desk, and bring in a bottle of sunscreen with your child's name on it. We will store them up and out of reach of children, PLEASE DO NOT leave it in your child's bag. Additionally, we cannot use the aerosol spray cans of sunscreen. Parents are responsible for the morning application and we will reapply in the afternoon.

Vacation Credits

With summer coming up, we're sure you have vacations planned. This is a great time to use your vacation credits as they expire at the end of August. Ask the front desk for a vacation voucher form when you're ready to apply some to your account.

Snuggle Bunnies loved by Denae & Courtney

Welcome snuggle bunnies into marvelous May. Our friends had fun with our cotton ball Easter bunnies. Everyone is always excited to do art! Gideon is excited about being the big one year old now in the class. He has been having fun visiting the Wobbly Lambs class when he can. The class welcomes Zamir to the snuggle bunnies class. He has adjusted nicely with his new friends. Smiling, playing with toys all while doing tummy time. Marcus and Aurora have also been bonding. Their favorite activity is sitting together playing the piano in front of the mirror, laughing the entire time. Tobin and Jax are practicing sitting up grabbing toys using their gross motor skills. Arlo and Nazir have been jumping the day away in the ultra-saucers. All of our bunnies are having fun in class!



Wobbly Lambs loved by Jan, Tracy & Deena

We have been having so much fun getting to know each other this past month as we had two new friends join us. Welcome Skyler and Camille! Some of our friends are starting to use words. Everyone is happy that we get to go outside now when it is not raining. When everyone has shoes, we can all go out together. Also, we all need a jacket or sweater at school.

We are learning a lot about colors this month, and we will be finding out how to make orange and purple! Our teachers are showing us how water colors mix, and we will be painting something special. We are counting every day with our blocks. It's so much fun to stack them up and watch them crash down. Our teachers also have calmer times when we read books and we get to read on our own too. Our favorite time is when we get to sing with our teacher and use hand and finger play to the song. Have a very
Happy Mother's Day!

Tiger Cubs I loved by Reanna & Deena

- April showers are bringing our May flowers and vegetables and herbs too! We had so much fun planting seeds in April and have been amazed by the seedlings that are beginning to show up. We've got a lot of flowers popping up in the hallway too.
- It's been neat learning about the different kinds of flowers. We also celebrated Easter by dyeing eggs and making lots of bunny crafts.

We practiced our numbers 8, 9, 10, and back to 1, the colors white, black, brown, and pink and the letters Q, P, O, and N.

May is going to be a month of farm fun and we'll celebrate Cinco de Mayo as well. Our letters will be R, S, T, and U, the numbers 2 through 5, and the colors red, orange, yellow, and green.

May is when the weather starts to get warmer, but please remember to bring a jacket, just in case the weather changes, but we still want to go outside. We're also trying to go on more walks around the area, so ask your child what they remember about the days' adventures.



Tiger Cubs II loved by Abby & Chela

This past month we went for walks, played in nature, and made lots of dishes during "Cooking with Chela." We reviewed letters N, O, P and Q and our numbers 7, 8, 9, and 10. We also had our Easter party and would like to thank everyone for bringing so much delicious food.

We hunted for eggs, made nests, and sang *Pete the Cat* when we couldn't go outside. This upcoming month, we'd like to get outside more and do more science experiments such as making flubber and growing our own crystals! We'll also attempt to make our own work out equipment so please feel free to save and bring in any toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by making nachos and having a fiesta! We will be busy busy as usual!

Fuzzy Ducks loved by Deby, Kierra, Briana & Stacey

We started out the month with farm week, which included popsicle stick barns and painting with corn. Our favorite was painting with corn on the cob. Then of course, Easter. We painted with plastic eggs, painted pom pom Easter eggs, and then we had the Easter egg hunt. What a blast! We also celebrated earth week. We talked about how it's not ok to litter, how we need to keep our earth clean, and we talked about what is garbage and what we can recycle. We made dirt cups with worms and they were a favorite.

May is here already. We will be learning about Cinco de Mayo and all the fun festivities that go along with it. We will make a paper plate taco, and sombrero cookies, and we will talk about how the Mexican flag is different from ours.

