

Coop Scoop

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May at a Glance

Theme Weeks:

2-6	Farm Animals
9-13	Beach & Ocean Life
16-20	Camping
23-27	Welcome Summer

Reminders:

Board Meeting---May 25th 7-9pm
Pajama Day & the Last Day at the Cooperative Playschool---Friday, May 27th
No School: Memorial Day---May 30th
End of the year clean up--May 31st & June 1st
End of the year Picnic---June 1st ---Last Day

A Note from the Teachers:

Can you believe that we are already going into our last full month of school? Time really does fly by quickly. We had a great month of fun with planting, celebrations and bikes!!

Our Spring Celebration with the Jewish Community Center went wonderfully. We'd like to thank you all for making the day a success. An extra thank you goes out to our working parents who helped throughout the day and Ona who packed all of our eggs full of goodies. The kids had a great time with our friends from the JCC. It was great to have them over!!

We enjoyed a lot more time outside this month. We planted lima beans near the beginning of the month and most have started to grow. The kids enjoy observing the plants and looking at their own special plant in which they got to take home

when most of them were growing. We've seen some green thumbs in our class. =)

We have been practicing walking around the neighborhood and even went on a walk to clean up litter for Earth Day.

In May, we plan on having some great fun! We'll be hanging out at the farm, exploring the ocean, heading into the great outdoors and relaxing to welcome the summer months that lie ahead.

Please bring your child in a **LABELED WATER BOTTLE** into school to use outside. As the weather gets nicer, and we are spending time outside, it will be convenient for the parents, teachers and the children to just take water bottles outside and they can use them whenever they get thirsty. The water bottles will be dropped into a basket when they enter school in the morning, put in the refrigerator and only used when we go outside. The water fountain is available for use when we are inside the school. This will prevent us from running in for drinks, transporting cups/water as well as any dehydrated children. =)

Looking Ahead:

Families should have 10 to 12 working days by the end of the school year. Families that started halfway through the school year should have 5 to 6 work days.

End of the Year School Cleanup:

The end-of-the-school-year cleanup will be held on the evening of May 31st from 7pm to 9pm and the morning of June 1st from 10am to noon.

Meet You on the Playground:

As the days grow warmer, many parents and their children like to gather on the Co-op playground after pick-up. Why not bring a blanket, bag lunch and linger with your Co-op friends for a while?

Last Day of School / Potluck Picnic:

The last day of school is special and unusual, so please note the following details:

***The children go to a park**—to be determined, **not the Co-op**, unless there is rain. In the event of rain, they go to the Social Hall of the Friends Meeting House. There will be numerous activities for the children to rotate through in which the board members “run”.

*The school day time is from 10am to noon.

*During this time, parents who signed up for Wednesday morning cleanup will be finishing the cleanup of the school.

*At noon, all parents and siblings are invited to join the children for a potluck picnic at the park.

***Each family will bring a food item to share for the potluck.** Please check your ingredients for tree nuts in order to let Shehla know that Kaia cannot have it. If at all possible, do not use the ingredients that may contain tree nuts. Also, check your ingredients for animal products such as eggs/milk in order to let Kelly know that it is not a vegan dish. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!**

Come to the Board Meeting!

Yes, we really are a parent-run cooperative and that includes you! We encourage everyone to attend at least one board meeting this year. It really is inspiring to see a group of parents and

teachers working together in the best interest of play-based education for our children!

