

The Goddard School®

Newsletter

4320 North School Hill Road, Buckeye, AZ 85396



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring Concert – May 2nd @ 6pm
- PIZZA Days – May 4th & 18th
 - Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-11
 - Muffins for Moms – May 11th @ 9am
 - PreK Promotion – May 23rd @ 6:30pm
- Memorial Day – May 28th
SCHOOL CLOSED
- Summer Program Begins – May 29th

NEW REFERRAL PROGRAM!!!

\$300 Tuition Credit for each referral that leads to a new enrollment of 5 full days

\$150 Tuition Credit for each referral that leads to a new part-time enrollment of 4 or 5 days

\$100 Tuition Credit for each referral that leads to a new part-time enrollment of 2 or 3 days.

Pass out your referral cards to friends and neighbors! See Nicole or Amanda for more details.

May Blooms with Activity

May is going to be a busy month as we wrap up the “school year”! Our first ever Spring Concert will be held on our playground on Wednesday, May 2nd, beginning at 6:00 PM, and we are very excited to see the fun performances our students have been practicing. The month of May also brings two important opportunities to thank some very special people in our lives – teachers and mothers! National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7th through May 11th, and we are coordinating

special daily treats for our wonderful teachers, so be on the lookout for more information. In celebration of Mother’s Day on May 13th, our classes will be hosting Muffins for Moms on Friday, May 11th, at 9:00 AM. At the end of the month, we will be promoting our Pre-Kindergarten students at a graduation ceremony to be held on the Verrado Village Center Stage on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 6:30 PM – all members of our school and community are invited! Then beginning May 29th we will be beating the heat

during our fantastic summer programs – Mini Camps for school-age children and Passport Around the World for our younger students! Last, but certainly not least, we are anxiously awaiting the birth of Miss Amanda’s baby girl, who is due May 23rd. Miss Beth, Miss Mande and I will be sharing her responsibilities while she is on maternity leave until mid-July, so we appreciate your patience during this exciting time. ☺

Nicole Bigham

Another Great Year!

I can hardly believe how quickly this school year has passed! So much learning and fun has taken place. We’ve have great laughs, made sweet memories, and even shared a few tears together. For me it has been an even more eventful year as I have watched my belly grow with a precious new baby! My little one should arrive at the end of this month and I will be taking six weeks of maternity leave. Ms. Mande will be working

hard with Beth and Nicole to make sure that all runs smoothly in my absence. I will look forward to coming back in July to see everyone again. Make sure that you stick around this summer as we have so many **exciting** things planned for your children. Our Passport Around the World summer program is filled with special visitors, water days, and tons of fun learning about countries all over the world.

In addition, we are **thrilled** to add Summer Mini-Camps to our schedule this summer. These camps will be open to children who have completed PreK through third grade. Each camp has a very special theme and will be filled with **awesome** activities. Stop by the office today to register your child as mini camps do have a limited amount of space!

Amanda Huggins

CLASSROOM NEWS ...

Lullaby Lambs (Infant I)

We had a great time exploring plants and shaking our packets of seeds last month. Playing in our chocolate graham cracker dirt was so much fun!

We're kicking off our May theme with our very first Spring Concert. Our song just happens to also be about water. We've practiced every day with our musical instruments so that we'll be ready.

-Ms. Denise & Ms. Kayla

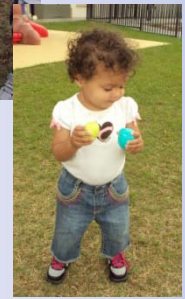
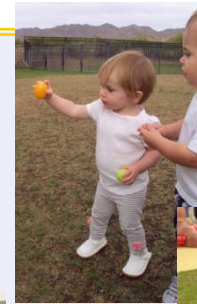


Cuddly Calves (Infant II)

April was a very exciting month of learning about plants, bugs, and exploring a little bit of what is in store this summer. It was great to spend time with everyone at the cook out and I really enjoyed being able to talk about the children's progress at conferences.

May is going to be an exciting month of exploring water. We'll dive into oceans, ponds, rivers, and our own bath tubs! We can't wait to exhibit our performing arts skills at the Spring Concert. Hope to see you all there!

-Ms. Kristin



Darling Ducklings (Young Toddlers)

April was full of learning and excitement. We learned all about plating flowers, gardening, and plants. One of our favorite things was eating a "dirt" snack.

We are looking forward to discovering different bodies of water in May. From the ocean to rivers and ponds, it is sure to be an adventure!

-Ms. Mia



Curious Kittens (Toddlers)

We are really starting to get back into a routine in the Curious Kittens class! It's been great and very exciting to take on this new position. I have lots of great projects planned for the month of May. With the theme being Water I'm sure we'll have a splashing good time! I owe the parents of my kittens a big thanks for welcoming me and I look forward to working with you!

