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# Sunnyside

- **Curriculum Theme:** The children picked up the different types and sizes of rocks around the campus. We observed and talked about what rocks we had- texture, size and color. The children handled the rocks carefully, modeled by the teachers.
- **Conscious Discipline:** The children had support with regulating feelings through singing and the Safe Place. Labeled feelings we expressed.
- **Cultural Lifeways:** Planted flowers and learned Keres words, with the help from Mrs. Kasero-Lente. Named pictures and used Keres at the table during meal times.
- **Goals / Milestones:** Children repeating and saying words. Having the children to be mobile – walking and crawling.

- **NP** – Saying 3 to 4 word sentences and doing things for herself (handwashing, pulling pants down/up).
- **KL** – Saying words, recognizing and saying peer's names.
- **MM** – Doing things for himself (handwashing, buckling self in chair), greeting and saying by to peers and families.
- **JP** – Sitting on the potty and recognizing her peers.
- **EW** – Knowing the routines of the day and transitioning from one activity to another.
- **KL** – Walking on his own and sitting on the potty.
- **MM III** – Adjusting to the routines and walking on his own.
- **SA** – Pulling herself to stand and getting on the couches to sit.

- **What did your classroom focus on throughout the year?**

We focused on getting the children mobile (crawling and walking), repeating and saying words, and interacting with each other in gentle ways.

- **What was the student's favorite curriculum theme?**

The children liked the Seats theme (repeated theme for June. They learned how to snap the buckles (some snapped themselves in the chairs), and climbing in and out of the chairs.

- **What advice do you have children/parents to continue working on over the summer?**

Have conversations with your child. Ask them questions and continue reading to them.

- **Any well wishes to student's/parents...**

Teachers wish the students well with their new teachers and classroom. Thank you parents for giving us the opportunity to watch your child grow with you and trusting us with their care. Wish you and your family great times ahead.



# New York:

## Recap of May

**Creative Curriculum/ Cultural Lifeways:** Our kids explored the different types of rocks and the different activities we can do with rocks. Our children observed different plants grow and learned how to plant seeds on their own.

**Birthdays:** We had our last birthday last month M.M 5/17

## June 2025

### Creative Curriculum:

This month our focus is going to recap on different themes we had throughout the year. We will use each week of this month to simply recap on one theme at a time.

### Cultural lifeways:

Color of the month is Tie-Dye a recap of all the colors. We will be discussing cedar and wild tea that we can boil and drink. Teachers will show visual aids and vocabulary (Wild tea, yellow flower (on top), and Drink). Children will identify wild tea in the community and its uses. Wild tea is used to dye yarn and eggs. Cedar is used as medicine to clean the stomach.

### Conscious Discipline:

Conscious Discipline is continuously being used daily in the classroom with daily routines. Helping the children to transition to different learning environments, and learning about their feelings or emotions they might be feeling.

### **Health/ Nutrition Activities:**

·6/11 - Orange Slushes

### Goals:

The Goals and Milestones we have for our classroom are themes children have learned throughout the year. The children will continue potty training and self-help skills, along with recognizing their first letter in their name and starting to write the letter

**Birthdays:** NO BIRTHDAYS this month.

### Parent Tips and Updates:

\*Reminder\* Please contact the school or email teacher's, if your child will not be in school.

# Turquoise Springs

## June

### Curriculum Theme:

Our last month of the school year, will be a review of all the themes that we worked on throughout the year, but mostly being outdoors playing in the sand, collecting rocks, and adding some water play to our day.

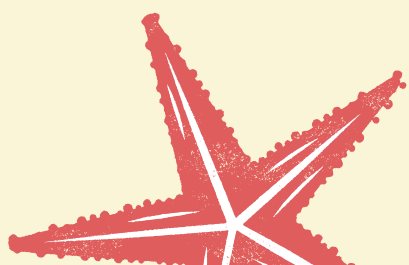
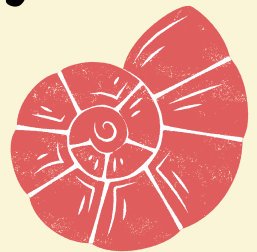
### Cultural Lifeways:

Taking some walks around the campus looking for some wild tea. Showing the children, the process of picking wild tea and making it into a drink. Let them know that you can drink the tea hot or cold.

