



# May 2026 Newsletter

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## MAY HAPPENINGS

May 6 - 5:30pm to 6:30 pm Family Engagement Night  
May 8 - Mother's Day Event  
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May 18 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm Program Governance Training  
May 20 - Nutrition Activity "Mini Pizza"  
May 25 - Memorial Day Holiday \*No School  
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May 28 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm Program Governance Training

## OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Scan the QR code to apply. Visit the LDoE Website for the electronic application: <https://dec.lagunaed.net/registration>. You may also come by the Division of Early Childhood program for an application.



### Documents Needed:

- Immunization Record
- Birth Certificate
- Well Child Check-Up (for current age at time of enrollment)
- Legal guardian MUST provide current legal documentation (i.e., court order verifying custody of the child being enrolled)
- Current Dental Exam



# Sunnyside CLASSROOM



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## Learning Focus

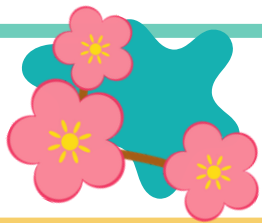
We made it through the month of April. As we are in month five of the new year, the children have grown and showed that they are becoming more independent we are sure opening up a lot more and talking, the children are all accomplishing goals

Creative Curriculum: For the month of May, we are looking forward to exploring different types of Balls. What types of Balls are there, what can balls be used for ...? Questions we will answer. The children will have hands-on learning with engaging activities. Home activities: Look around your house and see what types of Balls you have.

For Social-Emotional: Mornings are still a little challenging but teachers as well as parents are here to give comfort to the children. The children are waving and saying bye to peers.

Cultural lifeways: Easter activities. The children will identify their Kawaika clans using the pictures on the clan poster. Teachers will point out the children's clans and say them in Keres.

Conscious Discipline: Power of Acceptance .



## Achievements & Milestones

- A.L- Making small sentences
- A.P-Being more open with classmates and making sentences
- D.E-Walking on her own
- R.P- Walking on her own
- A.C-Walking on his own
- M-N.L-Making small sentences and becoming more open with classmates
- R.E- Walking on her own
- N.V- Walking on her own

## Important Reminders

- Check folders for any flyers and information
- Read and fill out reading logs , please call to let us know if child will be absent
- Parent tip(s): Be patient and understanding, during separation.
- Offer extra cuddles, reassurance, and saying good-bye.

## Parent Recognition

Thank you to our parents for bringing their children to school.



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## Reflection

For March our theme was rocks. The kids enjoyed looking at and going to find different rocks. They even got to paint their own pet rock. April was Easter activities and the kids had an Easter egg hunt. We also had some activities they were able to do with their families in the classroom. Our Nutrition activity for this month was yogurt parfaits and the kids really enjoyed this one. STEAM was exploring soil. The kids got to pretty much play with dirt LOL.



## May

For the month of May our CC theme will be balls. This is always a fun one. We will let the kids play with balls of various shapes, sizes, colors and textures. We will identify certain balls and what they are used for such as sports balls. We will conduct some activities and games using a variety of balls.

This month for our cultural lifeways we will talk about planting. We will talk about the types of things that are planted and how we use them in our everyday lives. We will also learn about our Native people and how they still plant to this day.

Our color of the Month for May is White/Black.

STEAM for May will be Insects. With the weather warming up we are sure to see some insects outdoors.

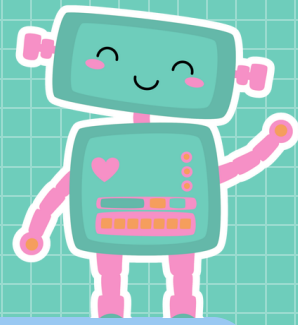
Nutrition this month will be Mini Pizzas.

Our classroom is almost all starting potty training and are starting to talk more.

Parent reminders: Please check your child's backpack on a daily basis for activities, notes etc. Also please remember to sign your child's reading log when reading to them. Dress your child accordingly the mornings are still a bit cold.

