



Green Lane
May 2012



Play & Learn Press



Q: Why did the boy eat his math homework?
Stumped? [CLICK HERE](#) for the Answer!

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our families who bought books at our Book Fair. Our sales were able to earn us \$350 worth of books for our classrooms! The children have really been enjoying the new stories in class and I hope all of you are enjoying your selections at home as well! The Week of the Young child was also lots of fun. The children enjoyed the nature show and are still talking about the animals, and Zumba was a big hit! Our kids have some rhythm and were LOVING it! Thank you to all our parents who shared words and gestures of appreciation to our staff, we appreciate you too! The month of May promises us warm weather, flowers blossoming and spring cleaning! This month the children will be exploring their imaginations with our monthly theme of "Let's Pretend." Each week we will discover new ways to express ourselves through the use of our bodies, characters and stories. The children will create their own stories and books, have a special dress up day and make puppets. The children will also learn a little about May Day and Cinco de Mayo traditions.

May is also a time to pay a special tribute to a very special person in our lives...Mom. We would like to invite all our moms to stay for a continental breakfast after drop off in the morning on Monday, May 11th from 6:30 to 9:00. It's a little something to say "Thank You" for all our moms do to influence the lives of their children.

We're going to the zoo!!! In preparation for the zoo, the children will have a "band" day on May 2nd when they can bring in different instruments from home and sings songs about animals, make animal masks and "zoo cage" cookies for a snack. Please see your classroom parent boards for additional zoo activities.

Happy May Everyone!
Erin

JOIN US AT THE ZOO!



Play & Learn's
6th Annual Family Night at the
Elmwood Park Zoo

May 18, 2012

5:30-8:30pm

(Rain Date June 1st)



NEW!! SCAVENGER HUNT NEW!! DJ DANCE PARTY NEW!! KONA ICE
MOON BOUNCES FACE PAINTING PONY RIDES AND MORE!!

[CLICK HERE](#) TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE!!

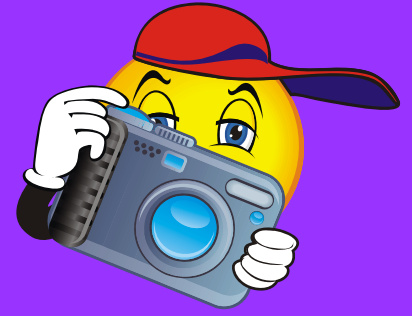
For a printable order form, **[CLICK HERE](#)**

All proceeds benefit the Granny Scholarship Fund, a temporary tuition assistance program for families facing financial difficulty.



What's Happening at Our Center?

I am very pleased to announce that Ms. Lisa has joined our Caterpillar room! Ms. Lisa is an old friend who worked with the Head Start program for 10 years and previously worked just next door to us for several years. She is currently renewing her CDA credential and is very excited to be working with our Caterpillars. The children have already become very close with her and enjoy her too! Ms. Lisa's daughter, Brea, has also joined us and is making new friends in the Butterfly room. Please be sure to stop into the Caterpillar room to say "hi" to Ms. Lisa and welcome her to our Play and Learn family. Our center has been working with Ms. Janine from Success By 6 to help us improve and progress in the level of quality care and education we provide. Ms. Janine has been working closely with our teachers and offering guidance, resources and her expertise in STARS to improve all areas of both our classrooms and program. Green Lane will be receiving grant money from Success By 6 this June to help us purchase some new furniture, play equipment, and educational materials and resources. Ms. Janine has been a great help to us and feels we are well on our way to a STAR 3 soon!



Don't forget to check the **PHOTOS** section of the PALs site for new monthly pictures!

Progress Reports

The school year is winding down and the final progress reports will be available by the beginning of June. Please be sure to touch base with teachers to discuss any questions or concerns about your child's progress. We are happy to assist you and your child anyway we can.