### Goals / Milestones/Well Wishes:

Thank you families for a great year in Turquoise Springs classroom, it has been a pleasure working with your child. We have seen growth in many of the children, continue talking with your child, continue to encourage them to be independent. Enjoy the time off for the summer get those appointments completed. We look forward to seeing you all return for the Fall school year.

**Happy Birthday to our friends A.L. (June) and E.S. (July)**



# Chinatown

**Color:** tie dye all colors

**Culture:** teacher choice

**Curriculum:** Teacher choice

**Nutrition:** Orange Slushies

**STEAM:** Water in Natural World

Hello Families

We did it! We all made it to the last month of school.

The month of May we are caring for our plants and taking care of our pet rocks. The children examined different types of rocks. We sorted rocks by size, BIG and SMALL, as well as by textures ROUGH and SMOOTH.

Children gained some knowledge about how rocks are used to build and landscape. Children were shown pictures of interesting rocks that were carved or naturally created.

For the last month of school, we will reflect and repeat studies we have did in the earlier months of school, this will give an opportunity to see if children have retained what they have learned. It will give a review for some of our children who are new to our classroom and will have a chance to experience past studies.

STEAM: Water- Children will be introduced to the many uses of water.

Teacher Royce and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, grandparent and/ or guardians for entrusting us to teach your child. We enjoy watching them grow and learn new things.

We celebrate our parents/ grandparents and guardians who have any part of the children in our classrooms. Getting the kids up and ready for the day. Reading the books that the children most likely picked more repeatedly. Asking their child how their day was. We celebrate you. We hope that you rest and are ready to do it all over again for the many years to come. Never lose interest in what your child is learning.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teachers. [c.deutsawe@lagunaed.net](mailto:c.deutsawe@lagunaed.net) and [r.kie@lagunaed.net](mailto:r.kie@lagunaed.net) (505) 552-6544 extension 5200



# Paguate

Hello, Families! Thank you to all our families for joining us for our Mother's Day Sock Walk and Bingo. We had fun during the day and enjoyed a great lunch! We hope that you had fun. Join us for our Father's Day and End of Year Celebration on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

During our month of May, children learned about Insects: it was fun seeing your kids get excited looking for ants, finding lizards, and wondering about spiders. Children decorated bugs and learned some words: head, thorax, and abdomen. We hope to encourage their curiosity about insects throughout the month of June as more and more will show up.

Now, we are beginning the month of June! The weather is getting warmer and so are we...so we will study water to end our school year. We will be focusing our efforts toward helping our children have fun experiences and develop critical learning skills. We hope that you will pack a towel and keep an extra pair of clothes in your child's backpack: as children learn through hand-on experiences and they will get drenched.

Children will discover the importance of water and its many uses at home and at school, science and social studies will be explored as children investigate how water changes and how water helps people and the planet. Children will be encouraged to ask "why" questions: Why does water dry in the sun? Why is it hard to hold water? Why do we drink water? Etc...

As we close our school year, we will also take your children's interests in dinosaurs, camping, and baseball. They will learn more about "dinos" and make their own dinosaur name. With camping, teachers would like to have some centers in the classroom with "fishing" and picnic areas. Children can participate in playing a simple game of baseball, or T-ball, that will allow each child a turn to hit the ball and run the bases.

Thank you again, families! We enjoyed having your children in our classroom this year!

Happy June Birthdays to AA, YM, JM, and AG—turning 4 this month, and Happy July Birthdays to TN and AC—they, along with NL and NC will all be in the 4-year-old transitioning classroom next school year! We had a great time and we are looking forward to seeing the future!



# Village

Hello parents and Friends

June is our last month, our new theme for June will be waterplay. It is getting hot and what better way to cool off with some water play. Water play is a great open-ended, sensory rich experience for children of all ages. We all know we love playing with water and getting soaked.

