

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYHOMES



May 2011

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## May Workshop: Early Literacy Learning!



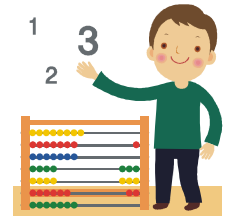
May 11: 9:30—11:30

Kensington Community League: 12130-134A Ave  
Join us for a morning of Early Literacy Learning Fun!  
Providers, children, and parents are welcome  
RSVP to 780-444-2288

## June Workshop: Math Magical Fun!

June 7: 9:30—11:30

Mayfield Community League 10941 161 street



## Multicultural Activities

**Cinco de Mayo Streamers** (Cinco de Mayo is on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Celebrated in Mexico)

**Materials needed:**

Empty toilet paper rolls, craft glue, red or green craft sand, red, white, and green ribbon (1/2-wide ribbon works well), hole punch,

Paint toilet paper roll with craft glue and roll in colored sand. Allow to dry thoroughly. Use hole punch to punch six equally-spaced holes about 1/2-inch up from the bottom of the toilet paper roll. Give each child six one-yard length of ribbon (two of each color). Show children how to tie knots in one end of the ribbon and thread the other end through the hole.

Children may wave their finished streamers around as they dance to Mexican music

Visit <http://www.cybraryman.com/multicultural.html> for an extensive list of multicultural activities.





## Provider Spotlight—Debbie Doyle

Debbie Doyle has been with Child Development Dayhomes since February of 2006 and has been a huge asset to the agency. She has done countless Mentor visits with Potential Providers, supplied other providers with art materials and has been so useful with providing information on resources in the community.

Debbie is always busy with the children in her care. Field trips and outings are planned for almost each day of the week. In the summer Debbie has taken the children on a tour of the different splash parks in Edmonton, to surrounding lakes for water play and picnics. On cold rainy days they would take in a program at the library or visit an indoor play group. Debbie has 2 play spaces in her

home which are always used by the children. The walls in her dining room are covered with art that the children created. Debbie, it has been an absolute pleasure to be working with you over this 5 years. You have been an inspiration to many providers.

## Outdoor Activity by Provider: Nadira Khan



### Outdoor Car Wash

Encourage children to participate outside in warm weather. In this activity, children develop social, gross, fine motor

and cognitive skills.

### Materials needed:

- Big bowl filled with normal water
- Sponges
- Brushes
- Piece of dry fabric
- Some dish detergent (child safe)
- Kool aid powder
- Food coloring (optional)
- Riding cars/bikes

### Instruction for Caregiver:

Caregiver should set all of the materials outside

in a safe environment. Add into the water bowl, some detergent, Kool aid and food color. Mix and tell every child to wash the cars/bikes. If there are 6 children then put two brushes and two sponges and tell them that they have to share the materials and take turns. Because of this, everybody will get the chance to wash the car. After washing, they will dry with pieces of fabrics. This will teach them sharing (social skills), (emotion), washing the car using hands and whole body (gross motor skill) and it will teach them different stages in washing a car (cognitive skill). Children really enjoy this activity.

### Special Instructions for Caregiver

Don't leave the children alone outside. They must have supervision and check the water temperature making it suitable for children.

## Congratulations!

To the following providers celebrating their Anniversaries with Child Development Dayhomes in the month of May

Mimi Shea	13 years		Kristen Stevenson-Eamer	3 years
Mylene McIsaac	7 years		Pauline Travnik	3 years
Natasha Kadatz	5 years		Chadel Salud	1 year
Shazia Maqbool	3 years		Karen Samons	1 year
Leila Quiambao	3 years		Gigi Sanico	1 year

## Congratulations!

Yassra Hajar had a baby boy on April 10

8lbs 4 oz !