Our Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 25th from 7:00-9:00pm



Sharing Pictures

Along with our website, we also have an account at <http://concepcion-design.com/clients/>. The user name is coop and the password is friends. There is a folder titled 2010-2011 Coop Pictures. I have added random pictures of the kids. We can also make new folders as you'd like. (Example: Halloween 2010) Anyone from the Co-op can upload/look at the pictures. It is a great way to share pictures with our coop family and it allows them to be added to the website or even the newsletters. If you have any questions about it just contact Susan.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY PICTURES YOU HAVE
SO PARENTS CAN DOWNLOAD THEM FOR
THEMSELVES.**

Family Profiles

We would like to put together a small gift for the families for the end of the year. For this gift to be successful, we would like everyone to complete a family profile. Family profiles are just a small article on your family. Some examples would be who is in your family, what do they “do” (work, fun, etc.). Please include a picture of your family to accompany your profile. If you do not complete a family profile by the end of April, I will assume that you are not turning it in and



your family page will not be included. If you have any questions contact Susan. **THESE ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 6TH.**

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Songs for May:

Farm Songs:

Animals on the Farm

The pigs on the farm go oink. . .oink. . .oink
Oink. . .oink. . .oink, oink. . .oink. . .oink
The pigs on the farm go oink. . .oink. . .oink
All night long

The sheep on the farm go bah. . .bah . . Bah
Bah. . Bah . . Bah, bah. . Bah . . Bah
The sheep on the farm go bah. . Bah . . Bah
All night long

The cows on the farm go moo. . .moo. . Moo
Moo. . Moo . Moo, moo. . Moo . Moo
The cows on the farm go moo. . Moo . Moo
All night long

The ducks on the farm go quack. . .quack. . . quack
Quack. . Quack . . quack, quack. . Quack . . quack
The ducks on the farm go quack. . Quack . . quack
All night long

This is the way we. . .

This is the way we plant the hay
plant the hay, plant the hay
This is the way we plant the hay so early in the morning

This is the way we feed the chickens
Feed the chickens, feed the chickens
This is the way we feed the chickens so early in the morning.

This is the way we chop the wood
chop the wood, chop the wood
This is the way we chop the wood so early in the morning

This is the way we milk the cows
Milk the cows, milk the cows
This is the way we milk the cows so early in the morning

Ho Down

The barnyard dance is about to begin
Hitch up your pants and jump right in (grab belt loops)
Husk the corn (making husking motion)
Feed the chickens (act like scattering grain)
Crow with the rooster in the early morn
Bow to your partner (bow)
Wave hello (wave)
Clap your hands and tap your toe (Tap Your feet)
Pick the apples (bend down)
Milk the cow (making milking motion)
Hoe the weeds and push the plow
The barnyard dance has come to an end
Kick up your heels and start again

Colorful Farm Animals

Pink pig, pink pig rolling around,
In the mud on the ground.

Red rooster, red rooster strutting around,
Pecking at seeds lying on the ground.

Black cow, black cow walking a round,
Eating green grass on the ground.

Yellow duck, yellow duck waddling around,
Eating juicy worms, crawling on the ground.

Brown horse, brown horse galloping around,
Eating oats and hay lying on the ground.

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm, E I E I O.
And on this farm he had a pig, E I E I O
With an oink, oink, here and an oink, oink there.
Everywhere an oink, oink.
Old MacDonald had a farm, E I E I O.

Traditional

Continue singing about other farm animals, such
as:

Cow – moo, moo
Horse – neigh, neigh
Duck – quack, quack,
Sheep – baa, baa
Chick – cheep, cheep

Ocean Songs:

I'd Like to Live in the Ocean

Tune: "My Bonnie Lives Over The Ocean"

I'd like to live in the ocean.
I'd like to live in the bay.
I'd go to school with the fishes
And swim around all day.

Swim, swim, swim, swim
I'd like to swim all da-ay.
Swim, swim, swim, swim,
Watch me swim and play.

A Sailor Went To Sea

A Sailor went to sea, sea, sea. To see what he
could see, see, see. But all that he could see, see,
see. Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea,
sea.

Mr. Lobster and Mrs. Crab

Tune: Old MacDonald had a farm

Mr. Lobster and Mrs. Crab Pinch and snap all day.
Mr. Lobster and Mrs. Crab Pinch and snap all day.
With a pinch pinch here and a snap, snap there.
Here a pinch, There a snap, Everywhere a
pinch, snap. Mr. Lobster and Mrs. Crab Pinch and
snap all day.

