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# Smart Bear Learning News

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## From the Office: Upcoming Events

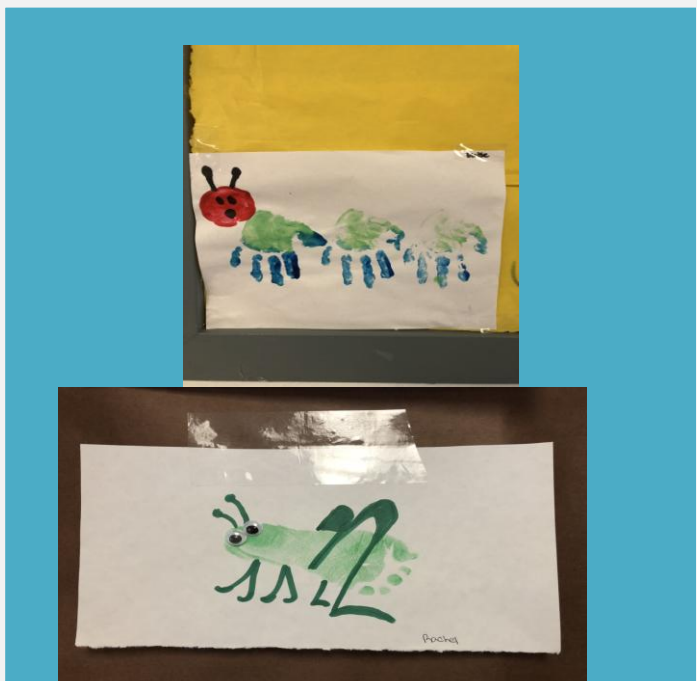
Hello Smart Bear Families,

May will be a busy month! May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week! There will be gift bags up front if you would like to show the staff some love. With the weather warming up, all the classes will be watching their caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies. To celebrate all our wonderful moms, we will have Manicures and Moms on Friday, 5/11/18 at 3:30 p.m. Keep an eye out for Mac and Noodles, the food truck that will be here on Monday, 5/14/18 at 5:30 p.m. Come and spend some time and get to know fellow parents! We will be celebrating our Pre-K children that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, 5/24/18 at 6:30 p.m. As a reminder, our school will be closed for Professional Development Day on Friday, 5/25 and for Memorial Day on Monday 5/28/18.

Warm Wishes,

Colleen, Karen, Whitney & Smart Bear Learning Staff

## Kids Corner



## Pre-School

Hello Parents!

It's May! We know it can be hard to drop off a child without their toys, but, we will be working really hard to not have toys in the classroom except on Wednesday for Show N Tell. This month we will be focusing on ocean/marine life. We really do love this section and can't wait for what is in store!! Next month is summer and that means splash day, field trips and lots of time outside. Please make sure your child has sunscreen.

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## Early Learners

Hello Families,  
If April showers bring May flowers, Early Learners is a garden! This month we are Under the Sea doing anything and everything. Water on top of our water sensory table. Using different types of mediums and textures to decorate our room.

Tessa & Debi

## May Birthdays

Ms. Natalie 5/3

Myles W. 5/5

Ms. Amber 5/12

Riley C. 5/15

Evie D. 5/16

Faris E. 5/17

Sarvika Y. 5/19

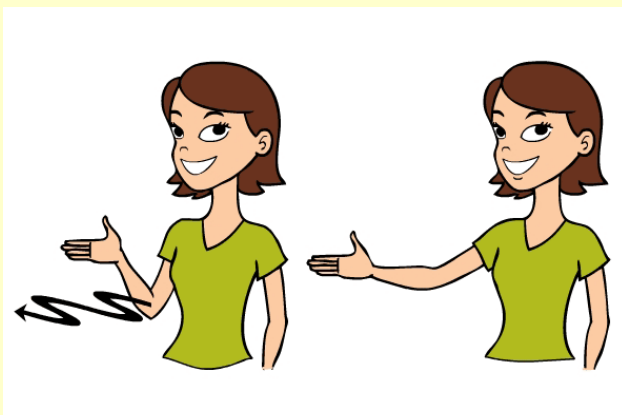
Rachel B. 5/27

Lucas B. 5/30



## Word of the Month:

Fish



Family

## Toddlers

Hello Toddler Families,

Welcome to the month of May! We are happy to welcome Rachel to the Toddler room! Summer is on the horizon and last month was filled with such wonderful adventures. As we leave the month of April behind, we begin in the month of May where we will be learning about Under the Sea/Marine Life, We are excited to tell you we will be learning about all kinds of sea creatures. We will be counting how many legs an octopus has and learning about different colors that are under water! Please check your child's folders for their beautiful artwork. We can't wait to see what this month brings!

Thank you!

Jen, Megan, and Pennie

## Pre-K

Hello Families,

This will be a fun-filled month and very busy. In the midst of our theme, Ocean and Water, we will be preparing our ten graduates for graduation. We continue to work on fine motor muscles because that is necessary for writing and cutting with scissors. Be sure to check out the sweet potato and celery growing on the window sills.

One exciting new change is how many of our class are really enjoying helping and serving one another. They help clean up, serve snacks and meals and they help care for their classmates when they are sad or hurt. Helping in these ways teaches teamwork, responsibility and caring.

Here's wishing you many May flowers (and a few May showers!)

Peace,

Mrs. Sarah, Ms. Karen, Ms. Natalie

## Infants

Hello infant parents!

Summer is finally around the corner, which means "outdoor" time on our shaded padded patio, fun with water, and onsite field trips! Please remember to bring in sunscreen, thin short sleeved shirts, shorts, and sun hats. This month's theme is Under the Sea, and we will be learning about fish, oceans, and the beach through music, art, and sensory activities. Bring on those May flowers!

Thanks,

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Anu

## Upcoming Events:

May 7 <sup>th</sup> through 11 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Manicures for Moms
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mac & Noodles Food Truck
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Night Out
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-K Graduation
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Closed for Professional Dev.
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Closed for Memorial Day



# Cathy's Corner



## Italian Basil Pasta Salad

1. Mix together the tomatoes, garlic, salt, pepper, olive oil, and basil.
2. Refrigerate 2 hours.
3. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions, and rinse under cold water; drain.
4. Mix pasta with tomato mixture until well-combined.
5. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
6. Serve with additional Parmesan, if desired.