# Turquoise Springs

## NEWSLETTER



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**Birthday shout out to our friend K.R. on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. May you be blessed with many more birthdays.**



**Shout out to our Mom's, Grandma's, Aunt's, Sister's, all who play a role in being a mother figure to us, your love and guidance is very much appreciated, thank you for all that you do!!**

### Reflect on April

Creative Curriculum: Rocks. We took a walk to pick some medium sized rocks, we brought them back to clean them off. The next day we spent the day outside painting the rocks. Every day that we walk out to the playground the kids will point to all the colorful rocks.

Cultural Lifeways: Easter Activities. Again we talked about everyone's clans, looking at the pictures, letting the children hold the pictures of their clans, pointing to the pictures on the wall. We had a day where we touched the ingredients to the easter pudding as I mixed the big batch, everyone that was here that day was able to take the pudding home.

Conscious Discipline: Power of Intention. The goal is to help children reflect on how they feel about the consequence and the impact of their choices. It says, "Feel your feelings. Let your feelings guide you. You can handle this." This enables children to take personal responsibility for their actions and provides the intrinsic motivation to choose new, better strategies in the future. -Conscious Discipline Book

Health / Nutrition Activities: Yogurt Parfaits. A yummy treat that the children got to take as they were headed home for the day because we did our activity just before we laid down for nap.



### May

Creative Curriculum: Balls. We will have the opportunity to play with the playground balls. Talk about the different sizes, the texture, and of course have fun playing with many different balls that we have in the classroom.

Cultural Lifeways: Planting. Along with observing the soil, we will talk about all the things that we can plant by looking at the pictures of seed packets. Give the children the opportunity to place some seeds into the soil, and try our best to give the plants water and sunlight to see if anything grows.

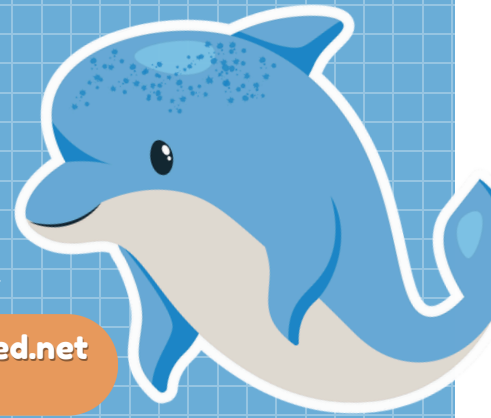
Conscious Discipline: Power of Acceptance. When we use the Power of Acceptance with children, we validate their inner world. We send the message, "I see you and I hear you." We respond to the child as they are, not as we believe they should be. -Dr. Becky Bailey

Health / Nutrition Activities: Mini Pizza. Another hands-on activity that we will get to enjoy eating after we put it together.

STEAM: Insects. We will try our best to search for insects to catch, that we can keep for a couple of days to observe. We will also observe some plastic toy insects.



# Chinatown NEWSLETTER



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## Exploring Balls in May

Our young children are often curious by the simple yet intriguing nature of balls. Their interest can be seen in different playful activities, and usually lead to a deeper understanding of the world around them. This month, we are going to look into how our children can develop in cognitive skills, communication, literacy, and both large muscle and small muscle development.

We will look into the different types of balls; similarities and differences between the balls (materials, size & weight, and purpose); and, lastly, the composition of balls (what they are made of). We will encourage children to create their own balls by using household materials like yarn, aluminum foil, tape, and possibly paper mâché.

By exploring the world of balls, children can satisfy their curiosity and engage their understanding of movement, materials, and crafting. Engaging with balls not only promotes physical activity but also encourages creativity and learning through play.

With guidance and support, children can learn to use balls appropriately both indoors and outdoors. By setting clear limits and expectations, we can ensure that playtime is both safe and educational.

By creating a safe and supportive environment, we can help children explore the world of balls in a way that is both fun and educational, promoting their physical, cognitive, and social development.



