



# Ivy Kids Newsletter

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## Mark your calendar!

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> National Teacher  
Appreciation Week

8<sup>th</sup>- Muffins for Moms

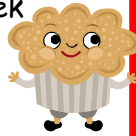
10<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day

11<sup>th</sup>- Goodies for Grandparents

11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>- Book Fair

22<sup>nd</sup>- Pre-K Graduation

25<sup>th</sup>- **CLOSED** (Memorial Day)



## Happy Birthday!

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Connor Campbell
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Brook'lynn Cheeks
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Carson McMinn
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Rylee Lansing
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Ethan Martin
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Gabriel Richardson
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Afraaz Malick
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Kayla Wagner
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Leslie Gutierrez\*
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Jayneba Dieye
- 10<sup>th</sup>- Nineli Bueno
- 12<sup>th</sup>- Brooke Tran
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Alicia Blair\*
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Madison Dancer
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Andrew Johnson
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Madison Hung
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Megan Hung
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Jose Magsino
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Dalton Travis
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Ariel Alvarado
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Tyrra Baisy\*
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Aliyah Prince
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Alexis Dinh
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Jack Benish
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Ella Spicer
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Gibria Buckmire



## Important Health Reminders

Starting Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting health checks every morning as your child enters their classroom.

One teacher per classroom will be conducting health checks along with Administrative Personnel. Ms. Angela and Ms. Diana will also conduct additional health checks throughout the day. We are being asked by TDPRSCP to keep these health records on all children and their families for the next three months. Additional information regarding the health checks is available at the front desk.

At home, be very conscientious of your child should they express how they are feeling.

Here are a few ways to protect yourself and others:

- Avoid close contact
- Stay home when you are sick
- Practice good hygiene and health habits
- Eat nutritious meals
- Get plenty of rest



## Director's Corner

Wow! How time flies!

This has been a busy school year, and I can't wait for our exciting summer!! We have many fun and adventurous activities planned for your children.

Please don't forget **Teacher Appreciation Week!** "Don't Let Your Teacher Go Without"...small tokens of appreciation such as: drawings, poems, cards, notes, or a special treat. Nothing brings a smile like a heartfelt "thanks!" to our wonderful teachers.

Don't forget to visit our garden area! The children had so much fun planting!! Stay tuned...our Earth Day pictures will be up on our website soon!

Happy Mother's Day!!  
-Angela Casillas





## Librarian's Corner

Our Reading Logs are coming in! Your children enjoy our Ivy Kids Treasure Box. Keep up the good reading! Our **Book Fair** will be from **May 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity to support your school and add to your home library.

**Clifford "The Big Red Dog"** will also be here during that week, so prepare your children for the pretend big dog at Ivy Kids roaming the halls! I'm looking forward to your visits in the library!

Have a wonderful Mother's Day!  
Mrs. Merritt



## Education Coordinator's Corner

### **Roots, Stems, Leaves, Fruits, Flowers & Seeds**

The next time you're at the market with your child, point out foods that are examples of roots, stems, leaves, fruits, flowers, and seeds. For example:

- **Roots:** carrots, turnips, beets, and radishes. If possible, look for examples with leafy tops, to remind your child that the part we eat grows underground.



- **Stems:** celery and asparagus

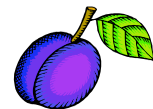


- **Leaves:** spinach, cabbage, kale, and all kinds of lettuce

- **Fruits:** apples, pears, plums, and mangoes



- **Flowers:** broccoli and cauliflower



- **Seeds:** corn, peas, dry beans, oats, and nuts

As you locate these items at the store, you can discuss some of the following points:

- Talk about how the root vegetables grow underground, just like the roots of plants at home.
- Look closely at the broccoli florets. Point out how each is a bud, like a flower waiting to open.
- At home, you can cut open an orange and point out the seeds inside. Explain to your child that a fruit is any edible seed-bearing part of a plant.



-Diana Casillas



## Infant Room A

Our Infants are blooming like beautiful May flowers!

The theme for May is "Talk To Me".

Purpose: To provide opportunities for language growth and development.

We are coming to a close of a wonderful school year, but the learning, fun, and tender-loving, quality care continues!

