

YOUNG 5'S NEWSLETTER

SOMERSET ACADEMY

MAY 2017

IN THE CLASSROOM

April was a busy month as we celebrated young children for Month of the Young Child. Many parents and siblings surprised us as secret readers. Dads joined us for an investigation of all things science at Discovery with Dads.

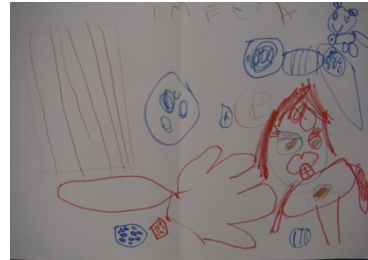
Based on the children's interest in sharing about their own past, our final project of the year will be an exploration of how things are similar and different in the past and now. We will go on a field trip to the Troy Historic Village where the children will get to explore historical artifacts. Also this month, the moms get their own special event with the Mother's Day Movie. The children will take part in Open Door Day, showing next year's class all about Young 5's, and spend an afternoon outside during Outdoor Day.

PARENT RESOURCE

If your child is interested in trying to read on their own, easy reader books are a great way to encourage a variety of reading skills. These books are short and simple, often with one line per page. The repetitive text builds confidence by letting children "read" even if they are not able to recognize all the words. They also help children develop skills such as directionality (which direction we read), how to use picture cues to help figure out unknown words, and punctuation. Many libraries have an easy reader section. In addition, there are websites and apps that provide online access to these types of books.

Self-portrait as a baby

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OBJECTIVES

Language/Literacy

- Become familiar with poetry
- Understand the difference between long and short vowel sounds

Social/Emotional

- Continue to strengthen direction following skills

Physical

- Be aware of ways to be healthy

Science

- Observe the properties of earth materials
- Explore force and movement

Math

- Use simple estimation to make guesses
- Begin to learn about telling time

Creative

- Increase ability to plan and carry out projects

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Conferences 6-9pm	4 Conferences 1-9pm (No school)	5
8	9	10 Spanish	11 Hearing and Vision screening	12 Hearing and Vision screening
15	16	17 Mother's Day Movie 3:30 Spanish	18	19
22 Troy Historic Village Field Trip 2:00	23	24 Spanish	25	26 Open Door Day
27 No School Memorial Day	28	29 Outdoor Day Spanish	30	31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Parent/teacher conferences are Wednesday, May 3rd from 6-9pm and Thursday, May 4th from 1-9pm. There is no school Thursday, May 4th.
- ❖ Moms are invited to a special Mother's Day Movie on Wednesday, May 17th at 3:30, created through a collaboration between the Pre-K and Young 5's children.
- ❖ Our final field trip of the year will be to the Troy Historic Village on Monday, May 22nd at 2:00.
- ❖ There is no school on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.
- ❖ Young 5's Open Door Day is Friday, May 26th.
- ❖ Young 5's Outdoor Day is Wednesday, May 29th. Please watch for an online sign up to assist with activities.