## Tips for Outdoor Play

When preparing for outdoor play, it's important to ensure that children have everything they need to enjoy their time safely and comfortably. Here are a few essential items and considerations:

### Essential Items to Bring

1. **Labeled Water Bottle:** Due to the weather, it's crucial to keep children hydrated. Please bring a labeled water bottle that we can keep in the classroom. This helps us ensure each child drinks enough water throughout the day.
2. **Sun Protection:** A hat is helpful to protect children's eyes from the sun. This will prevent discomfort and shield them from harmful UV rays.
3. **Appropriate Clothing:** Dress your children in messy play clothes that you don't mind getting stained by dirt or other materials. Outdoor play often involves exploring and getting hands-on, which can lead to dirty clothes.
4. **Extra Clothing:** Pack extra clothes as a backup. If children get very dirty or wet during play, it's handy to have a clean set ready for them to change into.

Thank you for your cooperation and for making outdoor play a fun and safe experience for your children!

## Milestones & Highlights

In April, we found it necessary to redirect children to following directions, using their words to say how they feel, and to learn about natural consequences to their actions. This initiative was particularly important as we welcomed a new child, ME, into our group, who is younger than the other children. When ME first joined our class and, like all transitions, it takes time for a child to adjust to a new environment. Initially, ME experienced some challenges with separation anxiety, which is quite common for children when they first start a new routine away from their family. He has already become part of the Chinatown Family and has quickly adapted to entering the classroom with few tears and more smiles!

Parents, we will be spending more time outdoors, please read these tips to prepare your children for the next few months.

## Exciting Updates on Our Little Learners

We are thrilled to celebrate the May birthdays of our wonderful little adventurers, NP and KG! Both turning 3, they are on the brink of new and exciting experiences, like possibly riding the bus soon. It's a delightful milestone that offers them a sense of independence and the joy of exploring the world beyond their immediate surroundings.

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Hello Paguate Classroom Families,

Oh! My Goodness! We are already in the Month of May. We do hope you all are good, safe and happy that we are getting close to the end of the school year.

April came and went, how time flies! As we get the month of May started, we will be getting ready to Celebrate Mother's Day and learn about planting.

For our Cultural Life Ways, we will learn the scope of planting with corn. If any one in the family plants, encourage to share with your children.

This Month for May, we will be learning about planting corn and the process, along with the usage of corn. The color of the month is, "White and Black". We, teachers in Paguate classroom are very happy and proud of your children learning the Keres language. Please, continue to encourage your child to say the Keres prayer during family meal times. Naming the colors and counting, along with naming basic items around the house. They, are also able to say our morning prayer to get our day started, knowing the direction to face, when asked. The simple daily basic Keres words are used daily. Ask your child what they are learning, continuing using the language at home. What little you know is a lot for your child, to learn from.

For the remaining school year, as mentioned last month, we will be focusing on our letters, numbers and continue practicing our daily classroom safety rules, classroom routines, using and implementing our learning skills and getting ready for the next level of learning. The children are starting to write their name, by coping their name when seen. Children are able to recognize some shapes, letters, colors, name, and numbers. We, will also continue practicing using our Creative Curriculum, Cultural Life Ways, and our Conscious Discipline.

The Creative Curriculum, this month, we are going to be exploring "Wheels" and for our STEAM, we will be exploring, "Insects". Look out for the Classroom Calendar with fun Activities to do with your child this month. Cultural Life Ways, learning about, what we can do with WHEELS and what kind of Insects live in our homes, communities and where we travel.

Thank you, Parents/ Guardians, for sending your children back to school. We, are looking forward to an awesome finish. Thank you for your support from home, please continue to support your child when they have rough days. Weather is getting warmer, please dress your child according to the weather. Please, remember that your child is always running, jumping and climbing, they need to wear tennis shoes. We, want our children to be safe and not get hurt, due to tripping, toes getting smashed, or shoes falling off. Encourage to drink lots of water. If not all- ready doing, please send a water bottle for your child, now that the weather is getting much warmer.

Reminder: please call the school, leave a message, email teachers or the school if your child is not attending for the day or at Dr. Appt., so your child will be excused for the day. Please, check your child's Back Pack daily, there are notes or information that you need to know, to keep you in the Loop. Thank you all for your support and assistance with your children, we are looking forward to finishing strong and be ready for the next learning level.