## For sale:

- Double glider stroller \$80
- Princess combo kids sofa/bed \$30
- Child size Picnic table and 2 benches \$80
- Baby Bouncer \$35
- Two in one rocker/tricycle \$35
- 2 sleds \$5 each

Please contact Aba at 780-628-5645 or the office at 780-444-2288

## Outdoor Activity Winner: Debbie Doyle

### Toddler Activities by Provider: Kristen Stevenson-Eamer

#### Wash the Veggies- Art/Sensory activity

You will need:

Water table or dishpan per child

Water

Carrots

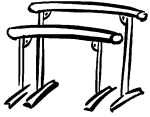
Potatoes

Toddler safe tooth brushes



Activity: Set up the water table with about an inch of water for the children to wash the veggies you can put in real carrots and potatoes or sturdy plastic veggies for them to wash. Provide them with toddler safe toothbrushes to brush the veggies clean.

## Active Albert's



St. Albert Gymnastics Club

2A Riel Drive St. Albert, AB, Phone: (780)  
459-4256

Parent and Tot Drop-In (18 months - 5  
years)

Wed: 10:30 am—12:00 pm Fri: 10:00



**First Aid in Child  
Care:**

**May 28 & 29**

**Call 780-444-2288  
To register**

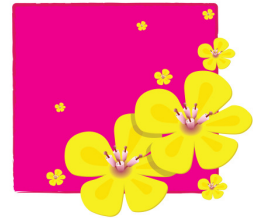


## Field Trip Ideas



St. Albert Children's Festival. Visit [www.childfest.com](http://www.childfest.com) for all the details.

Take a trip to the Muttart Conservatory to see all the different types of spring Flowers. Make a game out of it. Create a pictorial list of different flowers and do a hunt for those flowers



## Cooking with Children by Provider: Nadira Khan

**Recipe- Potato Pakora's**

### Ingredients:

One cup of besan (chana flour)  
Half cup of regular water  
Salt (as need)  
Red chilli powder (as need)  
Two potatoes  
One cup oil



### Preparation:

1. Put basin in deep bowl.
2. Add some water and blend it like dough but not solid and not liquid, just semi-solid
3. Leave it for an hour.

4. Take a frying pan and pour the oil into it.

5. Let it sit till it's hot.

6. Take the skin of the potatoes and cut it into round thin slices.

7. Take a slice, dip it in the semi-solid dough mix and put it in the frying pan.

8. Keep turning it till its deep fried from both side.

9. Keep repeating this till all the potato slices are finished. Keep the left over dough mix in the fridge for next time.

This can be served with ketchup.

## May is Provider Appreciation Month



*Child Development Dayhomes would like to recognize all providers for the tremendous work you do with young children. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to children, families and communities. Thank you!*

**Laura Armstrong:** My provider is Laura Armstrong. I think she is such a wonderful caregiver. She goes out of her way to really provide an enriching environment for her children. She plans out her week carefully, always has homemade food and goodies, is continually teaching the children in a practical living setting, rotates her toys regularly, and provides structure and love. The other day she made easter lambs with the children that were so precious. Her efforts really amaze me sometimes! Carly Beaulieu

**Narinder Arora:** Narinder has been caring for both of our kids now for three years. It is immediately clear that her loving home and sincere, caring nature have helped shape our children. The comfort in knowing that even though we can't be with our kids all the time but that they are in a great home with wonderful people is priceless. Narinder and her family have been incredibly dependable, immensely caring, and have become a huge part of our children's lives. We can't imagine a better atmosphere for them to be in when we are unable to be there.  
Thank you, Alice Bardas

**Zohreh Bagheritari:** A note to let you know that we think our dayhome provider, Zohreh, is doing an excellent job. We're very happy with the level of care and feel like our kids, Rio and Nya, are very happy there. Reanne Adobas

**Davorka Boskovic:** It has been 7 months since we have started the day home program for our daughter in Davorka's day home and we have nothing but the greatest things to say about it. Since day one when we took a tour and up to now it has been a great experience. Nothing I have ever seen before, very...very clean and nice dayhome. She is a very creative person and is always coming up with new ideas for crafts and foods for the kids. Davorka is a very cheerful person, well educated, very professional and full of positive energy that she transpires it all to the kids. She is such an amazing person and we are so happy that we found her. We have seen huge improvement in the education and vocabulary part with our daughter which is well recognized when visiting friends that have the same age children but not attending day home or daycare. She is the best!!!



*Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future —J.F.K.*



**Davorka Boskovic:** I am so pleased that Davorka was able to take my two boys into her home. I had seen her website many times in the past and her home was always full, so I was so excited when she had two openings at the beginning of April. It has only been a couple of weeks since my boys started going to her home but they are so happy and comfortable there already. Every day when I pick them up, she has such positive comments about the day and about the boys' activities and behaviour. She takes the children outside as much as she can which my boys love. They have gone for walks almost everyday that they have been there, either to a playground or to a store to shop. They have even gone to Save-on-Foods to pick out what they wanted for lunch that day. Davorka gives my boys so many opportunities for growth, creativity, individual expression and choice. As an educator, I am very impressed with the learning through play that goes on in her home and how well she treats my children. She is very open to suggestions and is always looking to best meet the needs of my children at every turn. She listens to them and hears what they are interested in and is always shopping for something new to make their day interesting and fun.

Finding appropriate child care is a very daunting task and one that I have not taken lightly and I am so happy that I found Davorka. She has truly met all of my needs as a parent and I am very grateful knowing that my children are receiving the best possible care that I have seen. Her home is a home away from home and another family for my children. Jennifer Woodburn



**Neglis Caceres:** I would like to show my appreciation to Neglis and the care she gives my daughter. Neglis always has a smile, when I drop my daughter off and pick her up. It warms my heart when my daughter gets up in the morning asking "can we go to Neglis's house" and when I come to get her after work she doesn't want to come home because she has had so much fun during the day. Teagan comes home with a new word, either English or Spanish, and always a new song! Neglis has such a huge warm heart. The children in her home are treated as if they were her own. I'm so happy that Neglis is in my daughter's life .... Neglis Thank you and I appreciated all that you do !!

**Neglis Caceres:** I can't rave enough about Neglis! This is my first child and therefore my first experience with childcare for my son. I was so apprehensive about returning to work because I couldn't imagine who I could trust to look after my 12 month old. Then I found Neglis. She is a gem. I appreciate that Neglis exudes a positive, happy disposition with a great sense of humor. She takes time in ensuring the children in her care are well taken care of and treated as the individuals that they are. She takes time in teaching them, my 18 month old now knows how to say "Please", he sings and can identify colors all of which Neglis taught him. I love picking up my son at the end of each day to see him in a playful, happy mood and I have Neglis to thank for that! Dallas Suleiman

**Jaqueline Campeau:** I would love for Jaki Campeau to know how blessed we feel to have her in our lives. My son absolutely loves going to her house and has become great friends with her two wonderful children. Jaki makes Oliver feel loved and safe. Every day is a new adventure filled with art, music, literature, hands-on fun and lots of outside play. I so appreciate how caring and patient she is with my very active, busy little guy. I feel like Jaki is a part of our family. Oliver is incredibly lucky to have another adult in his life to love him and provide such wonderful care. Thank-you so much Jaki. I cannot tell you how at ease I feel knowing Oliver is in such an amazing environment.

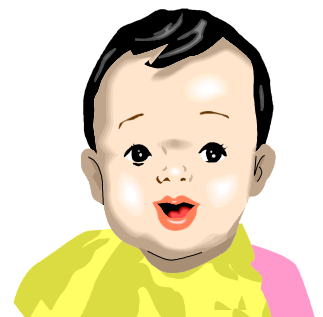


**Nada Chmait:** Our twin girls started going to Nada since they were 9 months old and they took to her instantly. It didn't take long for them to love her! She treats our girls as if they were members of her family. It is hard to believe our girls are going to turn 4 years old in May and the past 3 years have flown by because Nada played such a huge part in helping us raise our girls. Raising twins is very difficult at the best of times, never mind throwing in an older sibling whom Nada also cared for since he was 8 months old until he started Kindergarten. She is a loving and caring provider and we are so blessed to have care for our children. We are very thankful that we have her! The Walker Family.

