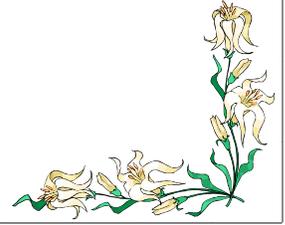
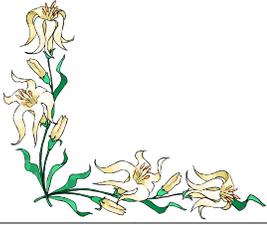


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IF I HAD MY CHILD TO RAISE OVER AGAIN

*If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power and
more about the power of love.*



CONFIRMATION SUMMER AND FALL



If you need to change your child's schedule for **summer or fall**, kindly let Jeannette know as soon as possible. Now is the time to reserve the days you need and/or change the days registered in all programs. Thank you!

**WE WISH ALL BREEZY KNOLL MOMS
A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY.
SIT BACK, AND ENJOY THE DAY!**

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to Sophia in the Pre-K group !

Q: What did one icicle say to the other icicle before leaving?

A: Bye-cicle!



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 13, Sun. Happy Mother's Day
May 15, Tues. Blood Drive 2:00pm - 5:00pm
May 28, Mon. Memorial Day Breezy closed



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are all enjoying spending more time outside. The Pre-K children especially enjoyed watching the classroom caterpillars hatch from their cocoons into pretty butterflies. They released them on a warm, sunny day at the end of April. Two butterflies have hatched in the Honeybees' classroom. They are being fed watermelon :-). The Hummingbirds' caterpillars are still snug in their cocoons. We'll keep you posted.

This month, *some* of the goals we will focus on are: to retell parts of a story with prompts and demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of a story, to pursue questions through simple investigations, to investigate changes in materials and cause-effect relationships, to demonstrate increasing strength and stamina in movement activities, and to select a variety of tools to approach tasks.

FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS/SUMMER ATTENDANCE

To help us plan our staffing for the summer months, please complete the form below and return it to Jeannette's mailbox. **We appreciate your effort to help us with scheduling.**

Child's Name _____ Group _____ Date _____

Please note that you are responsible for payment for tuition even if your child is absent due to illness, personal, or vacation. The fees paid reserve your child's enrollment in the center. (PARENT HANDBOOK p. 1)

VACATION WEEKS MY CHILD WILL NOT ATTEND BREEZY KNOLL:

June 18 – 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 23 – 27	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 25 – 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 30 – Aug. 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 2 – 6	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Wed. 7/4/12	August 6 – 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 9 – 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 13 – 17	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Mon. 8/13/12
July 16 – 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 20 – 24	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri. 8/24/12



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mark your calendars! Kindergarten graduation will be on **Friday evening, June 15**, from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. We look forward to your family joining us. **Graduates need to be at school no later than 5:30 pm.** Thank you!

Mother's Day event: May 11 10:00-11:00 am

Father's Day event: June 1 10:00-11:00 am

Magician visit: Friday, June 1, at 10:00 am

Dramatic Play

Hawaiian Vacation

Science/Social Studies

Insects

Plant life/growth

Math

Time/Money management

Language Arts/Reading

Onsets/rhymes

Word families/poems

Sight words

Guided reading

Classroom books

Poetry

Writing about feelings



KINDEGARTEN REGISTRATON

If your child is attending Breezy Knoll's Kindergarten in the fall of 2012, please return all necessary paperwork as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please see Jeannette. Thank you for your prompt attention.

THE HOT OR COLD GAME from Parents Magazine

How to play: Choose one child to be the "Finder." Send him out of the room while the rest of the players hide an object, like a red ball, somewhere in the room. Ask the Finder to come back and look for the ball, while the other players shout out hints: "You're getting hotter" or "you're getting colder." Play until the object is found, then give everyone a turn as the Finder.

What it teaches: Cooperation. This game puts the emphasis on encouraging other players, not competing against them, so preschoolers learn to help each other out.

Parent tip: Try asking children to speak louder or softer depending on how close or far away the Finder is from the hidden object.



HEALTH TIP from healthychildren.org.

Sports drinks contain extra calories that children don't need and could contribute to obesity and tooth decay. It's better for children to drink water during and after exercise.



LEARN THROUGH PLAY From Fun Family Activities: Science

Help your child become a scientific thinker: observe, collect, describe, and record.

A Shadow Hunt : On a sunny day, take your child outside and look for shadows. Have your child find their own shadow. Move around and watch your shadows change. Try standing in your shadow. Then, stand in the light. Ask your child to describe what happens.



Now, look for as many shadows as possible. Observe the shadows made by birds, trees, signs, people, animals, and flowers. Ask your child questions such as, "What has a shadow? When do you see it?"

SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP

Our plans for summer camp are nearly complete and will be sent home sometime this month.

OPTIONAL LUNCH MILK/JUICE MONEY

If you would like Breezy Knoll to serve milk/juice to your child at lunchtime, please enclose 25cents for each day of the month your child will receive milk/juice. Please place money in an envelope and drop in tuition mailbox.

Child's Name _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Milk/juice money enclosed for month of (please circle): Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec



FUNDRAISER

We **thank you all** for your support in our fundraising efforts. The Breezy Knoll proceeds from the Gold Party were \$1258.79! We were so pleased that our families were able to walk away with a check in hand on that very afternoon! The money will be used to purchase outdoor playground equipment. We are now offering Otis Spunkmeyer frozen cookie dough for our spring fundraiser. With the proceeds, we will bring in-house "field trips" for all during the summer. We **all** appreciate your continued support!