Paguete Classroom Teachers

# VILLAGE CLASSROOM



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Greetings all,

Wow, we have reached the month of May! We only have this month and next month left of school and it will be summer break. This year has already gone by waaaayyy too fast.

**Curriculum:** For this month's curriculum, we will be learning about wheels. Don't worry we won't be letting our friends get behind the wheel and start driving. HAHA! We will be learning about many different types of wheels from tires to Ferris wheels and so much more. Our friends will be able to expand their understanding of wheels beyond the tires on a car or the bus. We get to discover the wide variety of wheels at school and within the community.

**Celebrations:** We would like to thank you families and friends for participating and showing your support during our Autism Awareness by coming to school wearing your crazy socks, your tie dye clothes, your favorite color, your favorite sports team and wearing blue. We enjoyed seeing your support.

Another celebration we would like to acknowledge is our friends doing their duty by helping clean up around the front part of our campus. Our friends were so shocked to see how much trash they picked but they were also proud that they were being helpers to clean up our campus. Pictures will be posted in classroom.

Thank you families for sending your child with their robots to share with the class. We loved seeing the creativity you all put together.

J. Valdez 5/6

Happy Birthday, Friend!!!!



## Our Robot Friends



## Reminders

Families, please continue to check your child's backpack/folder for any notes from teachers or program, daily activities planned on calendars, etc. Continue reading to your child every night.

Please submit any In-Kind forms and signed incident/illness report the same week they have been sent home. This give teachers enough time to submit forms to front office.

Please keep children home if they are experiencing fever, coughing, and runny nose.

With the weather getting warmer and we are spending more time outdoors going to the playground or taking walks, we kindly ask to send your child with a water bottle and a hat.

# Casa Blanca CLASSROOM

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## Greetings Families

We are getting closer and closer to the summer months and the end of the school year. It is amazing how fast it seems the time is moving. Mrs. Pedro and I would like to express our gratitude for letting us be your child's teacher. It has been a privilege and a pleasure seeing your children grow physically, emotionally, and mentally. They all have one more year left of preschool before moving on to kindergarten. So let's all make the effort to keep encouraging your child to learn and keep learning. Elementary school is just around the corner!

As we leave the month of April, we leave the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle study. It has been an interesting study. The children looked in-depth and learned about trash, reusable items, and how to recognize what to recycle. We learned that by not using too many paper towels or too much soap from the dispenser creates trash. We also learned that trash is items that we can no longer use anymore.

One of our outings was to collect trash around our campus. We collected mostly on the east side of campus where the wind blew the trash, but it was minimal. We were proud that our campus was really clean and mostly free from trash. Thank you to Ms. Loni Concho and Ms. Carol Day for making sure our campus looks its best.

We also attended a small workshop provided by our Family Services Provider, Kathleen Herrera. She demonstrated ways to reuse materials such as pine cones, toilet and paper towel rolls, and plastic containers to make bird feeders. We used these ideas and materials to make a bird feeder out of pine cones, peanut butter, and bird seed. The children must have been seriously tempted to eat the peanut butter. I know I certainly was.

As of this printing, we are just now getting to know what recycling is about. All the items that you have sent to us will be taken to the recycling bin that circulates around the villages. Unless you would like the boxes back, they will be recycled.

As we move forward to May, we will begin a new study on Wheels. This is one of the new studies that has been implemented. I am looking forward to find out what we will be studying. Obviously, it will involve wheels and the mechanics of a wheel.

On the cultural side of our month, we will begin to do more planting to put outside our classroom. If you or your family members have experience with gardening or planting in fields, your expertise is more than welcome in the classroom. You can contact us here at the school to do a demonstration. We would like to plant simple plants outside our classroom such as corn, watermelon and beans. If you would like to volunteer with that as well, again make contact with us here at school.

In the month of May, we would like to thank all our moms, aunts, grandmothers, and sisters who take care of our children. Mother's Day is always a special holiday, since it honors people who provide life for all of us. We do appreciate everything you do for your children, your family and all that you do for our school.

