



# The month of May

## In Sing this month:

To celebrate the merry month of May the children will sing and dance around a May pole decorated with brightly colored ribbon! Mrs. Tracy will explain an old tradition believed to have originated in Roman Times. These people secretly left baskets of flowers at neighbor's doorsteps to welcome the long-awaited spring month. In sing, we will demonstrate this act of kindness then, when the children return to their classroom, they will be given a flowering plant to share with the other class. Their teachers will create excitement by explaining how happy they are going to make the other classmates when they receive this beautiful gift! The classes will tip toe to the other classroom, safely and distantly placing the flowerpot by the door. Then they will knock at the entrance and scurry back to their class, waiting for the other class to see their beautiful gift! It is always a sweet and welcome surprise! The plants will then decorate our school entrances to be enjoyed by all each spring day!

In May we love and celebrate our Mommies and Grandmas by creating special gifts! Also, this month we'll have our annual Butterfly release and Hat Day! Remember to visit our website: [www.givingnestpreschool.com/warren-parents](http://www.givingnestpreschool.com/warren-parents) for important dates in your child's class!

Spring is time to refresh your child's backpack with larger sized, lighter clothing, socks, shoes and underwear, or restock diapers and wipes. Please be sure the re-usable water bottles are clearly labeled; top and bottom.

\*We do keep extra clothes in case of emergency...

Currently we are in need of:

1. Sizes 3T-4T gently used leggings for girls or lightweight sweatpants for boys.
2. boys & girls underwear (New package)
3. boys and girls socks (new or slightly used)

A few donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Warmer weather brings playground time and sidewalk chalk! Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child at home before coming to school.



5/11/25

Happy Mother's Day to all our Wonderful Mommies & Grandmas!





**\*2025-26**

### **Admission Packets**

If your child is enrolled for the following school year you will receive this very important packet in May. Please open immediately to read and complete the important time sensitive information inside. If your child is enrolled and you do not receive a packet, please call the office, 732-893-8222 or see Mrs. Tracy immediately.

### **An Ounce of Prevention is worth a pound of cure...**

Spring is a beautiful time of year, filled with outside play at playgrounds, ball fields, parks, etc. Unfortunately, it is also a time for pesky insects such as mosquitos and ticks. Both commonly live in humid environments typically in grassy and wooded areas.

Prevention techniques such as repellents on skin and clothes and daily checks are important tools for parents. Here, at school our property is treated annually but we still recommend that you check your children every night at bath time. Common places for ticks can be the back of neck, the waistline, under the arms, behind the knee, ears or anywhere on the scalp.

For more information on toddler safe bug repellents, visit: <http://www.parents.com/health/bug-bites/guide-to-bug-repellent-for-kids/>

\*Please be advised that teachers are not able to apply repellents so please do this at home if you choose to use them.

### **This month's Community Helpers:**

#### **The Librarian**



#### **The Auto Mechanic**



### **Caterpillars are Coming to the Nest!**

Each May, we "raise" butterflies at our nest! Each class is given four to six caterpillars in a plastic cup. Throughout this time, we read books and sing songs to learn about this magical process! The children will observe these caterpillars busy eating and growing each day! The children will eagerly wait for them to spin a cocoon. When ready, the cocoons will be placed in a butterfly house. Soon, the cocoons will open and to your child's delight; butterflies will emerge! At the end of the month each class will release their butterflies outside!



## MAY SONGS:

### I Love Mommy

(Frere Jacques)

I love Mommy, I love Mommy,  
Yes, I do! Yes, I do!  
And my mommy loves me,  
Yes, my mommy loves me,  
Loves me too! Loves me too!



### M-O-M-M-Y

(B-I-N-G-O)

There is a lady that I love  
and Mommy is her name oh!  
M-O-M-M-Y, M-O-M-M-Y,  
M-O-M-M-Y, and Mommy is her name!

### Down By the Bay

Down by the bay,  
Where the watermelons grow,  
Back to my home, I dare not go!  
For if I do, my mother would say;

*Did you ever see a whale,  
with a polka dot tail??*

Down by the bay!

Repeat with;

*Did you ever see a Goose,  
Kissing a moose??*

*Did you ever see a fly,  
Wearing a tie??*

*Did you ever see a bear  
Combing his hair??*

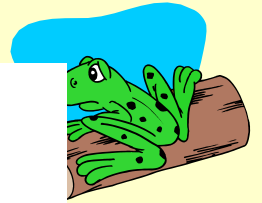
*Did you ever see a llama  
Wearing pajamas??*



### 5 Little Freckled Frogs

5 little freckled frogs,  
Sitting on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs  
YUM, YUM!

One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool.  
Then there were 4 freckled frogs  
GULP, GULP!  
(Repeat counting down to zero)



### 3 Cheers for The Giving Nest

3 Cheers for The Giving Nest!  
We have fun, and we do our best!  
We love to share, we love to care,  
At The Giving Nest ~ YES!!



### Here We Go On A Picnic Today

(tune: "Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

Here we go on a picnic today,  
A picnic today, a picnic today.  
Here we go on a picnic today,  
On a beautiful spring day.

This is the way we spread our cloth,  
Spread our cloth, spread our cloth.  
This is the way we spread our cloth,  
On a beautiful spring day!