What will we learn when we play with water? Your child will begin to use their five senses, (taste, touch, hearing, smell and sight) to explore within their daily environment in order to learn, grow and develop. They use the same senses to explore the different properties of water during water play activities. Our classroom will engage in the any activities that pertain to water, learning how to say water in keres, water is also therapy.

Parents just a reminder to make sure you check your child's backpack and folder every day for important notes. Dress your child accordingly to the weather. Thank you to all of the parents that are reading and signing in and login your books on the Lending Library log, your awesome!

We hope you have a great summer! Hope to see you next school year.

*Warm wishes from Village classroom teachers Mrs. Peacock and Miss Mariah.*

**Last day of school for your child will be June 20, 2025**

# Casa Blanca

Greetings to all our families.

I don't know about all of you, but the month of May sure did fly by. Maybe it was because of all the activities happening around us. There were a lot of us that had family members graduating from high school, there were school visits to schools and field trips that were happening. All in all, it was a good month of learning and sharing our experiences.

The month of May began with Mother's Day. That was a fun day as we engaged with our moms and the other classrooms moms with a Sock Walk around our plaza and a bingo right after. We were excited because one of our students had won a bingo game. We were served a delicious Chef's Salad by the kitchen staff. It was a great day all around.

We also visited the Laguna Elementary and Middle School's Mini Feast Day. That was fun as the children were able to witness the dance by the children from both schools. The songs were sung very well by the men from the community. The children were also able to visit the many vendors that were selling their wares. They were able to see the different types of traditional clothes, jewelry, baked goods, and, of course, the snow cones that work well on a hot day.

The biggest event we have going is the field trip to Santa Fe on the Rail Runner. At the time of this writing, we are preparing the children with some background information on the train. We are looking forward to this field trip. We will keep families updated on the trip.

In the month of June, we will be finishing up with school. It will be a month of fun things for the children to do. We will be opening up the water table again. We will get the parachute out for the children to play with. We will be doing outdoor learning on the tables outside. This will involve science activities. Since science is basically the study of nature, we will find many things for the children to explore.

We want to end this year on a good note. So please keep sending your children to school. Dress your children appropriately. Closed toe shoes as usual. We always recommend sneakers and tennis shoes. The children do a lot of running.

On behalf of Ms. Yvonne, I would like to thank all families for letting us be your children's teachers this school year. It was an honor and a pleasure to get to know them, to listen to their stories and adventures. Your children will be moving on to a transition classroom next school year. Some children may follow Ms. Yvonne as she moves to a transition classroom. In any case, I will miss them as they move forward. Please keep teaching your children the core values of yours, your family and the community. In addition respect, kindness, love, tradition, and communication. These will help your child as they grow. Thank you again. Much love and respect to you and yours.

Casa Blanca Classroom

Mr. Levantonio

Ms. Yvonne



# Encinal

**Creative Curriculum:** The first week and a half of June, the theme is getting ready for Kindergarten. For the last week and a half of June, we will plan some fun activities to do and join our classmates from the Seama classroom. We will continue to reflect on what they have learned and help them say goodbye to their peers as the time draws near, as they transition to kindergarten for their next journey. Again, change can be hard for some children, and for others it's a piece of cake. We will continue to have the children share their thoughts and feelings about kindergarten, saying goodbye to their classmates and teachers. Reflect on the ways they have grown throughout the year. Celebrate their final days of Head Start with their peers, families, and teachers.

**Culture Lifeways:** Children will learn to identify wild tea and cedar in the community and their uses.

**Vocabulary:** wild tea, yellow flower, drink, cedar, and color of the month: tie dye, review of the colors.

## **Student**

### **Milestones/Achievements:**

Student achievements/milestones: Twelve out of sixteen children can write their names clearly, and the whole Encinal class can spell their first names without any help. All in all, they are doing GREAT! They're really striving and excited to start kindergarten!

## **Reminder to parents:**

- Please, send a hat and water bottle with your child, with the weather starting to get hot, and for when we go outside to play.
- If your child has a book from the Laguna Public Library, PLEASE return the book in the same condition as it was taken home. Thank you!
- If your child is sick, PLEASE keep them home for more than a day or until they feel better. PLEASE be mindful of other children and teachers. Thank you!

