



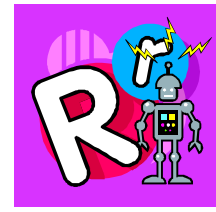
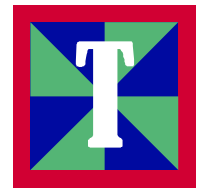
## Letters of the Month:

E/e - Earth, Egg, Elephant

R/r - Rock, Rocket, Rainbow

T/t - Table, Tiger, Taxi

L/l - Ladder, Lamp, Lawnmower



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

**Math:** In the month of May, we will working on puzzles and how pieces fit together to create a whole, counting objects from 1 - 20, exploring the concept of estimation and counting how many items will fit in one container, sorting and grouping food items, practicing our patterning skills and solving simple addition and subtraction problems with small counters.

**Science:** Rocks, dust and slime....OH MY! During the week of "Outer Space", we will be exploring new textures in the sensory table, mixing up our own batch of "alien slime" and experimenting with rocks, marbles and flour. We will also be using our feely box, using magnets, finding our shadows outside and mixing two colors together to create a new one.

**Literacy:** The Zebras always have their "creative thinking" caps on and it's a good thing because we will be thinking about being an astronaut, what we would do in space, what we would bring on a picnic, what we would do if we ran a zoo and telling our friends about our favorite sports. Our threes will create a list of all the things they think are in space, making a list of rhyming words that rhyme with moon, making letters with a new material (twizzlers!!), matching words to pictures and more!

**Art:** The art tables are a favorite for the Zebras...they sometimes want to do more than two art activities a day! We are going to be creating our own astronauts, practicing our cutting skills with a "planet cutting" activity, using cookie cutters to create star prints, exploring honey as a painting tool, trying to create bear puppets with lots of collage materials, eating bananas but saving the peels for a "banana peel painting" as well as experimenting with laces and glue...what fun!

## Let us Hear Your Voice...

I'm a Little Rocket  
(Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot")  
I'm a little rocker pointing at the moon,  
Now I'm getting fueled up,  
We'll be ready soon,  
When it's time to board me, then I'll say,  
Blast off! Zoom! We're on our way!

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, bend down low,  
Teddy bear, touch your toes,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, go to bed,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, rest your head,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the lights,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say "good night".



### Teacher Fun Facts:

\* Ms. Jennifer is super excited to be going to the beach at the end of May with her boys!

\* Ms. Ursula is VERY artistic!

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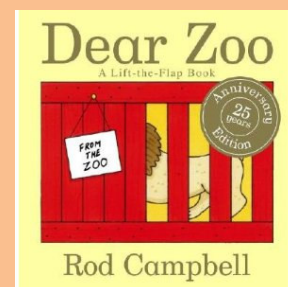
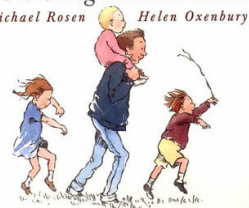
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We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
By: Michale Rosen

This story is a favorite for our threes! When we go on a bear hunt, it can get very animated and I think that is what I love about this book. A teacher can read it and they can also sing it...the kids LOVE it! I like how this story practices repetition, which is something our preschool classroom is all about! This story uses a lot of descriptive words like tall, long, wavy, dark and I love all of the position words the children can explore.

Ms. Jennifer

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



Dear Zoo  
By: Rod Campbell

"At the Zoo" is such a great week...the children LOVE all of the stories about animals! In this story, they are guessing which animal is inside of a box or inside of a covered cage...the little boy wanted to take home LOTS of zoo animals but at the end, the little boy brought home a dog. The kids liked it so much they wanted to read it twice in one circle time!

Ms. Ursula

Teacher Pick's

# The Zebras Zip

## Mother's Day...A music show and a long weekend!

The month of May will bring LOTS of happenings for us! We will be celebrating Mother's Day by a "muffins for mom" day. We hope all of the Zebra mommies are able to come into school to eat a little breakfast and get their picture snapped with their little one. We will also be listening to "Cody & BJ" put on a music show...we LOVE to sing and dance so we are excited for a new performer to come into our school and have fun with us!

The weather is getting warmer but on chilly mornings, please bring a jacket in for your child. We do go to the playground at 11:00 and it is at times windy and chilly and then by 3:00, it has warmed up and we might not need coats. Also, please label your child's jacket with a permanent marker...we are seeing that some of our Zebras bring in the exact same coat and it's hard to tell which coat belongs to each child.

Memorial Day is coming up and our center will be closed for that day...we hope everyone enjoys a nice long weekend with the ones they love!

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

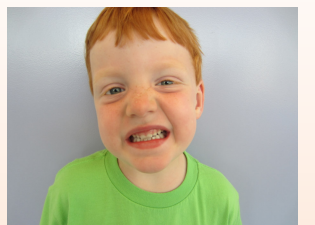
\* May 11<sup>th</sup>: Muffins with  
Mom 6:30am - 9:00am

\* May 15<sup>th</sup>: Cody & BJ's  
Music Show 10:30am

\* May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ident-a-kid

\* May 28<sup>th</sup>: Our center is  
closed for Memorial Day

## May Birthday's



Matts Bouldin 5/30/08



Ms. Jennifer May 28<sup>th</sup>