



**Hope Valley Preschool
Newsletter
May 2019
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Declan is using his sense of sight to observe the plants, while Citlaly is caring for them by giving them water.

Preschool Investigative Study: Plants

During the first part of May, we will be ending our exercise investigative study. We are in shape!

Our children have been very interested in our outdoor nature center, so we decided to begin an investigative study of plants. During this study, we will be observing plants closely, learning the names of plants and their parts, discovering the basic needs of plants, finding out how living things depend on each other, and gaining respect and appreciation for our natural world.

Some of our experiments will include *the from seed to plant project, a planting beans investigation, celery experiment, our glove gardens, does a plant need sunlight and water experiment, planting blubs, growing a sweet potato vine, and planting seeds in starter pots.* Please take time to walk through our classrooms and see these experiments in progress.

We'll learn that plants are important to people and animals so we have to take good care of our planet and ecology. We'll learn about the different plant parts: the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. We'll talk about how plants give us food to eat and keep us healthy. This helps us form good health habits for life

We have chosen the following books for investigation: Cactus Hotel, The Carrot Seed, From Seed to Plant, How a Seed Grows, Stems & Roots, Vegetable Garden, Zinnia's Flower Garden, Why Should I Protect Nature, Tops & Bottoms, How Groundhog's Garden Grew, I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato, and Plants On A Farm.



Mark Your Calendars

- 1 May Day Celebration: Preschoolers
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8 Animal Puppet Show: Todd/Y2's
- 9 Muffin Making: Preschoolers
- 10 Muffins with Mom @ 9 am
- 10 Spanish with Mariela
- 13 Museum Visits: Fantastic Frogs
- 16 Parachute Pay: Preschoolers
- 22 Bubble Banaza: Todd/Y2's
- 27 CLOSED: Memorial Day
- 28 Hamburger Picnic: Schoolwide
- 29 Bean Bag Toss: Todd/Y2's

Nurse Harris Visits for National Nurses Day

Fitness Fridays

- 3 Body Shapes and Sizes
- 10 Kick High
- 17 Ways to Travel
- 24 Swing and Jump Rope
- 31 Bounce and Catch

Our Specials

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Math Lesson	Literacy Lesson	Music Class	Spanish Class	Math Lesson
		Computer Class	Soccer Shots	



Davis is pointing to his favorite animal and learning the sounds.

Infant and Toddler Program

Young children live with pets in their homes and neighborhoods. This month, our infants and toddlers will explore some common pets like cats, dogs, fish, and rabbits. We'll learn their names, the sounds they make, what they look like, and how they move.

Our children play with curiosity. Our teacher's use *planned experiences* to guide play. What is a *planned experience*? It's an activity a teacher sets up to support children's learning through repeated exploration of the environment, materials, or equipment. Watch out for floor pictures, scarf boxes, wind chimes and windsocks, bubbles, clear tubes, experience bottles, and finger painting. We'll enjoy water play, bug study, cardboard tube constructions and colored glue. We're going to be busy!



NC Museum of Natural Science

This month we are excited to present, *Fantastic Frogs*. What's the difference between frogs and toads? Our children will learn some of these differences and hear sounds frogs and toads make. We will also meet some tree frogs and a toad.

Our Music Program

Music and movement go together naturally for young children. This month our children will participate in a marching band parade. They will learn to identify rhythm instruments and to move to the rhythm of music. We will also learn a *May Day* finger play using sign language as well as new spring songs..



SPANISH

This month, we talk about animals in Espanol:

“On the farm” - En la granja

Pig – Cerdo Cow-Vaca

Chicken-Pollitos Horse-Caballo

We will also practice numbers, colors and the alphabet!



Focus On Literacy

Our book of the month's selection for May is, *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli. Our story is about a very funny crocodile that has one big fear: swallowing a watermelon seed. Will vines grow out of his ears? Will his skin turn pink? This crocodile has a big imagination that our children will love!

Check it out!



Happy Birthday

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| Ellery W. | Kailey S. | Cora G. |
| Emmett O. | Eden C. | Oakley W. |
| Lawson R. | Colton V. | Avery S. |
| Lana L. | Davis L. | Patrick C. |
| Chase H. | Scarlett H. | |