## **Birthdays:**

June 17 - K.N.  
June 22 - A.D.

July 11 - T.R.  
July 23 - E.C.  
July 30 - Ms. Juana

**Happy Birthday to you all! Many wishes to you!**



# Seama

## **May:**

We would like to congratulate families who are celebrating any graduations this year. We wish those individuals success and bright futures.

First off, we want to thank all our parents who attended the Mother's Day event. It was a very special day with nice weather. Many blessings to all our wonderful Mothers.

In May, we focused on "getting ready for Kindergarten." Children worked hard improving skills, such as writing, letter sounds, math, cutting, and learning more about themselves and following personal limits. We have been reviewing all developmental areas. All students have grown in many ways and we are very proud of each child. In language class this month, children worked on animals, and sang Old MacDonald in Keres. The month of May was a fast month of learning.

## **June:**

Well, here's to our last month of school. In June, we will focus on getting ready for the transition ceremony and having fun through water play, bubbles, and mud. This month, we get to have more fun with messy play. This is a time to celebrate all children's accomplishments. As time reaches near our transition, we ask that all children still attend school as we are practicing for the ceremony. If you have any questions in regards to the transition, please contact us at the school. I would like to thank all our parents for their commitment to this school year. Thank you for participating in all school events and participating in all classroom activities. It was a pleasure to have you and your family a part of Seama classroom. We wish you all the very best in your child's educational journey. A big thank you for building trust with us to help set a foundation in your child's first years of school. We will miss all the children, but we know they will go out and do great things. We wish you all well and have a great summer.

## **Happy Birthday:**

6/17 P.L

6/18 R.P

7/13 C.M

7/18 M.M & M.M

## **Reminder to parents:**

- Send a water bottle
- Warmer weather, children are welcome to bring a hat
- Reminder to backpacks/check blue folders daily
- Read and fill out daily reading log

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# PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Greetings DEC families and friends,  
I hope that everyone is doing well and getting ready for summer break.

Well, here we are in the last month of the school year. It has been quick and full of eventful things happening from green eggs and ham to field trips to school closures for emergency fixes. Although the year has gone by so quickly, the children have learned many things developed and increased the Laguna language and they have grown. Some children will be returning for another year of learning and some will be moving on to the “big” school as their next step in their educational journeys. I am very proud of all the children’s accomplishments throughout this school year.

I want to thank all the parents and families for choosing the Laguna Division of Early Childhood to send your children for school and entrusting us to care for them while they are here. Each day has been a privilege to service our youngest and most vulnerable learners. I appreciate your patience when we had to double up bus runs and change classrooms for maintenance and emergency school closures for fixes beyond our control. I also want to thank you for your participation in DEC activities whether it is at home, on a field trips or here at the center. You make a positive and lasting impact to the success of our school and more than that, to the success of your children. Great Job!

Wishing all Father’s and father figures much happiness on your special day. Thank you for providing, protecting, nurturing, guiding and loving your children. You are the role models for the future and I applaud your commitment to raising them.

## **REMINDERS:**

1. Campus speed zone is 5 MPH
2. Do not leave your vehicle running unattended.
3. Do not leave children alone in a vehicle.
4. Practice pedestrian safety by holding children’s hand in the parking lot.
5. No outside food or beverages on DEC campus, thank you for keeping children free of allergens.
6. June 13, 2025, Father’s Day/End of Year Celebration 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
7. June 20, 2025, Last Day of School

May you all have a fun-filled summer; enjoy it with family and friends.

Until we meet again...



# FAMILY SERVICE PROVIDERS

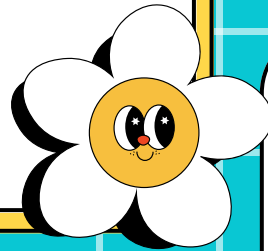


## THANK YOU!

DEC would like to thank all family members that joined us for our Mother's Day Event.

Congratulation to all the BINGO Winners!!