Birds will be a big topic. Where do they live? What do they eat? We will make a nest and go looking for worms. Hopefully on one of our walks we will see and hear birds. We will be doing a lot of practicing for the songs for Mother's Day Tea and making our gift for mom, Shh.. Which brings us to flowers. We will be painting

flowers and looking for flowers on our walks. We will put some in colored water to see what happens. Last but not least, we will learn all about bugs. Sometimes we find them outside. We will make lady bugs and caterpillars. Ants on a log will be one of our special snacks. Please join us for the Mother's Day Tea. It is a fun celebration. Please remember we go outside as much as possible, so layer your child's clothes. Chilly in the morning can turn into warmer (hopefully) in the afternoon. If you ever have questions please feel free to talk to us. Here's to a fun month and a Happy Mother's Day!

Bouncy Bears loved by Hanna, Lissette & Joy

April was a cute and exciting month for us! We celebrated Easter with our friends. We had just enough time to plan for the fun holiday making bunnies, chicks, Easter baskets, and decorating Easter eggs. After we decorated our Easter eggs, teacher Hanna gave the colorful eggs to the Easter bunny to hide for us. And some of them had surprises inside. Towards the middle of the month, we talked about earth day and the importance of reduce, reuse, and recycle to keep a healthy planet. We also had a chance to grow outdoor grass. In order for plants to grow they need water and sunlight. Then we had a chance to explore insects. We made ladybugs, bumblebees, dragonflies, caterpillars, and butterflies. We

talked about the evolution of how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly and we even adopted some in our classroom. May everyone blossom like a lovely flower for this new month. For our lovely month of May, we are going to throw a fiesta! Happy Cinco de Mayo. We will make fun party hats, dance to fun music, and make piñatas! Another reason why May is our lovely month, is Mother's Day. We will not say what we're going to make because we want our loving moms, grandmas, and all the special people in our family to be super surprised. Our gifts to you will be handmade of course. And for this month, we would like to dive into some sensory tools for our Jr. K classrooms. Let's get together and make playdoh slime,

and sand foam from scratch. We will also create a cloud bin, sand bin with seashells, and other things that we can find on the beach, and we will have a table of fresh soil to drive our construction trucks and build hills. Then we will start exploring DINOSAURS. We will look at the different kinds that live on land, water, and fly, that are huge, little, and all kinds of fun characters. We will use shovels to dig for bones, brushes to dust off the excess, and use magnifying glasses to look deeper into the bone and figure out which dinosaur it came from. As we get closer into summer, we will dive into more science projects. Best wishes for the month of May.

Kangaroos loved by Ru & Paige

We are getting so close to finishing our school year! April kept us busy as we learned about farms, nutrition, recycling, Earth Day, and bugs. During our farm week, we talked about all different types of farm animals. We really enjoyed brainstorming a list and came up with quite a few animals. We then moved on to nutrition and discussed different food groups, whether certain food was healthy or unhealthy, and talked about trying new and different foods. We read some really funny stories and tried to apply our new knowledge during snack and lunch times. We shifted gears as Earth Day approached and took the opportunity to discuss recycling - does an item go in the recycling, garbage, or compost? We even went out around our school to pick

up litter. We wore gloves of course! We were so disgusted at all the garbage we found on the ground! We partially filled up two bags of things we were able to pick up and felt really good about how we helped our earth. We talked about several other ways we can help our earth including turning off lights and water, bringing our own bags to the grocery store, and picking up after our pets were among the ideas. Finally, we started studying bugs! We learned the difference between insects and arachnids and read about some really cool bugs! Our teacher found a book that had different types of insects for each letter and we took turns choosing ones we wanted to read about. It was very interesting! We will have one more week of insects to start out May.

Following our second insect week, we will celebrate Mother's Day and learn about dinosaurs. Those are the last two themes our teacher has planned so we might do kid choice for the last couple weeks. This will give us an opportunity to either revisit a topic we want to learn more about or think of something new. So many options! We are so looking forward to performing for our moms at the Mother's Day Tea. We are already hard at work practicing for the performances and preparing to make our gifts. We can't wait to spoil our moms. As we wrap up May, we will begin to talk about summer. What will it bring for us? We are in for quite a change but we are ready!

