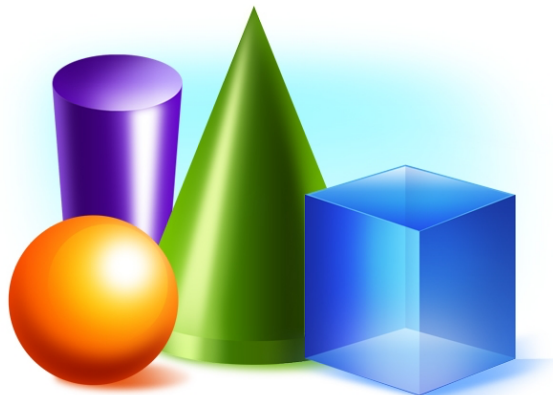


Dear Families,

This week will start our ABC Countdown to the end of the school year! You should've all received a calendar for our special activities last week. It's a bright orange paper. Each week in the news, we'll also remind you about what's coming up!



### Highlights from this Week

This week we will explore 3D shapes! The kids will get to learn about shapes such as a sphere, cube, cone, cylinder, prism and pyramid. Our sensory table will have many of these shapes available to discover. Our science table will have popsicle sticks and shape cards to help the kids build shapes! We will also discuss them during our weekly focus at group times.

### May Family Field Trip: May 23rd

The field trip letter was sent home in backpacks! It's on a bright green paper. Remember, our field trips are family field trips and every student needs to be accompanied by an adult. If you are unable to attend the field trip, please remember there is no regular preschool at Marie Murphy that day. We hope to see you there.

The dramatic play center has been changed into a flower store. There are different flower pots and bins of flowers for the kids to create and purchase bouquets! They can choose being either the florist, gardener or cashier.

We will begin a week-long art project making beautiful flowers with mixed media (kwik sticks, finger-painting and gluing reused objects).

If you drink water bottles, please send in the lids for us to use!

### ABC Countdown

**Monday: A**-Animals, bring a stuffed animal to school.

**Tuesday: B**-Buddy Day (this one changed because of the rain) Please do not send bubbles to school! We will still have a bubble activity, but we will have buddy day instead!

**Wednesday: C**- Crazy Clothes, wear a crazy outfit to school.

**Thursday: D**- Dancing and Donuts

**Friday: E**- Experiment Day



# centers and reminders

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
<b>Blocks</b>	Cars and car ramps Road tape ABC parking lot	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
<b>Table Toys and Games</b>	Matching butterflies Birds and nests sorting game Shape turtles	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	Flower Store	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
<b>Writing</b>	Boogie boards Scissors, markers, and crayons	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
<b>Library</b>	Butterfly and spring books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
<b>Sensory</b>	Kidfetti Play Pellets, 2D and 3D shapes  Play dough, cookie cutters and rolling pins	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts- sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
<b>Snack</b>	Full group after center time	Self-help; language development and social skills
<b>Art</b>	Painting at the easel Flower art project	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
<b>Science</b>	Growing caterpillars Popsicle sticks and shape-building cards	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers
<b>Listening</b>	CLOSED	Language development; book-handling skills; practicing literacy concepts

## Important Dates

May 17<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. Hale's Birthday

May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Field Trip to River Trails- No School

May 27<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day- No School

