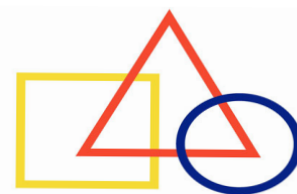


# Half-Day Early Preschool

May 2012



Montessori  
Children's  
House

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## It has been a great year!

How many times can we tell you how great it has been this year?! The two classes are amazing. The children continue to surprise us with new words and their increasing independence. Please keep fostering their independence over the summer. Let them get dressed by themselves, help feed the dog or set the table. They are big enough now to carry bags, and they often enjoy the physical challenge! They have all proven that they can keep our room tidy, and they can pick up toys in the Big Room and on the playground -- so they should be more than ready to clean up their toys at home, too! Helping your child become more independent will not only help him/her feel good, but it will help the entire family get things done!

### Ducks!

Only two of our eggs hatched. Goldie and Dapple, our two duckling friends, are entertaining the children throughout the morning. Each child has had the opportunity to pet the ducklings. Your child should know how much they complain when they are separated! They will not be in our room for long. Soon, they will be transferred to a pond where they can grow with other ducklings.

### May Themes

In May, we will talk about Africa, Australia, the ocean and flowers.

### Special Days

For our Spring Party (the 14th and 18th), we will ask the children to bring a favorite stuffed animal to class. As you know, this is very exciting!

The Parent music class (the 15th and 16th, both at 10:30 am) is a time when you can come and enjoy a music class with Mrs. Mechling, our music teacher. We will meet in the Big Room where you will sing along with your child. We encourage you to get on the floor with the children and join in!

The All-School picnic will be on the last day of school, from 5 to 7 pm at Raccoon River Park. Each family will bring a dish to share, and Maggie Moos will be there offering ice cream. Watch the book bag for more information coming home soon.

### May at a glance

2-Owen's Birthday  
6-Kira's Birthday  
6-Grant's Birthday  
14-Spring party (2-day class)  
15-10:30 am, Parent music class (2-day class)  
16-10:30 am, Parent music class (3-day class)  
18-Spring party (3-day class)  
24-Last day of school, with an all-school picnic at Raccoon River Park from 5-7  
Wednesdays - Spirit Wear Days

