

# Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy

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## Starfish



April showers bring May flowers... we are going to be looking at different flowers and reading different books about them! We will be exploring the different things we find outside and in the garden, different tools, and things we might wear. We will be looking at bugs and reading books about them. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

– Elisa, Kara, and Jessyca

## Rabbit



May is finally here with warm weather and sunshine. We will be going on nature walks, looking for wildlife, flowers, plants, and bugs. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for inside and out as the weather gets warmer. We will also be working on our garden and watching things grow. A few date reminders, on May 9 we will be having our Moms and Muffins event, on the 15th is Parent Committee and the 16th is Policy Council. We would like to wish all of our moms a happy Mother's Day. Also we will be closed on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

– Darla, Sherry, & Melissa

## Gray Whale



As we say goodbye to spring and welcome to summer, we are excited to learn about bugs and nature. The Gray Whale class will learn through hands-on experience and daily activities as well as nature walks. We will look for birds, caterpillars, worms and we will keep an eye out for bees. We will be focusing on the Hungry Caterpillar book by Eric Carle. As the weather keeps changing and getting nice out, we would like to remind everyone to please have shoes for your child and a coat as we will go outside whether sunny or chilly! We would also like to wish Kamryn a happy 2nd birthday!

– Molly, Jasmin, & Christina



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Academy closed for quarterly all staff meeting**  
May 3rd
- **National Teacher Day**  
May 7th
- **Moms and Muffins**  
**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
May 9th
- **No AM childcare.**  
**Cultural Day drop-off**  
**9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**  
May 10th
- **Parent Committee**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
May 15th
- **Policy Council**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
May 16th
- **CLOSED Memorial Day**  
May 30th



## Jellyfish



Happy spring from the Jellyfish Room! This month we will be celebrating our mothers with a Moms & Muffins event on May 9 at the Academy and on Mother's Day May 12.

This month we will be learning about the life cycle of bugs and planting and growing flowers. We are continuing the potty training process with all of our Jellyfish friends, so parents please remember to bring in extra clothes, including shoes and socks (as sometimes accidents happen and we don't have extra socks or shoes here).

– *Alix, Mary, & Jenn*

## Beaver



Spring is in the air and BUGS, BUGS, BUGS are everywhere. We will be exploring our surroundings and talking about all of the things that we see. While taking a nature walk down by the water to find crabs under the rocks. Or we will even be doing some fun activities in the dirt with worms inside of our class. We will watch how caterpillars grow into butterflies and talk about how flowers grow.

– *Anita, Nicki, & Marcella*

## Raccoon



Welcome to May families! We are continuing our work with weather projects and observing the changing plants and animals outside as we find more and more opportunities to be in the sunny weather. Please also continue to remember extra clothes for your child for future water play, accidents, and potential rain. We will also be scheduling conferences this month for your child, we are available any time after school and all day on Fridays.

– *Stacie, Alix, & Casey*

## Crab



We are so excited for this month! This month we have teacher appreciation week and Mother's Day and we will be basing our curriculum on these events! We will have some more sensory, art, and science exploration! We have seen some more of our friends growing and beginning to gain strength and confidence to try standing on their own and working toward walking! We will be working to help them build those skills and self-confidence! For Mother's Day, we have a special Moms and Muffins event happening on May 9 from 3 to 5pm. So come join us for a special celebration and some delicious muffins! Just a reminder: depending on weather and the needs of our children, we will be taking walks outdoors—please make sure your child is brought to school with a jacket and socks/shoes just in case we are able to make it outside. Also, a special happy birthday to Yanni on May 1!

– *Lakrista, Cailee, & Stella*

## Frog



May is the first full month of spring. With that in mind, the weather is nicer now. We will be enjoying more time outside and going on nature walks, looking for bugs, caterpillars, snails, and worms. We will be working on planting different kinds of seeds and seeing how they grow. We will continue to introduce the new environment and routine to your child and encourage growth. We want each child's family members to feel free to come to us with questions or concerns. We will be having a Moms and Muffins event on May 9 from 3 to 5pm and Mother's Day is on May 12. Please bring proper dress to keep your child warm and dry during outside time. Happy Mother's Day!

– *Fran, Melissa, & Kaitlyn*

## Octopus



This month we are going to spend time talking about our relationships with our moms and how we can appreciate them. Stay tuned for some goodies! We are also going to take time to learn how to plant and nurture flowers with water and sun. This is the perfect opportunity to discover plant life cycles and how we can take care of our environment. Does your family have green space at home or somewhere you visit? Spend some time talking to your child about the plants they see in nature and how they grow. On a side note, we are still potty training—if you are also doing this at home great, if not we will start when we are all on board. The weather is difficult so please remember we still do outside play and always need a change of clothes. Happy Mother's Day!

– *Katey, Shala, & Katherine*

## Otter



May is a time for the kids to see the fruits of April's showers: to watch our seeds grow, to watch the bugs crawl, and the world around them bloom with life. We are going to explore the theme of "gardens" this month. We have a lot of fun hands-on activities that will bring the outdoors to life in the classroom for our kiddos. We hope the kids go home talking your ears off about what they've done each day.

*"To the world you might be one child, but to one person you might be the world."*

– *Jeryre, Sam, & Rainey*





## Orca



Families, we have made it to May and are very excited as our last friend turns one year old this month! Everyone has been exploring the room this past month while getting brave with new ways of balancing—such as climbing, running, and throwing a ball while standing. We have started learning our friends' names by listening to our teachers say them out loud throughout the day. As we're all growing up and having full meals we have started passing and scooping our food with help. With spring in full bloom we would like to continue going outside for walks so please send your child with shoes, socks, and a light jacket as it can get breezy during this time. We will also be going out on the grassy area as long as the weather permits.

— Sam T., Cindi, & Sam M.

## Turtle



May has arrived and we are ready for spring. We are going to be preparing for Mother's Day by creating a special gift for the special women in our children's lives. We are planning to be outside a bit more—planting strawberries, taking nature walks, and observing our changing world. Please send your children in weather-appropriate clothing and shoes.

— Ms. Val, Ms. Stacy, & Ms. Seandra

## Salmon



We have been taking advantage and enjoying the few sunny days that we have had but it seems like the rain is back. We are trying to get outside more so we can explore and learn about things that are growing outside. They love being outside and going on walks. This month we will be celebrating Mother's Day and the children will be making something special. We also will be planting some flowers and watching them grow.

Parents please bring in extra clothes for your child as it has been pretty wet outside at times and they love to get wet.

— Sarah, Leah, & Isabel

## Chipmunk



Hello May! This month we are going to be learning about books and making our own books to take home. We will be focusing on one of our favorite authors Eric Carl and the different children's books he has written. So we will be talking about the different parts of books and about authors and illustrators. We will also be going on more nature walks as the days get nicer so please remember to bring extra clothes and shoes for your child in case we get a little dirty. Tuesdays are normally our nature walk days however we might go other days during the week so if you have extra shoes we ask that you have a pair we can leave in the class for your little one.

— Jamie, Teresa, & Cheryl



## **COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:**

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a  
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**Services provided for  
Pregnant Moms  
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