



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Spring Life Cycles at Pathway

What an exciting time we had with our Botany Unit. We have many plants in our classroom, so the children took cuttings from them and, as I write, the roots are starting to appear. The children are anxious to plant them. We also had live tulips in class so they learnt about parts of a flower. The children explored the texture of flowers and used a magnifying glass to have a closer look.

Also, we covered Earth Day and spoke about the importance of caring for our world and the impact of reduce, recycling and reusing. For one of our crafts, "Small hands can change the World", we painted the children's hands, green for

the earth and blue for the ocean whilst talking to them about how we can all be kind to our earth. We then placed their handprints onto a large earth which is now on display in our classroom.

We'll celebrate the momentous occasion of the crowning of King Charles III on May 6th by having a Coronation Tea Party on Friday, May 5th. We will be making decorations to display in our classroom, playing games to mark this historic event. All the children are encouraged to wear the colours red, white, and blue. We will be serving pink lemonade and enjoying a colourful snack of Strawberries, Blueberries and Crackers. Those parents, who have children with al-

lergies, please speak with one of the teachers regarding any concerns you may have regarding the snacks.

The children are all excited to learn about butterflies and their life cycle when they arrive. We will also have some exciting lessons on Dinosaurs this month.

The full day children planted cat grass last month. They have been caring for plants as well as observing the growth of the grass. They also did a flower craft using a painted dot design. In recognition of Earth Day, the children did a blue and green paper plate craft. This month they will study volcanos as well as herbivorous and carnivorous dinosaurs.

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Dates this Month

May 5

Coronation Tea Party

May 18

Granary Road Field Trip

May 22 Victoria Day Holiday-School Closed

Happy Birthday!

May 17

Anson Maher Age 6

Sound Basket and Sound of the Week

Children love to share. One way that they can do this is to bring an item to school that starts with the sound of the week. This is an awesome way for your child to participate in learning their phonetics. Each week the children will practice using the sound of a new letter. We encourage the children to bring in a small item which must fit into our bowl

(unfortunately we cannot accommodate large items). The child will get to share their object during our gathering circle.

- May 1** "k" as in King
- May 8** "q" as in Queen
- May 15** "v" as in Vacuum
- May 22** "x" as in X-box
- May 29** "y" as in Yam



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REMINDERS:

Sunscreen

With the arrival of the warmer weather, it is imperative that your child brings a sun hat into school and that parents you are responsible in applying sunscreen to your child before attending school.

Allergies

We have some children with severe allergies who require the use of an EpiPen. Please avoid sending these foods: nuts and nut products, sesame seeds, sesame spread, and liquid milk.

Field Trip

We will be heading to Granary Road on Thursday May 18th.

All children are welcome but must be accompanied by either a parent or guardian and under their supervision throughout the field trip. The teachers will meet our families at the main entrance at 9:15am and we will enter as a group promptly at 9:35am. The length of the trip is from 9:30am-1.00pm. For further details please refer to the Field Trip emails sent by Darrel since April 20th. Pathway Children's Care will still be operating as usual for those families unable to attend the field trip. **On May 18th, our Kindergarten program hours take place at the field trip, and not at the center in the afternoon.**

Kindergarten News

May is upon us and the kindergarten children love it outdoors. We are enjoying some fun outdoor games in the playground. We will be exploring life cycles in our Kindergarten class this month. Children get to watch the magical transformation from a caterpillar to a butterfly. We will be making daily observations and understand their transition into butterflies through a variety of activities. We will also read the classic book "A very hungry caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

In literacy, we will be focusing on reading comprehension this month. This is a complex higher-level thinking skill, but children from a very early age can begin thinking about what they have just read and tell

you what a story is about. When children read, they must turn their "minds on" and actively think about the meaning of what they are reading.

We will also be exploring stories, poems and songs from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. In geography this month we will discuss our world and continents using Montessori world maps. Children will also look at the Canadian map and learn the names of the provinces. In math, children will learn how to tell time. We will be doing some fun activities to understand the basic concepts of time.



"Watch the unending activity of the flowing stream or the growing tree. See the breakers of the ocean, the unceasing movements of the earth, the planets, the sun, and the stars. All creation is life, movement, work." - Maria Montessori