TODDLER NEWS



Spring has sprung, and we are excited for warm, sunny days, blooming flowers, and singing birds. Although it has been a little cool, we are enjoying spending more time outside! Just a few reminders:

- Please leave all toys at home. A stuffed animal for quiet time is all that is needed from home.
- Remember to take home quiet time belongings every week for washing.
- Please return bag with a change of clothes suitable for the warmer weather. Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This month, we wish a Happy Birthday to:
 A.J. C. (5/1), Zachary C. (5/2), Christopher B. (5/7), Lucas S. (5/9), Savannah E. and Russell F. (5/10), Evan K. (5/13), Jacob S. (5/15), Julia E.. (5/18), Seamus D. (5/23), Logan M. (5/25), Leo C. (5/26), and Austyn H. and Zoe Z. (5/28).

REMINDERS

- Please be sure your child has a set of spare clothes here at BK that is appropriate for the weather.
- To help us with summer staffing, please return the form attached regarding your vacation time.Thanks!
- When dropping off or picking up your child and you expect to be more than a few minutes, please try to park in an area which will not block other cars. Often, parents are in a hurry, and it is frustrating to be blocked in and unable to leave.Thanks!

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS

Garden Poem

Here is my garden.
I'll rake it with care.
And then some seeds
I'll plant in there.
The sun will shine.
The rain will fall.
And my garden will grow
straight and tall.



Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive.
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where
nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them
Come out of the hive.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, BZZZZZZZZZZZZ!



Happy Mother's Day

(tune Yankee Doodle)
I'll pick some flowers
for my Mom.
To make a nice bouquet.
I'll give her a smile and a hug
And say, "Happy Mother's Day!"



Plant Some Seeds

(tune: Pop Goes the Weasel)
I dig and dig and dig and dig.
And I plant some seeds.
I rake and rake and rake and rake.
And I pull some weeds.
I wait and watch and watch and wait.
And very soon I know
The seeds will eat and drink and sprout.
And then they'll start to grow!



May Flowers

April brought us showers.
But it is plain to see.
That May will bring us flowers
That are pretty as can be!

Rain on the Green Grass

Rain on the green grass
And rain on the tree.
Rain on the rooftop
But not on me!

A Caterpillar's Song

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little caterpillar, green and fat.
But I won't always look like that!
I will grow and change as time goes by.
And I'll become a butterfly!



The Itsy Bitsy Seed

(tune: Itsy Bitsy Spider)
The itsy bitsy seed
Was planted in the hole.
Down came the rain
And a sprout began to grow.
Out came the sun
And shone down on the leaves.
Now the itsy bitsy seed
Is a great big grown-up tree!



MOTHER'S DAY HUMOR

You know you're a Mom when:
Your feet stick to the kitchen floor and you don't care.
Popsicles become a food staple.
Your favorite TV show is a cartoon.
Peanut butter and jelly is eaten daily.
Spit becomes your primary cleaning agent.

- Author Unknown



Three Little Tulips

(tune: Three Little Ducklings)
Three little tulips once I grew.
A white one, a pink one, a red one, too.
One little tulip grew, grew, grew.
It grew taller than the other two.
The other two, the other two.
It grew taller than the other two!



Super Singers

(tune: Do Your Ears Hang Low?)
Do you hear birds sing?
They're so happy that it's spring!
Hear them cheep, cheep, cheep.
Hear them twitter,; hear them peep.
Hear them at sunrise
When you open up your eyes.
Do you hear birds sing?



*Mothers hold their children's hands
for a short while, but their hearts forever.*

NUTRITION TIP OF THE MONTH:

• Watch tired faces break into smiles with this breakfast treat.

Smile-A-Mile Breakfast Faces

- Mini bagel or regular bagel, Fruits, such as grapes,
- cut in half crosswise strawberries, bananas,
- Whipped cream cheese canned pineapple
- Cereal, dry oranges, raisins
- Place the bagel half on a plate, and spread with cream cheese.
- Use the fruit and cereal to make a face. Enjoy!



FUN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS From Scholastic Pre-K Today Tips

Spring means sunshine, warm weather, and rediscovering the great outdoors. Many of the activities your child enjoyed indoors during the winter months will have a new twist when done outdoors.

Here are two outdoor activities that are enjoyable and educational and that you and your child can easily do together in your own backyard or at a local park or playground. Remember that as your child tries these activities, he or she will not only have fun, but gain experience with fundamental science concepts, use skills like matching and listening, and express his or her own imagination:

Spray Bottle Painting: attach a large piece of paper to a fence or wall. Fill several pump-type spray bottles with water and add food coloring or different-colored tempera paints. Show your child how to pump the spray bottles and aim toward the paper. Discuss the importance of aiming the spray away from oneself and others. Let your child use different colors in succession. As your child squirts the spray bottle, he or she is strengthening finger muscles. This kind of exercise helps your child to refine his or her ability to hold and control a writing or drawing implement.

Fun With Light Reflections: This is a great way for your child to experiment with light reflections. Part of the fun is a "light chase" that will challenge your child's eye-hand coordination. This activity is great fun on a sunny day. Collect some small mirrors. Show your child how to hold the mirrors at an angle to create a bright reflection on the outside of your house or another building. Let your child try to make his or her lights chase and catch yours!

