



Hope Valley Preschool
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Piper is measuring the flower she planted to see how much it has grown so they can chart it inside their classroom.

Preschool Investigative Study: Flowers

Our flower study starts by asking, “What do we know about flowers and what do we want to find out?” We’ll learn that flowers are living things with special characteristics and that there are many different kinds of flowers. Flowers and other living things depend on each other. We’ll find out about people who have jobs working with flowers and discover how people use flowers and images of flowers in many ways.

Our preschoolers will sort and weigh seeds and experiment with which will sprout first – a bulb or seeds. We’ll create flowers using collage materials, sort flowers by size, learn about parts of a flower using the flannel board, compare and contrast flowers and weeds, and discover the lifecycle of a flower.

Do you like honey tasting? We’ll take a honey taste test. Our preschoolers will learn

about bees and look for bees and butterflies in our nature area. We’ll write in our flower journals all month, compare textured flowers to other types of textures, experiment with white carnations and colored water and decide which flower grows best; with or without sunlight and water. Be on the lookout for a greenhouse and flower arranging activities.

We have chosen the following books for our flower study: Up, Down, and Around, Flower Garden, What Do Roots Do?, To Be Like the Sun, The Tiny Seed, and Planting a Rainbow.



Mark Your Calendars

- 3rd – 5th Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2nd Lemonade Treat- Preschoolers
- 3rd Make Kites- Center wide
- 4th Dance Classes Start
- 5th Cinco De Mayo Parade
- 8th Mother’s Day
- 10th Wind Day- Wind exploration- Toddler/Y2’s
- 10th Good Groves Music Class Start
- 11th Strawberry Tasting- Preschoolers
- 17th Celebrate EMS/Police- Make Cards- Preschoolers
- 24th Scavenger Hunt- Toddler/Y2’s
- 25th Pajama Day- Center wide
- 30th CLOSED – Memorial Day

Fitness Fridays

- 6 Hopping
- 13 Follow The Leader
- 20 Ways to Travel
- 27 Kick Hard

Our Specials

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Math Lesson	Literacy Lesson Dance Class	Music and Movement Class Good Groves	Spanish Class Soccer Shots	Math Lesson



Coleman is exploring bubbles and how they move when you blow them.

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!



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

This month our preschoolers will be reading, *Sophie's Squash* by Pat Zietlow and Anne Wilsdorf. Sophie visits the farmers' market with her family and picks out a squash. But, instead of letting her mother cook it, she names it Bernice and takes it everywhere. Her parents tell her that Bernice will begin to rot. What will Sophie do when the squash she loves begins to change?

Check it out!



Happy Birthday

Elden H.	Davis L.	Colton K.
Sebastian W.	Adelaide T.	Emerson C.
Patrick C.	Georgia S.	Chase H.
Scarlett H.		