



Country Village Preschool & Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER

Rancho Santa Margarita

May 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12	Family Night and book fair
May 31	school closed for Memorial Day
June 21/22	end of year family picnic and last days of school

Science Room

Spring has sprung. We will be learning about baby animals and life on the farm this month! This is a timely unit because we just experienced the hatching of the baby chicks. Our barnyard is finally flood free and totally back in order so Bella and our chickens are back in action!

Family Night

May 12 is our Family Night and Book Fair. Family and friends are invited to come from 6:30-7:30 and have a lot of fun. Children's Book World will put on a book fair with many wonderful children's books for sale. The school will receive a percentage of the sales in the form of new books for our library. Family night is a great time to browse through your child's room and see what they've been up to. It is also a wonderful opportunity to take a look at potential classrooms for next year and to visit our Enrichment Program!

Memorial Day

Just a reminder that we will be closed on May 31 for Memorial Day!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOMMIES ON MAY 10!!!!!!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a wonderful opportunity to give your teacher a great big hug and thank them for a wonderful school year!

A Few Fine Motor Milestones to Look For:

2 year old year: Your child can probably string four large beads, snip with scissors, hold a crayon with thumb and finger (not fist), use one hand consistently in most activities, imitate circular and horizontal strokes, unwrap things, paint with some wrist action, and turn pages in a book.

3 year old year: Your child can probably build a tower of nine small blocks, drive nails and pegs, copy circles and cross lines, imitate a T shape, manipulate clay with tools, and cut with scissors.

4 year old year: Your child can probably hold a pencil in hand instead of fist, cut on a line with scissors, unbutton buttons, place pegs in a peg board, unscrew a jar lid, string many small beads, turn pages one at a time, and print some capital letters.

5-6 years (Pre-K) A kindergarten ready child cuts out simple shapes, can copy a triangle/square, traces a diamond, writes first name, prints numerals 1-5, has an adult grasp of pencils, ties and zips, completes lacing cards, and attempts to stay in lines when coloring.

While all children develop on an individual time scale, milestones are particularly helpful when assessing kindergarten readiness!

End of the Year

Our last days of school will be on June 21 and 22 this year. We will be hosting our end of year picnic. Details to follow!