



Hatboro  
May 2012



# Play & Learn Press



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

## Dear Parents,

This month we enjoyed learning about the arrival of spring, animals and their babies, and our community. We had a lot of fun celebrating the Week of the Young Child and hearing special stories from family and community members. Thank you to all of the families that got involved in some of our special activities and contributed treats for the teachers!

In May, we will be talking about the Earth, animals and growing things. The adventurers and pioneers will go on a field trip to Briar Bush nature center to extend their unit of the Earth. We will celebrate mother's day with "Muffins with Mom" on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our family night will be the annual night at the Elmwood Park Zoo on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Katie

## What's Happening at Our Center?

Thanks to the wellness grant we received through the USDA, our staff will attend a workshop on reducing childhood obesity this month- as part of our attempts to encourage healthier living.

We have also purchased new cribs for our infant room that meet the new consumer product safety commission regulations. We were able to purchase these new cribs with an award that comes with being a Star 3 center.

# 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.



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## Graduation

The Adventurers and Pioneers will soon be moving on to new and exciting things! We will celebrate their completion of our program on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. All are welcome to attend this graduation party! Following the ceremony there will be snacks, face painting and a moon bounce.

## Spotlight on...Camp Kaleidoscope!

Camp Kaleidoscope begins on June 18<sup>th</sup> and runs until August 30<sup>th</sup>. Each week will be a different fun theme- from "Kids Kitchen" to "Surf's Up" and we'll have special visitors throughout the summer to highlight these themes. Our camp calendar is posted in the hallway if you'd like more details about what you can expect this summer!

## 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.

## Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home during the month for all age groups. If you wish to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please see your Director.

## Reminders

Please remember- now that it is sandal weather- that we need the children to come to school in close-toed shoes every day. We will not allow children to change their shoes before going to the playground. Not only is it a safety concern, but the woodchips are really hard on bare feet. Keens and crocs are ok, if your child can keep them on, but open-toed sandals will not be allowed.



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

# May 2012



## Monthly Themes

Caterpillars: Animals

Butterflies: Zoo animals, celebrations

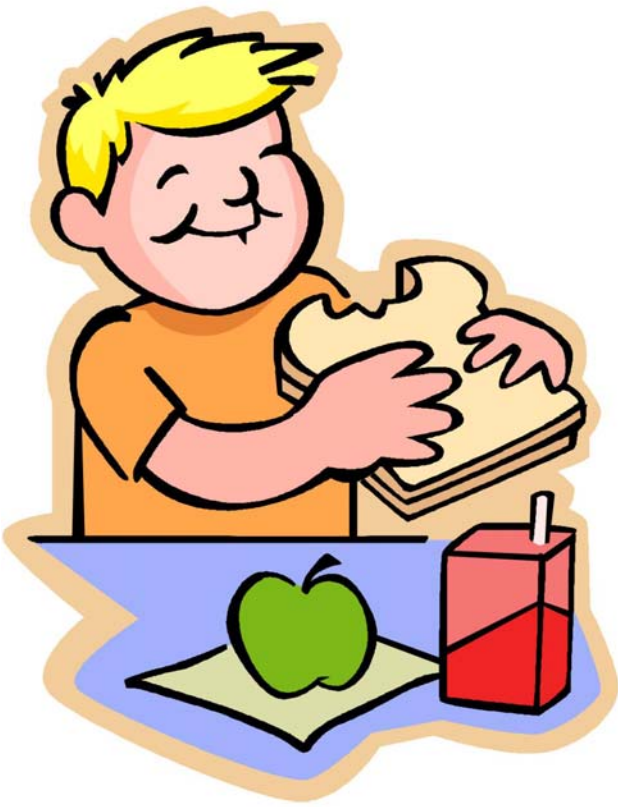
Explorers: Let's go to the Zoo, Growing Things

Adventurers/ Pioneers: Our Earth- Animals & Nature

Math: Addition and Subtraction, Measurement & Data

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 <b>Caterpillars: bring in a photo of family pet(s)</b></p> 	<p>2 Explorers: Smart-board lesson Butterflies: cinco de mayo suns</p> 	<p>3 Explorers: make jello jiggler zoo animal snack</p>	<p>4 Adventurers &amp; Pioneers: make quesadillas for snack Butterflies: cinco de mayo party</p>	<p>5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b></p>
6	<p>7 <b>Kindergarten transition workshop at Upper Moreland Primary 9:15 OR 12:30</b></p> <p>Abby's b-day</p>	<p>8 Explorers: smart-board lesson; baby pictures due.</p> 	<p>9 Butterflies: 3-D flower project</p> 	<p>10 Caterpillars: go on a bear hunt</p> 	<p>11 <b>Muffins with Mom 6:30-9am</b></p> <p><b>Adventurers &amp; Pioneers: Field trip to Briar Bush Nature Center</b></p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Daniela's b-day</p>
13	<p>14 <b>Adventurer's &amp; Pioneers: Show and Share your favorite zoo animal</b></p> <p>Tessa B and Michael's b-day</p>	<p>15 Butterflies: jaguar/panther project</p> 	<p>16 Explorers: Smart-board lesson ; egg carton zoo animal project</p> 	<p>17 Caterpillars: Make a jungle mask</p> 	<p>18 <b>Play &amp; Learn's night at the Elmwood Park Zoo 5:30-8:30 pm</b></p>	19
20	<p>21 Butterflies: Flag project</p> 	<p>22 Explorers: smart-board lesson</p>	<p>23 Caterpillars: animal cracker snack hunt</p> <p>Alexis' b-day</p>	<p>24 Explorers: make bird feeders</p> 	<p>25 Adventurers &amp; Pioneers: Begin working on graduation shirts</p>	26
27	 <p>28 <b>Centers Closed for Memorial Day</b></p>	<p>29 Butterflies: bald eagle project</p>	<p>30 Caterpillars: ocean jello snack</p> <p>Nico's b-day</p>	<p>31 <b>Crazy sock day!</b></p> 	<p><b>Save the Date!</b> <b>Pre-k and kindergarten Graduation: June 14th at 3pm</b></p>	

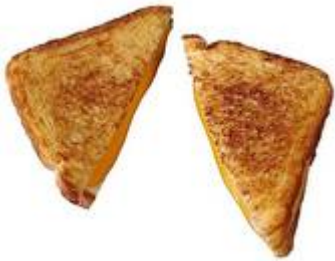
# LUNCH MENU



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. Your account will be billed \$2.00 per lunch. We recommend packing a small side of something your child enjoys!

MONDAY...Chicken Corndog



TUESDAY...Grilled Cheese

WEDNESDAY...Macaroni & Cheese

THURSDAY...Chicken Nuggets



FRIDAY...Pizza



# Play & Learn Snack Calendar

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

*\*Subject to change based on availability.*