

# Murrieta

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## May 2018

### What's Happening Under the Sea?

We are soaring into summer! The time has flown by fast this year, and we are looking forward to our fun and exciting summer.



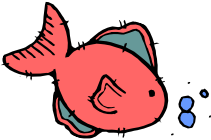
We are planning our "move-ups" for children moving from the 2's, 3's & 4's. Our Pre-Kindergarteners are getting ready to leave for Kindergarten, which leaves our preschool classrooms to take over the Pre-K! Our little two/three's will also start to move up to the Intermediate classrooms-

Can you believe they're turning three already?

We have such a busy summer ahead of us!

We look forward to fun summer activities, water play, and our upcoming dress up days.

\*Ms. Ashley\*



#### Dates to Remember in May:

May 2: Superhero Day

May 8: Neon Day-Wear Neon Clothes

May 10: Silhouette Lady is here!

May 11: Muffins with Mom Breakfast

May 13: Mother's Day

May 14-18: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 18: National Pizza Party Day.

May 22: Wear your Disney Best!

May 24: National Scavenger Hunt Day-Dress in Camo

May 25: Spirit Day: Wear Red, White & Blue to in Honor of Memorial Day

May 28: Center is CLOSED for Memorial Day!

## Teacher Appreciation Week is coming soon! Watch for more info to follow...



### Muffins with Mom

We would like to invite all of our Moms to come and enjoy muffins for breakfast with your child(ren) on **Friday, May 11th** in honor of Mother's Day. We will have muffins and juice available in the teacher's lounge from 7am to 8:30am.



We hope that we can be the start of an enjoyable



Mother's Day weekend!

### St. Jude Trike-A-Thon was a HUGE success!

Our little riders raised

**\$2688**

to help the

families of St. Jude.

Thank you to all

who made that

possible!



Thanks to your generosity, our center received over \$600 in free books for our

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIRS**

school and  
classroom libraries.



Special Spirit Day for May:  
 Friday, May 25th, wear your Red, White and Blue to  
 show support for our Armed Forces &  
 those who protect our country!

Please remember  
 Our center is  
 CLOSED on  
 Monday, May 28th!



Have you seen our new garden boxes on the  
 playgrounds? The children were so excited to spend their earth  
 day releasing ladybugs into the garden boxes.

### Sun Block



Please remember that you need to have a  
 permission slip and a bottle of sun block on file for us to apply  
 sunscreen on your child. Remember, it is your responsibility to apply sun block in the morning  
 before arriving, and we will reapply sun block before going outside in the afternoon. We are not  
 authorized to apply sun block on your child's face. We do not want your child to perspire in the sun  
 and have the sunscreen run into their eyes. You can apply it in the morning, and if you are  
 concerned with exposure in the afternoons, providing a hat is a great way to keep your child's face safe  
 from the sun! Keep in mind that sunscreen needs to be replaced yearly,  
 so it might be time to replace your sunscreen, as well.  
 Check with your child's teacher to ensure your sunscreen is up-to-date.  
 Thank you for your understanding!

### Pre-K Families - Save the Date!



Dear Pre-K Parents,  
 Just as a reminder, we have started planning our "moves" for the summer. You will should have re-  
 ceived your "last day slips" in your mailbox already. Having you turn in your "last day slips" helps us  
 plan our moves for all the rest of our classrooms. Please remember that you are more than wel-  
 come to have your child stay with us up until the time they go to Kindergarten. We just need an idea of  
 how long we get to hold on to them before they are off to Kindergarten!

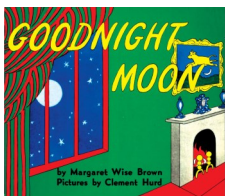
We will be having graduation pictures taken of the children, Thursday, May 31st from 8:00-10:00am.  
 If your child is not scheduled on that day, please stop by during the scheduled times to have your child's picture taken.  
 They are a great keepsake you will not want to miss!

Graduation is coming up fast. We will be having a graduation ceremony for the children with caps and gowns, and a special  
 presentation for the parents from the children.

We will be giving out more information on this as we get closer to the date!  
 Room 4 Graduation: Wednesday, June 27th and Room 5 Graduation: Thursday, June 28th at 11:00 a.m.  
 Invitations to follow later this month!

# Top Ten Ways to Raise a Lifelong Reader

1. Read to/with your child everyday, for at least 15 minutes, even when your child is old enough to read independently.
2. Create reading rituals. Cuddle together in the same comfortable space at the same time every day for bedtime stories; read a chapter book aloud at the breakfast table; pick out new books every time you go on vacation.
3. Keep a running conversation: Talk about books you are reading as you read them. Ask your child open-ended questions about the plot and characters.
4. Show your child that you're a reader. Kids are more likely to grow up loving to read if they see that you enjoy it too.
  5. Surround your child with words— spoken and written— from birth. Even the simplest everyday conversations build his vocabulary and sound-recognition skills. Frequent exposure to letters and print helps pre-readers learn the alphabet and recognize words by sight. Have fun with language: Sing songs, read rhymes, play word games.
6. Get your child a library card and make a regular date for visits to the library.
7. Make books available in every room of your home— as well as your car— so that reading can happen spontaneously.
  8. Feed a passion: Help your child find books, magazines, and other written materials that relate to a special interest or hobby.
  9. Limit “screen time” (TV, video games, and computer games) so that it does not cut into time better spent reading.
10. Writing supports reading and vice versa. Provide crayons, pens, pencils and paper and encourage your child to write. Anything will do: letters, shopping lists, journal entries, original stories, etc.



# Yummy Spring LadyBugs

For potlucks that are kid-friendly, I naturally think of recipes that can be served in individual portions. These luscious ladybugs are always a crowd-pleaser, and a snack parents won't mind their kids filling up on.

## RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

- Red grapes
- Strawberries
- Mini chocolate chips
- Honeydew melon



1. For each one, push half of a red grape onto a trimmed wooden skewer for the head.

2. Next, push on a hulled strawberry body and score the back to create wings.

3. For spots, use a toothpick to gently press mini chocolate chips, tips down, into the fruit. Arrange the skewers on a honeydew melon half.

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## RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

1 cup diced fresh mozzarella

1/3 cup thin pepperoni slices,  
quartered

1 cup halved grape tomatoes

1/2 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced

3/4 cup diced green bell pepper

1 (2.25 ounce) can sliced olives,  
drained

Small head of leafy lettuce

1/2 cup salad croutons

## ITALIAN DRESSING:

1/3 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

2 tablespoons Parmesan

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

Pinch of sugar

# Not Your Everyday

Cheese, pepperoni, olives, and other classic pizza toppings make this flavorful salad a sure hit. To complete the illusion, serve it with soft breadsticks.

1. Combine all the dressing ingredients in a large bowl and whisk the mixture well.

2. Add the mozzarella, pepperoni, tomatoes, mushrooms, bell pepper, and olives to the bowl and toss the mixture to distribute the dressing.

3. Serve the salad on a bed of lettuce and top it with croutons just before eating. Serves 6.