Thank you to Trent Patricio for your help with setting up canopies, chairs and tables. Your assistance was very much appreciated!



## Greetings

Family Service Providers continue to support families as needed, as well as continuing to provide resources that are requested.

Family Service Providers will continue to check and monitor attendance, if your child will be absent for the day please call the front office @ 552-6544 to speak with a Program Assistant or you may leave a voicemail message.

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## Upcoming dates

**June 13th:**

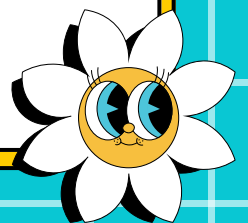
Father's Day/End of Year Event.

**June 19th:**

Transitions

**June 20th:**

Last day of School



# Support Services Coordinator

## INFORMATION

Wrapping up a Wonderful Year at Laguna Division of Early Childhood (DEC)

As we close the book on another incredible year at DEC, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the growth, joy and milestones we've shared together. From first steps to first friendships, it has been an unforgettable journey filled with laughter, learning, and lots of love.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity—from messy art projects and pretend play to songs sung at circle time and discoveries in nature. Every day has brought new opportunities for your little ones to explore the world around them and build confidence that will carry them forward.

We are endlessly proud of each child's progress and are so grateful for the partnership of our amazing families. Your support and involvement help make our program community strong and special.

As we look ahead to a new year, we're excited for all that's to come—but for now, we want to wish you a joyful and restful break come July. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's early learning adventure. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings!

Warmest Wishes.

Margaret Mascarenaz, Support Services Coord.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's development, please contact teachers or me at contact information below.

## TIPS

Learning Highlight for Month of June into July

As DEC winds down the 2024-2025 Program year, we realize children will be home for a number of weeks before they return for Program Year 2025-2026 or transition to kindergarten.

How do families keep children learning and developing skills while at home? PLAY is the answer!

Don't forget YOU are still your child's most important playmate and YOU are their favorite TOY! Play promotes healthy development and critical thinking skills in children. It reinforces memory, helps with emotional and behavioral skills. Play increases language and literacy skills, play encourages independence and of course, play promotes physical fitness. **HERE ARE A FEW PLAY ACTIVITIES/TOY IDEAS** that are appropriate for each age level:

**Infants** - Floor play, tummy time, rolling balls, music, singing, dancing with infants. Simple water play. Play Peek-a-Boo. Use lots of language when playing.

**Young Toddlers** - Lots of active play, walking, running, climbing, use of stairs, throwing balls, push and pull toys. Use lots of language. Ask questions and give answers using simple phrases. **Older toddlers** – Read stories together, ask child to do actions on page like “hop like a frog”, or “stomp like a dinosaur”, etc. Give the two step requests: “get your hat and put it on”, etc. **Preschoolers** – Play is the work of children. Use lots of back-and-forth language exchanges. **No matter what it looks like, when children PLAY, they LEARN.** Have fun Learning!

Have a safe and fun summer break!

# ERSEA Coordinator

Hello DEC Families,

Hope you are well and enjoying the warmer temperatures. J We only have 15 more days of school before summer break, hooray! The school year went by fast and the students are quickly growing up before our eyes. A special CONGRATULATIONS to our transitioning classrooms! I am sure all the students are excited to go to the BIG kid school in August.

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, please keep in mind the enrollment of your child for the upcoming school year. DEC is now accepting online application. Scan the QR code below to be directed to DEC's Registration Application for Program Year 2025 – 2026. We have computers available on site to assist Monday through Thursday's from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Selection and placement for the upcoming school year will begin this month. Parents will be notified of their child's classroom and teachers. The scheduling of initial home visits will begin at the end of the month.

Parent orientation will also be forthcoming the beginning of August. We will share the information with DEC families as the time nears.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact the school at 505.552.6544 or email me at [me.sarracino@lagunaed.net](mailto:me.sarracino@lagunaed.net). Thank you for your time and enjoy your summer break!



**[HTTPS://DEC.LAGUNAED.NET/REGISTRATION](https://dec.lagunaed.net/registration)**





Have a wonderful  
Summer

-DEC STAFF