

MAY 2024

# Family Newsletter



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WE ♥ MAY!

Our hearts bloom with celebration this May! Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10 and we will celebrate our amazing staff! Our teachers are the heartbeat of our center and we are grateful everyday for their hard work and dedication. Watch for more information about activities and special events we have planned.



We would also like to wish all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, special friends and role models a very

*Happy Mother's day*

We hope you enjoy our Mother's Day activities on Page 2.

Also, as we begin our summer and fall planning, we ask for your help in completing a brief questionnaire by May 10th. Check your LineLeader app for more information.

For  What type of bow can't be tied?  
Grins  
(Answer on page 2)



# BRINGING IT HOME

## RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Making a special gift for a special person in your life is a fun way to spend time together! Here are a few ideas for homemade gifts for Mother's Day.

### Mess Free Heart Art

Even the smallest of children can make their mother a masterpiece! Place a piece of cardstock in a plastic freezer bag and place a few drops on the top side before sealing the bag. You can also reinforce the seal using tape, if desired and secure the bag the surface your child will be working on (tabletop, highchair, etc.). Allow them to explore their senses by mixing and moving the paint around on the paper to their hearts' contentment! Take it out of the bag and lay it somewhere to dry before cutting a heart shape out of the paper. Glue the Heart to a piece of white paper and write your child's name and the date in a corner of the paper. Frame it if you would like and gift it to Mom for Mother's Day!



[ALittlePinchofPerfect.com](http://ALittlePinchofPerfect.com)

### Painted Pasta Jewelry

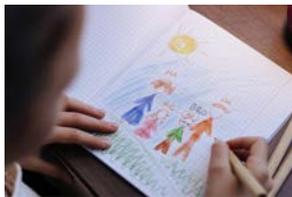
Make Mama a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry! Children can enjoy getting a little messy by using their hands, brushes, or any other technique to paint a variety of pasta types (penne, rigatoni, macaroni, ditalini, rotelle, etc.) using non-toxic paint. Allow the painted pasta beads some time to dry, and then children will string the pasta pieces together on yarn however they would like to make Mama a necklace or bracelet!



[childhoodmagic.com](http://childhoodmagic.com)

### What I Love About Mom Book

Ask children to think about all the things they love about their mother! They will then make at least 3-10 pages with illustrations and a description (with help, if needed) of things they love about their mother. Each page will represent a different thing they love, complete with a cover page. They will then put their book together with a stapler or by punching holes along the side and binding it with yarn. Gift to Mom to make her heart melt!



### Lemon Hand Scrub

Children can mix and measure common household ingredients to make their mom this refreshing Lemon Hand Scrub! Measure out and mix  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of white sugar and  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coarse sea salt together in a medium sized bowl. Add 10-15 drops of lemon (or any other desired citrus) essential oil and 1 teaspoon of lemon juice to the mixture and stir until it is well mixed. Slowly add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of olive oil until it is well incorporated. Optionally, add lemon zest for extra scent. Adjust ingredients to match your scent and consistency preference before placing in a jar to gift to Mom!



For Grins 

Answer: A rainbow 

## REMINDER

The center is closed on  
Monday, May 27 in  
observance of Memorial Day