As we get closer to summer and the end of the school year, please remember that your children's safety is still our main concern. In a classroom of 13 children, accidents and injuries do happen. We will continue to try and prevent any injuries from happening. If they do occur, we will make sure to notify you of any incidents. Also, if any injuries or illnesses should happen at home, please make sure to contact us to make us aware of their injuries. Make sure your children are wearing the proper footwear. Oversize shoes can be dangerous getting in and out of the bus, on the playground, and in the classroom. A friendly reminder, open toed shoes, hee-lies, and Crocs are not allowed in school. We will make contact with families to bring another pair of shoes for your child.

As the weather gets warmer, please make sure to provide a water bottle for your child. It makes for a smooth transition once we return to the classroom from the playground. It also makes for a cleaner and spill free environment.

Mrs. Pedro and I want to extend what a privilege and honor it is to know and help your child move forward with their learning in academics, emotional, and mental capacities. If you have any concerns or questions for us, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you again and have a great month of May.



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Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

WOW! May is already here; we only have a short time before children will be transitioning to kindergarten! It is a joyful time, but let me say that for us teachers who have been with your children, some since they were babies, it can be very emotional. We have developed relationships over the years with your children, and we only want the best for them always. They are so ready to take this big, exciting step!

## Learning Focus



### Creative Curriculum:

In April, the class took a field trip to Sprouts Market in Albuquerque for the March theme of groceries. The children had a scavenger hunt to find veggies, bread, dairy, and frozen foods! The children had a fun time. Thank you, parents, for attending with your child! For May and half of June, the theme will be Getting Ready for Kindergarten. As the school year is drawing to a close. It's time to say heartfelt goodbyes to the peers, reflect on what they have learned, and help them transition to their next exciting journey: going to kindergarten. But change can be hard. To help ease the transition and give the children the tools and strategies they need to feel confident and set up for success, we will have the children share their thoughts and feelings about kinder, say good bye to their classmates, and teachers, reflect on the ways they have grown and changed throughout the year, learn and practice new routines, rules, and expectations for kinder, discover who works at and elementary school and how to ask adults for help and celebrate their final days of pre-K with their peers, families, and teachers.

### Nutrition:

The nutrition activity for May is mini pizzas. The children will learn to make their pizza with the following ingredients:

- wheat crackers
- pizza sauce
- pizza toppings (mushrooms, olives, bell peppers, ham, etc.)
- shredded low-fat cheese

### Cultural Lifeways:

Children will learn the process of planting corn and the many uses of corn. Vocabulary: planting, field, farmer, water, grinding stone, and corn meal. Color of the month: white and black.

## Birthdays

May 6 - S.C. will be turning 5 years old!!  
Happy Birthday, S.C.



## Student achievements/milestones:

Welcome to the 100 Club! We have 5 children who can rote count to 100. We have four children who can count between 70 and 80, and are working hard to move up the number line. We have five children who can count between 10 and 30, and are working hard to move up the number line. The children are getting the hang of simple math problems, such as addition and subtraction, while using manipulatives to solve the problems.

The children are learning CVC words (constant-vowel-constant, e.g., cat, bed, pig, dog), which will help build foundational reading skills by mastering blending individual letter sounds (phonemic awareness) without overloading their memory, build confidence in reading independently, and boost fluency. All the children are eager to learn the CVC words.

## Parent Reminders

- PLEASE send an empty water bottle, the children can fill it at school with water only. We have had to empty some water bottles that had juice in them.
- Please check your child's folder/bag DAILY, there are still flyers and notes that are still in their folder. Thank you! 😊
- Read to your child for at least 10-15 minutes. Don't forget to write it on their Reading Log! 😊
- PLEASE send your child in a light jacket for the cool mornings and a hat for the sunny days ahead.

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For the month of April, we planned an Easter egg hunt for the children, and it went great! They all had fun and even won prizes. Huge Thank You to the four families who helped hide the eggs! 😊 We appreciate it! Last but not least, we finally went on our grocery store field trip to Sprouts. While we were there, we had families do a scavenger hunt and it was nice to see them bond and have fun. They had to look for things like cheese, milk, a cash register, Sprouts worker, the words “Deli”, “Butcher”, “Bakery”, and other items.