We welcome our new infant, **Brandon Sansalone**, and his parents to our classroom! We would also like to thank Crystianna's mom, **Crystal Valdez**, for the Easter goodies given to the teachers & classmates.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms!! In addition, have a safe and happy Memorial Day!

Mrs. Ylonda, Mrs. Mary, Ms. Krystal and Mrs. Brenda



## Infant Room B

Our classroom is looking forward to a great month! Our curriculum in May is based on pretending. We will use our imaginations to transform ourselves into many different things!

We would also like to thank all of our parents for the Easter eggs that were contributed for the egg hunt; the kids had a ball!! Additionally, we would like to welcome **Olivia Mendoza-Scott and Dalton Travis** to our class. And last, but not least, "Happy Mother's Day" to all of our moms!

Mrs. Kery, Ms. Ty, and Mrs. Cynthia



## Toddlers

Our theme for the month of May is "Let's Pretend".

We will focus on the letter E, number 5, colors purple and green, and the shape of a triangle.

Our classroom would like to welcome the following: **Jackson Landrum, Ethan Dierks, Mrs. Aisha, and Mrs. Diana**. A big thank you goes to our parents for bringing t-shirts for our project!

Mrs. Aisha, Ms. Estella, and Ms. Diana



## 2 Year Olds

Can you remember when you were 2 years old?

This month we will refresh your mind a little because the theme is "Pretending". We will explore all types of fairy tales, even nursery rhymes...so get ready and let's use our imagination!!

In addition, we will focus on the letters F & K, number 9, the shape of a DIAMOND, and the color RED. The children are doing so well in Spanish; they are recognizing their colors and numbers!

Summer will soon be here and our students are on their way to becoming champs at potty training! We would like to acknowledge: **Kaitlyn Cooper, Austin Miskelly, Gus Schultz, Faith Sonia, Kadija Gassama, Aaliyah Blair, and Jazmyne Montgomery**. Thanks to all the parents for helping and bringing in materials to make this a success! We would also like to welcome our new students: **Bailey, Lauren, Kate, and Jazmyne**. We wish all of our mothers a "Happy Mother's Day!"

Mrs. Lavern, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Alicia T., Ms. Alecia F., Ms. Sandie and Ms. Cristol





## 3 Year Olds

Our theme for the month of May is "Let's Pretend".

The children will discuss and explore ways to use their imagination, bodies, stories, and the ability to express they are thinking. Additionally, we will focus on the letters: E, F, G, H, D, P, O, and M, numbers, shapes, and colors.

We would also like to welcome **Destiny Clarke & Ms. Octavia** to our classroom. Thank you to the **Henson Family** for their generous donations! Please remember to bring in your child's photos if you have not done so already. And last, but not least, please remember that show-n-tell is every Friday.

Happy Mother's Day!

Ms. Monica, Ms. Olivia, Ms. B, and Ms. Octavia



## Pre-K



The academic year has almost come to an end and we are now preparing for our **Pre-K Graduation**, which will be held on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Throughout the month, the graduating children will be practicing for a special presentation we have planned for you!

For this month's curriculum, Mrs. Rice's & Ms. Diane's classrooms will explore "**Bugs, Butterflies & Spiders**", and reinforce this year's academics. Our classrooms will review letters/sounds, additions & subtractions, money values, blends, sight words & measurement. Ms. DD's class will be exploring "**Let's Pretend**" with this month's theme, and learning about letters Y, S, N & O and numbers 30-40 both in English and Spanish.

Please remember to take all precautionary measures to stay healthy during this Flu season and Swine Flu Outbreak, and know that Ivy Kids is doing so well; the children's well being is our # 1 priority! We appreciate your cooperation, patience, and understanding as we comply with the new state requirements.

Have a wonderful month!

Pre-K Teachers



## School Age

We would like to start by welcoming everyone into the sunny month of May! Please mark your calendar for May 13<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. On **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a visitor in our class to talk to the children about the importance of good hygiene.

Also, on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have a **Parent Orientation** for our Pre-K Graduates.

Parents, we also ask that you donate cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, empty 2 liter bottles; we will need these items for the coming summer camps.

We would like to end by wishing all of our wonderful mothers a "Happy Mother's Day!"

Activity Room Teachers