Graduation

The Adventurers classroom will have a graduation ceremony on Thursday June 14th at 5:00pm. The children will sign songs, recite poems and receive their Pre-K diplomas. We will also have cake and refreshments, so please mark that date on your calendar. If your child is unable to attend the graduation, please let Ms. Beth or Ms. Janice know.

Spotlight on...Camp Kaleidoscope!

Camp Kaleidoscope begins June 18th!! The children will be spending a lot of time outdoors playing various sports and games, open ended arts and crafts, water play, and pool time in our **brand new pool** for the school age camp! We will have picnic days, several fun in-house trips and our annual summer fair! We are still enrolling, so it's not too late to tell your friends and neighbors and have them join you at Camp Kaleidoscope!

Camp T-Shirt Sale

Order your child's camp t-shirt now! *Campers will be wearing these shirts on all field trips.* [CLICK HERE](#) or see your director for an order form.

Reminders

Please be sure your child has a complete seasonal change of clothing in their cubbies just in case of any accidents or incidents. Also, with the weather becoming sunnier and warmer, it's a good idea to begin applying sunscreen to your child in the morning before school. We will have permission slips out soon for anyone who would like to supply sunscreen for their child here at Play & Learn.

Important Dates to Remember

5/3 Music with Ms. Heather
5/7 Bring a character toy to school for pretend play
5/9 & 5/23 Lil' Sports
5/11 Mother's day continental breakfast
5/17 Character dress-up day (princess, super hero, etc.)
5/18 Family night at the ZOO
5/24 (tentative) Pedestrian and Bus safety program
5/28 Center is CLOSED

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High Reach Monthly Theme: Let's Pretend



High Reach Weekly Topics: (1) I Can Use Sound to Create and Imitate (2) I Can Show What I am Thinking

(3) I Can Use My Body (4) I Can Use Stories

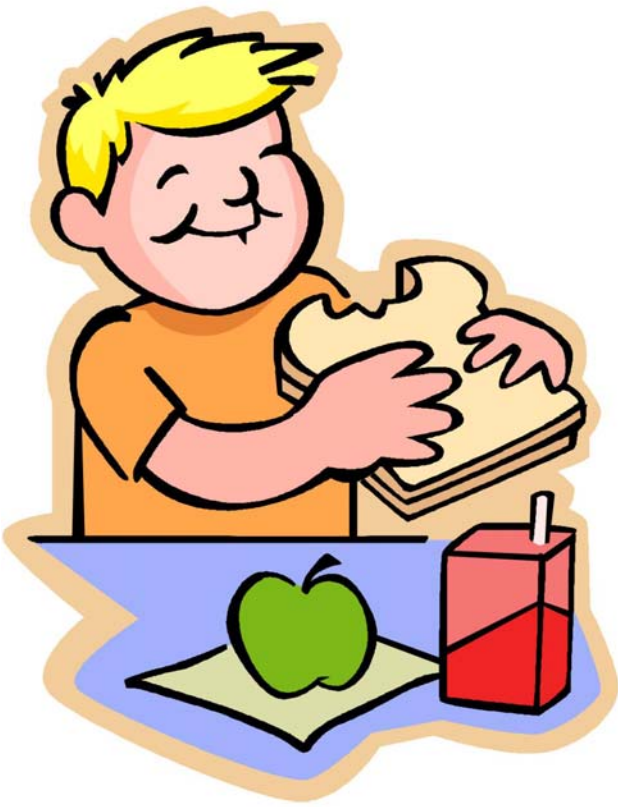
Scott Foresman Weekly Topics: (1) The House in the Meadow (2) Dig! (3) We Need Construction Workers (4) Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!