Towards the middle of April, we talked about seeds and their growing process. We also played a matching game with the seeds and the package they came in, looked at seeds under a magnified glass, and saved seeds from the fruits we would get from breakfast or lunch. Teachers purchased different kinds of fruit such as mangos, apples, dragon fruit, watermelon, avocado, pomegranate, etc. to let children know that there are different kinds of seeds.

At the end of April, children went over to the Laguna Elementary School to experience the kindergarten classes. They met the kindergarten teachers as well as other staff members. We had lunch and came back to school. Hopefully this experience will ease new school jitters.

Also, thank you to the families who came to both Transition Ceremony meetings! Your ideas are important and we are looking forward to how the decorations come out! We want this to be memorable for both you and your child as they head to kindergarten! Happy dance, happy dance! Just a reminder, parents if you should need any materials, PLEASE let us know right away. Thank you again! 😊

Events in May:

May 6: At home activity- Sun catcher (tissue paper & contact paper)

May 8: Mother’s Day event- Flower pot decorating TBD

May 25: NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day



# DEC DIRECTOR



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Dear Families,

Welcome to the month of May! As we move toward the end of the school year, this month is filled with growth, celebrations, and opportunities to reflect on accomplishments. We appreciate your continued partnership and support as we finish the year strong.

End-of-Year Activities: Preparation for class celebrations and student recognition events will take place throughout the month. Please watch for letters from teachers and staff with specific details.

We have our promotion ceremony on June 24, 2026 at 8:30 am at LES. Thank you to all of the parents that have put forth so many wonderful ideas. This is going to be a great event. Please remember that we need parents to assist with decorations and cleanup.

Talk with students about their favorite accomplishments this year or what they like about school and their classrooms. When parents are consistent with home routines to support coming to school and attendance, parent engagement activities supports your child's learning. Begin planning for summer learning, reading, and enrichment activities when your child is home.

Family Engagement & Support Strong Family-School Partnerships, help students succeed. We encourage you to please attend **Parent Nights scheduled on 5/6/26 & 5/27/26**; on **May 8, 2026** we invite all moms for our **Mother's Day Dance** (flyers will be sent home with details). On **5/18/26 & 5/28/26** we invite all parents to **Program Governance Training** via Zoom with the Office of Head Start from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Staying connected through school communications is so important, please let us know if your child is going to be absent, and if you need any support from us. Please remember that we want all parents to feel free to reach out to teachers or staff with questions or concerns.

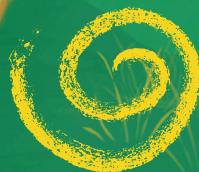
Participate in family events when possible. If you need support or resources, please don't hesitate to contact us. May is a time to celebrate: Teacher Appreciation – Thank you to our educators for their dedication and care. Promoting Grades – Congratulations on reaching important milestones.

Your commitment and resilience make our community strong.

Thank you for a wonderful school year. We are proud of our students and grateful for the support of our families. We look forward to celebrating successes and closing the year on a positive note.

Wishing you a safe, joyful, and successful month of May!

Sincerely, Dr. Carla A Spaniel





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Greetings Families and Friends,  
I hope this finds you all doing well and staying healthy.

First of all, I want to thank all the parents, relatives and friends that attended and participated in our Easter Pudding Demonstration, Easter Egg Hunts, Family Engagement Nights, Transition Parent Meetings, Autism Awareness week, At-Home Activities and Reading Logs. These are all great ways to interact with your children and to boost our In-Kind match dollars. I appreciate you taking the time to participate and enjoy learning fun with your child. We look forward to providing more upcoming opportunities as they are developed.

I also want to thank parents for your assistance when we are short bus drivers. Due to the length of the routes, when we are short a driver, bus #1 will be 50 minutes late. I send notes and reminders ahead of time if possible. I contact parents to find out who will be riding the bus or who will be brought to school. This is very helpful to shorten the late route with unnecessary stops. I thank parents that have decided to bring their children in on time at 8:00 am to limit the disruption in their routine.

Upcoming Events for the month of May:

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The school year is winding down quickly, please take advantage of the time we have left.