Silly Sally

To the tune of London Bridge

Silly Sally sells seashells,
sells seashells,
sells seashells.
Silly Sally sells seashells
Down by the old seashore.

The Sharks in the Sea

To "The Wheels on the Bus"

The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp!
chomp, chomp, chomp!
chomp, chomp, chomp!
The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp!
All through the day!

We had the kids tell us different sea creatures and this is what they told us:

The fish in the sea go swim, swim, swim...
The lobsters in the sea go pinch, pinch, pinch...
The octopus in the sea go wiggle wiggle wiggle...
The sea horse in the sea rocks back and forth...
The whale in the sea goes quirt squirt squirt...
The clam in the sea goes open and shut...
The crabs in the sea go click click click...
The jellyfish in the sea go "bloop bloop bloop"!

Camping Songs:

A Camping we will Go

Tune: "The Farmer and The Dell"

A camping we will go.
A camping we will go.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Sue will bring the tent.

Oh Sue will bring the tent.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Tom will bring the food.
Oh Tom will bring the food.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Five Little Campers

Five little campers sitting in the sun,
The first one said, "I'd like to have some fun."
The second one said, "Let's all go for a cool swim."
The third one said, "I'll ask a grown-up to watch while we're in."
The fourth one said, "Let's get our safety vests."
The fifth one said, "We're the best."
"O-O-O-O-K went the parents",
"Yeah went the kids",
and the five little campers began to swim.

Along The Trail

Tune: "Frere Jacques"

Let's go marching, let's go marching,
Along the trail, along the trail.
I love to march fast,
I love to march slow,
Along the trail, along the trail.

Going Fishing

When I go fishing down at the brook, (Hold fishing pole over shoulder)
I put a wiggly worm on my hook. (Put wiggly worm on hook)
I toss it into water, (Swing pole into water)
And hope with all my might,
A little fish will swim on by. (Left hand-fingers together)
And take a great big bite. (Move thumb away from fingers -- then snap them back together)

Going Camping

Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I am going camping.
(point thumbs proudly to chest)
Time to pack

(point to wristwatch)
My tent, my bedroll,
(Make tent with hands; then fold hands to cheek.)

And a snack.
(Pretend to eat)

I'll sit by the campfire
(warm hands over fire.)
Its glow so bright
(Fan and wiggle fingers to resemble fire.)
Then snooze in my tent
(Pretend to snore.)
'Til the morning light!
(Open eyes wide, forming sun overhead.)

Summer Songs

Mr. Sun

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,
Mister Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,
Mister Golden Sun,
Hiding behind a tree...

These little children
Are asking you
To please come out
So we can play with you

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,
Mister Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me!

Playground Song

Tune: "Row, Row, Row, your Boat"

Pump, pump, pump the swing,
pump the swing so high.
You pump so high
You touch the sky
Then down you come again.

Climb, climb, climb the bar,
Climb the bar so high.
You climb so high

you touch the sky
Then down you climb again.

Ride, ride, ride your trike,
around the yard again.
You ride so fast
you're back at last
Then around you go again.

Summer's Here

Tune: "Frere Jacques"

Days are longer, sunshine's stronger.
Summer's here! Summer's here!
Lets jump through the sprinkler,
Lets make lemonade,
Summer's here! Summer's here!

You Are My Sunshine

My only sunshine.
You make me happy
When skies are grey.
You'll never know, dear,
How much I love you.
Please don't take my sunshine away

Five Green Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled
log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and
cool
Then there were four green and speckled frogs.
GLUB GLUB

Four green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled
log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and
cool
Then there were three green and speckled
frogs. GLUB GLUB

Three green and speckled frogs sat on a
speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and
cool
Then there were two green and speckled frogs.

GLUB GLUB

Two green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled
log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and
cool
Then there was one green and speckled frogs.
GLUB GLUB

One green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled
log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and
cool
Then there were no green and speckled frogs.
GLUB GLUB