(5) Homes A-Z Letters of the Month: (1) Vv (2) Zz (3) Yy (4) Qq

Kindergarten: See classroom lesson plans.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 What is sound? Using Instruments May Day 	2 Using Music Percussion Band *Bring an Instrument ZOO songs	3 Using my Voice Music w/ Ms. Heather	4 Using Rhythm Cinco De Mayo "Culture of the Sun" celebration	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 	7 By Using Toys *Bring a character toy (Disney, storybook, tv)	8 By Using Art Materials * Decorate your "Thinking Cap"	9 Classroom Art Shows Lil' Sports 	10 By Using Building Materials ZOO Animals masks	11 Let's Get Creative! Mother's Day Continental Breakfast	12
13 	14 For Games Bookmobile	15 Play Your Favorite Games ZOO Cage snacks	16 To Show How I Feel How I Feel Portraits 	17 For Role-Play Character Dress up day (princess, knight, superhero)	18 Put On A Play Sock and bag puppets Family ZOO Night! 5:30-8:30	19 
20 	21 What is a story? Class Book	22 Draw a Picture Telling a Story	23 To Tell About Me Lil' Sports 	24 Write a Story About Your Family (Tentative) Pedestrian and Bus Safety	25 To Pretend To Be Someone or Something Else Personal USA Flags	26 
27 	28 Centers Closed for Memorial Day 	29	30	31		

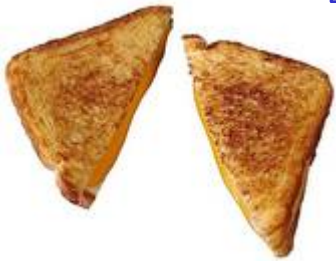
LUNCH MENU



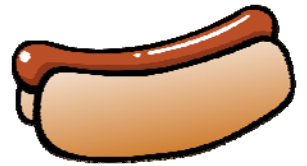
All lunches are served with a fruit, vegetable or dairy product as well as milk or juice.

Please sign up by 9:30 am daily at a cost of \$2.00 per lunch. We recommend packing a small side of something your child enjoys!

MONDAY...Macaroni & Cheese



TUESDAY...Hot Dog



WEDNESDAY...Grilled Cheese

THURSDAY...Pizza



FRIDAY...Chicken Nuggets



Play & Learn Snack Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
WEEK 1	Rice Krispies Cereal and Milk	Pears and Cheese Slices	Fruit Yogurt and Cheerios	Corn Muffin and Milk	Banana and Cereal	AM SNACK
	Cottage Cheese and Peaches	Graham Crackers and Juice	Carrot Sticks with Dip and Pretzel Rods	Cracker Medley and Applesauce	Tortilla Chips and Salsa	PM SNACK
WEEK 2	Whole Grain Bagel w/ Cream Cheese and Pineapple	Fruit Yogurt and Juice	Fruit Cereal Bar and Juice	Bread w/ Butter or Jelly and Fruit Cocktail	Apple Slices and Cheese	AM SNACK
	Wheat Crackers and Apple Slices	Goldfish Crackers and Peaches	Pretzels and Juice	Cheerios and Milk	Whole Wheat Soft Pretzel and Peaches	PM SNACK
WEEK 3	Pretzel Goldfish and Orange Slices	Cheerios and Milk	Graham Crackers and Juice	Apple Slices w/ Soybutter	Fruit Yogurt and Cheerios	AM SNACK
	1/2 Soy Butter Sandwich	Wheat Crackers and Cheese Stick	Pretzel Wheels and Cucumbers	Whole Grain Bagel w/ Cream Cheese and Pineapple	Rice Krispies Cereal and Milk	PM SNACK
WEEK 4	Fruit Cereal Bar and Milk	Pretzel Rods and Juice	Rice Krispies Cereal and Milk	Yogurt and Fruit Cocktail	Bread w/ Butter or Jelly and Applesauce	AM SNACK
	Mini Whole Wheat Bagel and Cheese Slice	1/2 Soy Butter Sandwich	Peaches and Cheese	Tortilla Chips and Juice	Pretzel Thins and Apple Slices	PM SNACK

**Subject to change based on availability.*