In closing I'd like to Congratulate all the Graduates of 2026. Wishing you all a Joyous Cinco De Mayo, a Blessed Mother's Day and a Happy Memorial Day. As always if you need assistance, feel free to contact me.

Iris Gallegos, Program Assistant

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Preschool Head Start – 63 children enrolled

Early Head Start – 32 children enrolled; 4 children enrolled in home base

Classroom attendance for the month of March (for April newsletter, the number reported was for February 2026)

Paguate classroom – 89%

Village classroom – 83%

Sunnyside classroom – 1 child had perfect attendance

Turquoise Springs classroom – 1 child had perfect attendance

Encinal classroom – 2 children had perfect attendance

Paguate classroom – 4 children had perfect attendance . . . CONGRATS!!!

Seama classroom – 1 child had perfect attendance

Village classroom – 2 children had perfect attendance

ROUND OF APPLAUSE – to parents for sending their children to school everyday!

Reminder: Parents please call the school to let school staff know if your child will be absent for the day.

Applications for PY 2026-2027 will be accepted SOON . . .

Returning children – a letter will be sent home listing what documents will be needed for enrollment for PY 2026-2027

NEW STUDENTS – The following documents **MUST** be turned in with PY 2026-2027 application: birth certificate, immunization record, well child checkup for age at time of enrollment and any court documents pertaining to guardianship.

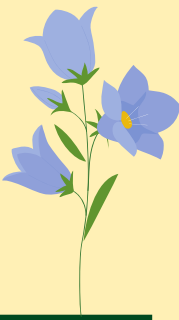
Child will NOT be placed in a classroom until all necessary documentation is received.

Any questions, please call me at 505-552-6544, ext. 5004, program cell: 505-235-9286 or email: [p.charlie@lagunaed.net](mailto:p.charlie@lagunaed.net)

I would like to wish ALL mothers and grandmothers a VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



# EDUCATION



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## Family Journey Portfolio

### Celebrate Your Family, Culture, and Stories

A Family Journey Portfolio is a special way to collect and share your traditions, daily life, and languages. It honors your culture and helps keep your stories alive.

### Why You'll Enjoy It

- Celebrate your family's traditions. Capture what your family does every day and the special moments you want to remember.
- Share your culture with your child. Help your child learn their culture by seeing and experiencing it at home and at school.
- Create lasting memories. Keep drawings, photos, stories, songs, and keepsakes in one place as your child grows.
- Connect generations. Work with your child, parents, grandparents, and elders to pass traditions to the next generation.

### How Children Can Help

Children are at the heart of the portfolio. They can:

- Draw pictures
- Take photos
- Write or tell stories
- Record songs, dances, or ceremonies

Their creativity makes the portfolio unique and personal.

### What You Can Include

You can add anything that shows your life, history, and traditions, such as:

- Artwork, stories, and poems
- Photos, audio, or video clips
- Family journals or writings
- Mementos or objects with cultural meaning

### Themes You Can Explore

Use the portfolio to explore your family's culture and values. Possible themes include:

- Honoring Mother Earth
- Ancestors and Elders
- Language and Storytelling
- Foods, Crops, and Food Traditions
- Cultural Practices

You can also choose themes that reflect local culture, seasonal activities, or community events. Sharing your portfolio helps keep traditions strong and keeps culture alive.

### A Portfolio for Every Family

The Family Journey Portfolio is fun and meaningful for every family. It's a way to celebrate who you are, capture memories, and connect generations.

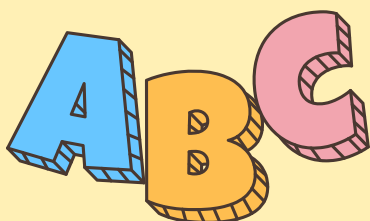
Start your Family Journey Portfolio for your child and family!