**Vernette (& Chris) Chitrinia:** We wanted to thank you for all your dedication, hard work and care you have both shown our son. He is learning so many new things every day, each evening is an adventure for us as he shares all of his new songs, stories and skills. The Lakusta's

**Kandice Duncan:** I appreciate that Kandice takes such excellent care of my daughter! My daughter Megan adores her! Thank you Kandice for being so loving and patient :) Reagan McGuire

**Camela French:** Camela has been caring for Lucas (18 mos old) since September 2010. The care she provides to Lucas is exceptional. She does many activities and outings with Lucas and the other children. One of the favorite outings was a visit to the Edmonton Humane Society to the "Tale Waggers" class; our son loves animals so he had a blast. Lucas is provided with nutritious and homemade meals and snacks. Camela stimulates the children with a variety of activities, including outdoor fun, trips to Servus Place in St Albert, craft time, reading and allowing Lucas and the others to be young and silly. Camela communicates daily with us in a journal so we always know what Lucas' routine was for the day and what he did for fun. Lucas really loves Camela (aka "Mela") and her children; it is his "home away from home". He is always excited to arrive as he kicks and claps upon driving up to the day-home. As difficult as it is to leave our son when we go to work, we know Lucas is in good hands and his days will be filled with love, laughter and activities. We could not have asked for a better caregiver than Camela. Thanks again Camela for everything. Hugs and kisses from Lucas too! Reagan and Sean Z.



**Darlene Galacgac:** Darlene Galacgac is our childcare provider to our little girl Olivia.

Every day we drop off Olivia at Darlene's house she is always very happy to arrive to Darlene's welcoming arms. Darlene's flexibility in hours has made our lives very easy as she is always willing to accommodate us. Olivia has just turned two years old, but she already is very good with her colours and numbers because Darlene takes time to teach Olivia things throughout the day.

Often times I come early to pick up Olivia and they are outside taking in the fresh air with a leisurely walk that allows for a splash in a puddle or romp through a (almost melted) snowbank. Darlene's attention for giving extra snuggle time when Olivia is feeling under the weather is something she is happy to do. Darlene is very careful to watch for all symptoms and give us a full report at the end of the day, which is very appreciated.

Darlene's home is always very clean and often smells of the wonderful fragrances of the food of the Philippines which Olivia is lucky enough to be able to enjoy for lunch.

Overall Darlene is a fantastic caregiver to our little girl and we couldn't be happier.

Darlene Arsenault



**Rheanne Germain:** Our son loves going to Rheanne's but doesn't always love leaving because he is having fun. Arlene Huhn

**Urszula Hadyna:** We are so fortunate to have Urszula as our son's caregiver. She provides the children in her care with a structured, educational, and enriching program every single day. She is constantly cooking wonderfully home cooked meals for the children, that smell so good, it makes us want to stay for dinner. We are so thankful that we can go to our jobs each and every day and never have to worry about the well being of our child. He goes to her house everyday excited to be with his friends and leaves happy, well rested and well played. Urszula gives all the children an abundance of genuine, grandmotherly love and we appreciate her more than words can express. Thank you Urszula for all you do! Kerri and Zoltan Kenwell

**Allison Hall:** Allison Hall is the most amazing care provider I could have ever asked for. She is always very patient with the children and creative with their activities. She has an honest and genuine personality which makes her easy to know and like. I could not imagine trusting anyone else with caring for my son. Saying I appreciate her seems almost not adequate enough for how much I'm grateful for all that she is. Sincerely, Brenda Kohut

