



Kids Kingdom

### Infant/Toddler Newsletter

Happy Mother's day to all of our families! The color of the month is yellow and the shape we will focus on is diamond. **The Rhode Island Early Learning Standard** that we will focus on this month is mathematics. Children learn to order and sort objects by common attributes, to identify patterns, and to predict the next sequence in a pattern. To achieve this goal we will engage children in identifying/classifying shapes. We will use puzzles and felt board pieces to implement this. A gross motor task we are working on developing is balance. We will use colored markers for this and place them on the floor and encourage children to jump from one marker to the next.

During the month of May, we will talk about insects/bugs. We will do lots of exploring in our play area outside looking for and observing bugs. We will also use magnifying glasses to examine what we find. We will explore in our sensory table with sand/pottery soil and bug figures.

Themes also this month include "Women in our Family" where we will take time to celebrate and talk about the women in our families. We will create several projects dedicated to mother's day and use our dramatic play area to role play mommies.

We have two weeks this month dedicated to famous authors. We will focus on two specific authors, Eric Carle and Mercer Mayer however we will also take this week to read some of the children's favorite books.

In addition to our gross motor activities, we will work on goals such as throwing and catching a ball. We will focus on running and stopping with ease, and hand eye coordination using a parachute and ball.

**Parenting Tip- Literacy-Expand your child's vocabulary/language by reading together every day and by asking questions about the book that you are reading this is to include your child in the story and to make sure your child understands.**