## Important Dates

20th | Nutrition Activity

| Family Journey Portfolio



## Mini Pizzas

### Ingredients

- 24 whole wheat crackers
- 4 tablespoons pizza sauce
- Pizza toppings (such as diced vegetables like mushrooms, olives, or peppers, or cooked and cubed beef, chicken, or ham)
- 1½ cups shredded low-fat cheese

### Directions

1. Spread each cracker with ½ teaspoon of pizza sauce.
2. Put the pizza topping on top of the sauce.
3. Sprinkle the pizza topping with the low-fat cheese.
4. Put the crackers on a microwave-safe plate.
5. Microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes, until the cheese melts. Before serving, check to make sure that the cheese is not too hot.

### Makes 12 servings


**Safety tip:** To prevent burns and other injuries, an adult should dice ingredients and supervise use of the microwave.

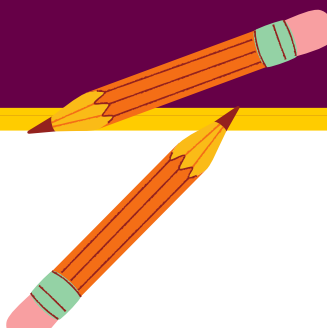


# Disabilities Services

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Information:	Tips
<p><b><u>How our Early Childhood Special Education Services Support Children with Developmental Delays</u></b></p> <p>Early Childhood is a powerful window for learning and growth. For young children with developmental delays, the right support these early years can make a remarkable difference. Our DEC special education program services are designed to meet each child where they are and help them build the skills they need to thrive.</p> <p>We begin by creating individual plans that focus on each child's strengths and needs. Services are merged into the child's daily experiences, making learning natural, engaging and meaningful.</p> <p>Families are important partners in this process. We work closely with families to share strategies, celebrate progress and ensure that learning continues at home.</p> <p>Most importantly, our program believes in the potential of every child. With early intervention, expert support and a nurturing environment, all children, including those with developmental delays gain tools they need to grow, participate and succeed – both now and in the years ahead.</p> <p>Please contact the Support Services Coordinator, or your child's teacher if you have any questions /concerns about your child's development</p> 	<p><b><u>Play-Based Ways to Explore Early Math (Ages 1 –5)</u></b></p> <p><b>Ages 1-2 Math through sensory play &amp; simple routines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counting tiny actions: one clap, two claps, one stomp</li> <li>Simple comparisons: big ball, small ball,</li> <li>Object grouping: put all the blocks in one pile and all the stuffed animals in another</li> <li>Routine Math talk: "You have two shoes", "we need one cup"</li> </ul> <p><b>Ages 2-3 Math through sorting, matching &amp; counting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sorting by color or size: socks, toys, snack pieces</li> <li>Counting things, "lets count your blocks," "how many crackers do you have"</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Ages 4-5 Math through reasoning, storytelling and problem-solving</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"the dinosaurs need 5 leaves, how many do we have?"</li> <li>Number hunts: find numbers on signs, clocks, books or packaging</li> </ul> <p>Families can weave early math into moments they're having together, and kids this age absorb it.</p>



# FAMILY SERVICE PROVIDER

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Family Service Provider  
EHS Home Base

## **PARENTS, GUARDIANS, GRANDPARENTS.**

FYI.....If you are receiving or planning to apply for Food Stamps(SNAP), there are new requirements. Give Christina Sarracino at the Benefits office a call, 552-5673, for more information. You may also go to the Website, SNAP.

## **REMINDERS:**

1. DEC will still be in school for 2 more months. Continue to call the school or teacher, when your child will be absent. We encourage "EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE".
2. Days are getting warmer and warmer. Send a water bottle with your child.
3. BEAWARE of crawling critters on the ground, in the grass and playground equipment. Shake your child's clothes out, before entering your home or vehicle.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY:**

- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Dance
- May 10 – Mother's Day
- May 14 – EHS Home Base Group Social
- May 25 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- May – School completions, LES/LMS/L-A HS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!  
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR YOUR  
FAMILY!!  
ENJOY YOUR DAY!





PLEASE JOIN US



MOTHER'S DAY

*Dance*

Date : May 8, 2026  
in the PRC

Early Head Start  
Dance Time: 9:00 am to 9:45 am  
10:00 to 11:00 Classroom Activity

Preschool Head Start  
Dance Time  
10:00 am to 10:45 am

*Lunch Provided @ 11:00 am,  
First Come First Served*