**Diana Hassan:** I just wanted to say that Diana does a fantastic job with Cadence. She has learned so much through her, far more than I expected. Everybody who sees Cadence and hears her talking says that she is incredibly smart and Diana's attention to her has played a part in getting her there. Natty Siou

**Soheli Hossain:** Our daughter, Jontae has been with Soheli since she was one year old. When we first met Soheli, she was actually our back-up day home for a period of approximately eight weeks. We were so happy with Soheli and the care she provided our daughter that we really wanted Jontae to stay with Soheli fulltime. Luckily for us, Soheli had an opening. Jontae has been in Soheli's care ever since. We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate and value Soheli. She has helped to educate our daughter. She provides hours of fun and laughter. She is even helping to potty train our little girl.



We were faced with the dilemma of whether or not to send our daughter to pre-school. In the end, we have decided to leave her in fulltime care with Soheli. We made this decision knowing and having confidence that Soheli will help us teach our daughter the same skills as a pre-school setting. Soheli is caring and compassionate. She is extremely knowledgeable and is wonderful at what she does. I have never had any concerns with the care that Soheli provides and have the upmost confidence in her. Our daughter Jontae loves Soheli and so do we.

**Laura Joyal:** My provider Laura is a sweet and caring lady. My daughter loves going to her day home and there is always fun activities inside and out planned to keep the children entertained. I feel very confident in leaving my daughter with her and I appreciate the hard work she does looking after the children every day.

Thanks, Amber Davies

**Laura Joyal:** Laura Joyal is a wonderful and caring provider. I don't know what I would do without her. She treats every child in her home as if they were one of her own. She is always on the lookout for new activities and creative things to do with the kids. My kids are always happy to go see Laura and never want to leave. Thank you so very much Laura for every little thing you do. I appreciate it more than you know. Sandra Vinagreiro

**Laura Joyal:** I want to thank Laura for all the kindness and care she has been providing to our 18-month old son for the past 6 months. He felt at home right away and so did we. She guides our children with competence and respect, she is always kind to them while calmly firm when required. 'Provider' is such a cold term that does not begin to describe her. A mom away from home is more like what she represents to me for my child. Thanks so much for all you are doing, Laura. Francesca Le Blanc



*Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them. —Richard Evans*



**Nadira Khan:** I would like to take this opportunity to "appreciate" Nadira Khan for all of her amazing abilities and hard work. With Jenna being our first child and having to find child care once back to work, Nadira made the transition easier for us to leave Jenna with a "stranger" for up to 12 hours! Jenna just loves going to 'Didi's' to play with the kids. We drop her off and she gets as much love at the dayhome as she does at home. Nadira was immediately willing to take our princess bright and early in the morning and because of our schedules, she allows last minute drop offs. Nadira deserves this recognition for empathizing with first-time parents and helping to make the transition as easy and less heart-breaking as possible. Jenna adores her 'Didi' and we wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks, Nadira for ALL you do!

Sincerely, Crystal, Mike and Jenna Hansen

**Candita Lopez:** Hello my name is Shannon Marcotte and I have a son (Kail) who is 1 years old and while I am at work he is in the care of Candita Lopez (Candy).

Your child is the most important person in your life and you want your child to be left in good hands when you are at work, school etc. I was nervous leaving my baby with someone I barely knew, but you have to have trust and faith in your provider and I can't thank Candita enough for how she cares for my son. She is very loving and thoughtful and I know my son is safe and loved.

