



### Words of the Month

Bears – small, big, brown

At the Zoo – animals, cage, food

Sports – soccer, baseball, golf

Splish, Splash, Splosh – water, pool, sun



### WOW. . . We Can't Wait to Explore!

**Math:** We have LOTS to do when it comes to exploring different math activities in the month of May. We are planning measuring our footprints, sorting our plastic bear counters by size and color, counting as many shapes as we possibly can, working on our patterning skills (ball, bat, ball bat or football, soccer, football, soccer), counting “rain drops” using eyedroppers, filling up our estimation jar with counters, cups, small balls and maybe sponges as well as practicing to match objects to numerals.

**Science:** In the science area, the Zebras will be using their sense of smell to identify objects, exploring the sensory table which will be filled with sand, water and blocks, exploring new textures by placing their hands inside the feely box, using magnets, talking about shadows and finding our own shadows outside, mixing colors together to create new ones, trying to make our own popsicles, blowing bubbles and more!

**Literacy:** Letters...words...OH MY! We will be working on creating several class stories, using and saying position words, using a scented texture such as coffee to draw letters in, working on an animal word matching game (pairing words and pictures together), thinking of words that rhyme with the word “zoo”, using laces to create letters, matching letters while playing a game and many other literacy activities that the Zebra teachers have planned for their preschoolers.

**Art:** What will the threes be doing in their art center? We are hoping to see them using honey as a painting tool, making their own bear masks, using black and white colors to create a pattern of a zebra, practicing to trace and cut at the table, exploring animal crackers and making a creation, using a “tail” as a painting tool (a piece of string!), cutting out snakes by using scissors and paper plates, exploring watercolors, dipping pieces of chalk in water to create “wet chalk drawings” and using our imaginations each and every day at several new art activities...it's always so much fun at the art table!

## Let us Hear Your Voice...

### **“It’s Raining, It’s Pouring”**

**It’s raining, it’s pouring, the old man is snoring.  
He went to bed and bumped his head.  
He didn’t get up until morning”**

### **“Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear”**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the light.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say goodnight!”**



### Teacher Fun Facts:

- **Ms. Jennifer can't wait to take Teddy and Chase to the zoo this summer!**
- **Ms. Ursula loves to visit the library with Sophie!**

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To:

# The Zebras Zip

A Clown, Muffins with Mom, A Celebration & More!

Hooray for the month of May! We will be getting a visit from Broccoli the Clown, enjoying a morning with our moms to eat muffins in honor of Mother's Day, some of us will be getting our pictures taken for Hent-a-kid as well as our center will be closed for Memorial Day.

Did everyone mark their calendar for our ILC Celebration at Bull Run Park for May 18?

We hope to see everyone there...it's going to be a great day!

## May Birthday's



Katie Yen  
May 18, 2009



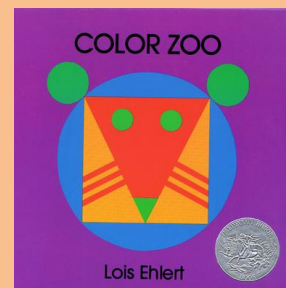
Ms. Jennifer  
May 28th

## We're Going on a Bear Hunt By: Michael Rosen

Bears week is always a super fun week for our threes...especially when we are reading this story! Preschoolers LOVE repetition and this book is perfect for them!

Not only are we just sitting and reading this story, we can use this story as a movement activity and more!

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



## Color Zoo By: Lois Ehlert

A fun story that allows us to explore animals that live in the zoo but a great way to recognize our colors!

Lois Ehlert is a terrific author who writes lots of fun stories but this is one of the BEST! The best of this book is every time you turn the page, the animals are changing...the threes love to guess which one is on the next page!

## Teacher Pick's

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## What's Going on in the Month of May?

May 1 Broccoli the Clown  
10:00am

Muffins with Mom  
May 10 6:30am to 9am

May 18:  
ILC Celebration at Bull Run Park  
2-5

May 21 Hent-a-kid

May 27: Center Closed for  
Memorial Day

May 30:  
Peter McCorry Show at 10:30am