Panthers loved by Robin, Paige & Shirley

My what a month we had in April. The highlight of the month was certainly all of our Easter festivities. We made bunny ears and whiskers in preparation for our bunny hop parade to the other classes. We created tissue paper eggs, paper bunny baskets (which got filled with candy), bunny cones, and decorated eggs and baskets. The best part though was the Friday before Easter. We went on an egg hunt outside (the eggs were filled with yummy candy) and then

did our bunny hop parade through the other classes, making everyone involved smile. We also saw more days with sunshine and tried to enjoy them while they were here. While spending time in the sunshine, we played many excellent games of soccer and basketball, drew many chalk masterpieces, and used our imaginations to come up with fun games we could all play together. We all agree that we are ready for warmer days and more outside time. As a group, we

continue to learn, grow, and come together and look forward to creating many more lasting memories through the fun we have when we're together. Happy Mother's Day and we look forward to seeing you all at the Mother's Day Tea on May 12th.



Just For Fun

Home Depot Kids Workshop

When: First Sat., 9-12pm

Where: Various Home Depot Locations
Description: Free, monthly hands-on, "how-to" craft* workshops designed for kids ages 5-12.

05/06 Build a Flower Pot

Lakeshore Learning

When: Every Sat, 11am -3pm

Where: Lakeshore Learning Store, 16901 SW 65th Ave., Lake Oswego

Description: FREE fun craft activities for ages 3+

Information: 503-620-9888 or lakeshorelearning.com.

05/06 May Flowers! Flower pots

05/13 Mom's Favorite Recipes!

05/20 Ready to Go! Tic-Tac-Toe

05/27 Stars & Stripes Windsock

\$4 Zoo Second Tuesday

When: Tue. May 9th, 10am - 4pm

Where: Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd. Portland, OR 97221

Description: Enjoy all of the fun wildlife and adventure at the Oregon Zoo for a fraction of the cost with \$4 admission per person. Children 2 and under are, as always, admitted free of charge. Ride transit and receive an additional \$1.50 off with proof of ridership. There is a fee for parking a well.

Wondrous Wednesdays

When: Wed. May 3rd 10am - 5pm

Where: World Forestry Center 4033 SW Canyon

Description: Tour the World Forestry Center for the discounted price of \$3 per person. Ride the wet-free rapids, try your smoke jumping skills, and discover interesting things about forests all over the world. There is a fee for parking as well.

Second Saturday at WREC

When: Sat. April 8th, 1pm - 3pm

Where: Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way

Description: Second Saturdays at the Water Resources Education

Center are not only fun, they're free! Each second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m., kids and their families are invited to explore a different topic through hands-on activities, games and stories.

May: Wetlands

Did you know that the Water Center manages nearly 50 acres of wetlands? Explore this beautiful habitat while on a short walk to view wetlands wildlife. Then, head inside for kid-friendly crafts, games and science experiments showcasing how wetlands protect and support our community

\$2 Days at OMSI

When: First Sun. of every month, **05/07**

Where: OMSI

1945 SE Water St., Portland, OR 97214

Description: Enjoy discounted \$2 admission to OMSI.

Guided Nature Hike

When: Saturdays, 10-11:30am

Where: Tyron Creek Park 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

Description: Free guided nature hikes exploring the forest and stream ecosystems and natural history at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Topics will vary from week to week but will be appropriate for all ages. Parents must accompany kids on all hikes. **No pre-registration required.** For more specific information or if bringing groups larger than 10, call (503) 636-9886 ext. 225.

05/06 Amazing Amphibians

05/13 Migratory Birds and the Park

05/20 Diversity in the Forest is Survival

05/27 Pollination: Insects, Birds and Bees

Check out these great sources for more family fun activities...

Multnomah County Library

<https://multcolib.org/events/programs>

Vancouver Family Magazine

www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/calendar.html

PDX Kids Calendar

<http://www.pdxkidscalendar.com/summer-fun-events/>