So Bless your precious heart and Thank You for what you do in giving my son the love and care he deserves. Sincerely, Shannon Marcotte, Shayne Montgomery, Kail Montgomery

**Tanya Mahlitz:** There is nothing better than knowing that the person caring for your kids cares for them like they are her own! There is nothing that gives a parent more peace of mind than knowing that your kids are learning every day, are always safe, and are treated with "TLC"! There is no one else I'd rather be with our kids each day than Tanya, she is a part of our family! Thank you Tanya for all that you do but most importantly for loving our babies and giving them a home away from home! With Much Appreciation, Robynn and Dan Evans

**Shazia Maqbool:** Shazia - Thank you for providing such a warm, safe, educational, and fun environment for Kaidynce. You exceed my expectations for daycare. It is your personal care and motherly affection that has made going back to work easy! Danielle, Richard & Kaidynce

**Taraneh Mehrabi:** is our daughter Jessica's day home provider. Taraneh is wonderful and we are so lucky to have her. You can just tell she loves Jessica and all of her children she cares for. I haven't lost one night of sleep worrying about Jessica's care (and with all the other things there are to worry about that comes with kids, this is a huge relief!) I know she's with the best person she could be with. Thank you so much Taraneh for all that you do! We sure appreciate you!

Thanks, Shawna Manchakowsky



**Nicole Mochid:** I just wanted to show my appreciation to Nicole Mochid for her hard work and dedication to all the children in her dayhome. My daughter and I are blessed to have her as our provider she is kind, understanding and very knowledgeable to each of the children's individual needs. All of the children there are always so happy when I see them playing and learning. I am also thankful that Nicole understands my work schedule and allows me to drop off my daughter a little early in the mornings because of the bus schedules....Thank you for it all... Jody Wadsworth

**Shannon O'Brien:** Shannon was a perfect fit for us as soon as we met her! Thank you so much for welcoming us into to your lives and making us feel like part of the family with your care. I am very grateful to have you and your wonderful family as my son's home away from home. Jodie Ritter

**Amena Quraishi:** We appreciate her endless patience and the constant warmth and gentleness she shows our son and the other children in her dayhome.  
Thanks, Talea Lovelace

**Elizabeth Puyaoan:** I wanted to acknowledge my daughter's care provider, which is Elizabeth Puyaoan. Back in February I broke my ankle so I had a hard time bringing and picking up my daughter, so Elizabeth was very kind to offer to do that. She suggested I would just call her in the morning when Eliza was ready and later in the afternoon when she should bring her back. It's just across the street, but for me it made a huge difference, since I was unable to walk without crutches and there was a lot of snow on the streets and pavements. So I am really grateful for her help and I thought you should know. Regards, Elena Lazar

**Ligaya Ragual:** Thank you Ligaya for all that you do, each and every day. Claire is lucky to have such a kind and caring provider. We appreciate the amount of time you spend planning the kids activities, and for always providing a safe and loving environment. Sincerely, The Adams Family

**Ligaya Ragual:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ligaya for the wonderful care that she provides for my 2 ½ year old daughter, Grace. Just having passed our one year anniversary with Ligaya, we couldn't be happier with the nurturing and trusting relationship she has formed with our daughter and the overall care provided. The wide variety of home cooked meals and freshly prepared snacks along with, intricate daily crafts and lots of outside play time (including trips to the duck pond, playground and sledding) provide the comforts of home with action packed fun.

I really like the new theme weeks that she has implemented, where the stories, a new song and activities revolve around the chosen subject, i.e. fish or fairies. This "classroom" style structure provides early learning benefits consistent with playschool in a more intimate setting.

I also appreciate little reports on that day's activities, meals etc. that Ligaya provides so my daughter and I can chat about the day's events on the car ride home. Alison



**Nadia Sani:** Our son is at Nadia's dayhome and we give her 10 on 10!  
Mali, Benoit and Magali!

**Bibi Shah:** Dear Bibi, Thank you so much for looking after Hayden. He looks forward to coming to your house every morning and always proudly shows us the crafts he has made. Thank you for always greeting us so cheerfully even when we are having a bad morning and for taking everything in stride. Sonia, Chuck and family

**Chadel Salud:** Chadel is a fantastic caregiver. She loves the children as if they were her own. I truly appreciate the passion she has for her job! Tanya