-Ms. Katja



Playful Puppies (Get Set)

As we say goodbye to April and hello to May, we leave our bug friends behind and move on to water friends. This month we will swim with the sharks, catch some fish, explore sea shells, and do art with sand. We will see the difference between bodies of water like the ocean, a pond, and a lake. We can't wait to splash in the water at the water table and float boats with our friends. May is going to be a fun month! Please check your child's cubby for lots of new projects.

-Ms. Christine & Ms. Andrea





Bouncing Bunnies (Preschool I)

April went by too quickly! We explored the rainforest and talked about plants and how they grow. In May, we will explore water and the many ways it is used. We welcome new students Caden, Savannah, and Luc!

-Ms. Jo & Ms. Amanda



Frolicking Foals (Preschool II)

Hello Preschool 2 Families! We have finished our month of April and are super excited for water fun in May. This month we will learn all about water in nature as well as how to recycle. In math, we are continuing to count in groups of 10 and demonstrate new charting skills. We are working with our vowels and how to put words together in reading and letter comprehension. As summer comes we will continue to work on all of our learning and academics as we have throughout the year. Looking forward to a fantastic summer with everyone!

-Ms. Mande & Ms. Alicia

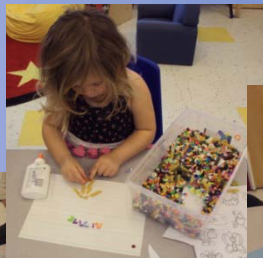


Cheerful Chicks (Preschool Prep)

I'm so excited to be a part of your children's lives! We started out in dirt as we learned about plants in April and in May we will wash it all off as we learn about water.

Be sure to join us this summer too for all kinds of fun and exciting adventures as we travel around the world. I'm building such attachments to your children and would certainly miss them if they weren't here for all the fun!

-Ms. Krystal & Ms. Tricia



Kindly Kids (PreK)

What an exciting way to welcome Spring! We learned about flowers, bugs, and gardening. We continued learning our sight words as we read our books together.

Next month we will learn all about water! We will mix water colors, learn about ways water turns into energy, and about water animals.

This has been an amazing year. Your children have learned and grown so much. Thank you for the gift of sharing them with me.

-Mrs. Cubillas & Ms. Malinda



MAY CALENDAR: Wonderful World of Water

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 May Day: We made fun May Day bouquets today in our classrooms!	2 Backwards Day: How will you celebrate? Wear your clothes backwards? Walk backwards?	3 Water Everywhere!: How many different ways can you think of that we use water every day?	4 Cinco de Mayo Tomorrow: The children will practice their Spanish and taste a little Mexican food while learning about this holiday.
7 We LOVE our teachers! We're all showing our love and appreciation to our teachers this week!	8 Water Colors: Today we explored with water and lots of different colors.	9 Sink or Float: Some things sink in water and other things float. Can you guess which is which?	10 YOGA Day: We learned a great new yoga move today – ask me to show you!	11 Muffins for Moms: Calling all moms! Join us as we celebrate how wonderful you are.
14 Nat'l Chicken Dance Day: Watch us move and groove to the chicken dance.	15 Water Energy: Some people use water to create energy. Today we'll look at ways we can turn water into energy.	16 Water Animals: As we learn about water we are learning about the many different kinds of animals who live in water.	17 Kentucky Derby Day: Watch us gallop like horses at the races. The Kentucky Derby began on this day in 1875.	18 Musical Water: Today we're exploring what sounds we can make with water.
21 States of Water: We'll explore water as ice and steam today. How does it change from one to the other?	22 The Language of Water: We'll read books about water and even learn how to say water in different languages this month.	23 PreKindergarten Promotion: Families are invited to join us as we celebrate this important milestone.	24 Brooklyn Bridge Day: On this day in 1883 the Brooklyn Bridge opened. Let's see what kinds of bridges we can make.	25 Nat'l Grape Popsicle Day: Today we'll enjoy grape popsicles. Let's see who can eat theirs before it melts.
28 Happy Memorial Day! School CLOSED Enjoy a safe and fun family day...	29 Buckeye Library Visit: The library will bring us books and stories of Israel.	30 Tie Dye: Today we're having fun exploring the art of tie dye and we get to enjoy a special African snack!	31 Village Soup: Everyone is bringing something to contribute to our village soup today.	

QA Notes...

The Goddard School Quality Assurance Program (QA) has been put in place in all Goddard Schools to ensure a high standard of care for the children in our school. QA Representatives assess our school on a regular basis to ensure that all QA Standards are being met.

QA Policy #37

Open toed shoes are a safety hazard and may not be worn at any time. *Water shoes may be worn for summer water play activities.*

This policy has been put in place for the safety of each child, in order to minimize the possibility of an injury occurring. Thank you for your support and cooperation in upholding the health and safety policies of our school.

FRIENDLY REMINDER ...

If you would like us apply sunscreen on your child, please bring in your child's sunscreen labeled with his/her name. Your child's teacher will give you the authorization form that must be filled out. Please be aware, state regulations do not allow us to use aerosols of any kind with the children! Please make sure you don't buy aerosol sunscreen for school. Thanks!