



# THE HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Love is the rule in our school!”

May 2008

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May...the last month of school. Can you believe how quickly this school year has gone by? We've enjoyed watching the children grow and learn together!

Summer is just around the corner. Please remember us for your summer child care needs. Our center will offer full time and part time daycare Monday through Friday, 7:30am – 5:30pm effective June 1, 2008. We also will have a Summer Fun Program the month of July on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration for this will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. A calendar of events and fee schedule will be sent home with your child that day, also. Hope your child will be able to join us in all the fun activities and field trips we have planned!

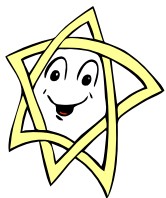
The following are important dates to remember in May –

- May 2 - Preschool closed for Parent/Teacher conferences.  
Child care will be open for full time students.  
Child care will also be available for our conferencing parents during their scheduled conference time.
- May 16 - In-house school carnival  
9:30am – 11:30am
- May 26 - Memorial Day – Center Closed
- May 30 - Spring Program – 9:30am  
Summer vacation begins at the conclusion of the program for the Mother's Day Out and the the 3 year old classes. Last day of school for the 4 year old classes is June 13<sup>th</sup>.



NOTE - Child care will remain open all summer except July 4<sup>th</sup> when the center will close in observance of the holiday.

Norma Topping, Director



### TREMENDOUS TWO and a HALF'S

This month our class has really been enjoying all the colors and wonders of spring. Our shape this month has been a rectangle and we have explored the color purple with grapes, Jell-O jigglers, and even a purple people eater. Our class also had an addition of 5 very fuzzy wiggly living things! Hmmm – ask your child about them! We will be watching them very closely as they transform over the coming month. Parents, please check out our bulletin board on the wall outside our classroom for lovely artwork and important information about our class. In the month of May we will be learning about the many colors of the rainbow and I see bubble painting in the near future! What fun we will have!

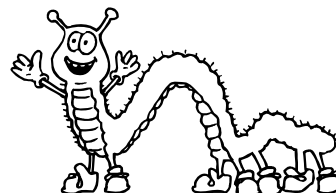
Mrs. Debbie Wheelless



### THRILLING THREE'S

Our class has continued with the learning of our numbers and letters this month. We are looking forward to our field trip to Bluebird Gap Farm. We will also be learning about “under the sea” creatures. Our class would like to wish a “Happy Birthday” to Margaret Lively, Ella Hampton, and Reese Morris.

Mrs. Debbie Kravitz  
Mrs. Ann Byrum





## FABULOUS FOURS

April has truly been a busy month. We continued our “Doors” program learning about the great outdoors and all of the creatures living around us. Soon we will be growing caterpillars and vegetables in our classroom.

We celebrated the “Week of the Young Child” with some special treats and appreciation for our children. We ended the month with a wonderful carnival. All of the children had a great time. A big “Thank You” to all of the parents who made this special time possible.

Our students have begun learning to blend letter sounds to make words. They have even been reading some sentences! Way to go!

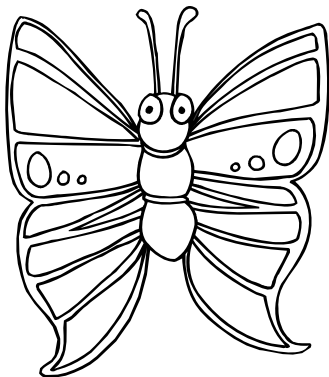
In the month of May we will have a field trip to explore more nature and begin learning about the world of water in our doors program.

Mrs. Kate Radermacher  
Mrs. Michele Aravich



Let's Read it Together!

What animals live with people?  
Make a list, draw or cut out pictures of animals that would be fun to live with your family.



Will  
you  
color  
this  
butterfly?

## FANTASTIC FOUR'S

April has been a busy month for the Fantastic Fours Class. The book fair was the first of many things going at our school. We would like to thank everyone who donated a book to our class. We have read most of them and loved every word.

Our “Doors to Discovery” curriculum has turned our class into backyard detectives. We have been looking for treasures in our yards, going on scavenger hunts, painted butterflies and made funny fat frogs. We have also tried our hands at growing “Horrible Harry” grass, planting carrot, radish, and green onion seeds. I think we will change our names to Fantastic Farmers!

Next on our calendar was the “Week of the Young Child”. Our week started off with an ice cream social. I think everyone had their favorite topping! We enjoyed having our parents join us for chapel on Wednesday and music on Friday.

Our month came to a close with our famous school carnival! What a fun filled day we had! All the games and goodies made the day special. Thank you to all our parents who continue to participate in our school activities. They would not be possible without you.

The month of May takes us to our last field trip of the school year. We will be taking a walk on the paths through the marshland and have a tour of the beach at Grandview. Looks like another busy month for us!

Mrs. Susan Minter  
Mrs. Maria Travis