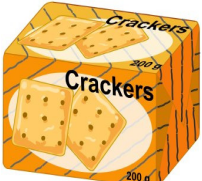
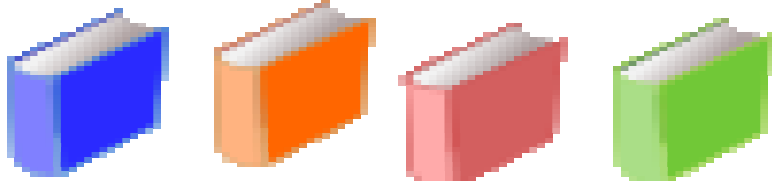
**Pauline Travnik:** I would love my provider Pauline Travnik to know how much we appreciate her. Both my kids love to go to daycare, she spends so much time organizing every single week with different theme. She makes an effort to learn sign language and French to accommodate my kids and she always keeps me very well informed of everything going on at daycare. She's a very patient and passionate person. She's always happy and always has an answer or a trick to help me be a better mom. Pauline, you're the best, my children are very fortunate to have you as a daycare provider. Who they are and what they learn is half because of you. Thank you Pauline.





# May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> Encourage children to play instruments to their favorite songs while singing along.	<b>3</b> Play "Simon Says". One child instructs the others to perform actions such as "Simon says.... dance with the person next to you" Encourage the children to follow the directions; allow other children to be Simon so everyone gets a turn.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Sing the song "B-I-N-G-O"	<b>6</b> Place colored ice in the water table. Observe with the children the changes to the ice and the color mixtures that happen over time	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> Set up a puppet theatre and multicultural puppets for the children to explore.	<b>10</b> Play "I Spy". One child says "I spy with my little eye, something that is..... BLUE" Everyone has to guess what the person is pointing out that is blue.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Read, Alligators All Around: An Alphabet by Maurice Sendak	<b>13</b> Paint to music. Alternate the music (fast, slow, with a beat etc).	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> Place baby dolls in the water table with soap and cloths. Supply towels for drying.	<b>17</b> For snack-time: Sort small foods such as dry cereals and cut up fruits and veggies. Give each child their own plate. Encourage the children to pick up food they want with the chopsticks and place it on their plate, then try eating with the chopsticks too.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Give the children colored felt and encourage them to cut out shapes. Supply a felt board for the children to use their imaginations and create their own pictures on.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>  <b>Happy Victoria Day</b> ~Agency closed~	<b>24</b> Supply children with scissors, construction paper, glue and magazines. Encourage the children to cut out pictures of favorite things from the magazines and glue on the paper. Then, staple the pages together to a create a special "dayhome" favorites book. Add this book to your Quiet space.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Go on a nature walk with the children. Ask the children what they see and hear. Ask them to look for certain things (eg: 3 pine cones, or 2 birds).	<b>27</b> Encourage the children to explore magnetic letters on a metal cooking sheet	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> Add empty food boxes and containers with their labels still on, to the house corner for dramatic play	<b>31</b> Sing the song "Down by the Bay"	<b>~ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE DUE ON MAY 23/2011~</b>			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Sing: Five Little Speckled Frogs	<b>2</b> Set out stencils with shapes, pencil crayons and paper	<b>3</b> Create hopscotch outside using sidewalk chalk	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Place large foam numbers in the sand and supply buckets and shovels for children to dig up and collect the letters	<b>7</b> Make banana bread with the children. Measure, mix and bake the ingredients	<b>8</b> Encourage the children to tell you how old they are and chart their ages on poster board to display	<b>9</b> With toddlers, make hand and foot prints with paint and count their fingers and toes with them	<b>10</b> Stack blocks with the children. Count the number of blocks while building a	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Place measuring cups and spoons in the water table for the children to explore with	<b>14</b> Place magnetic numbers on the fridge for exploration	<b>15</b> Read: Five Little Monkeys Jumping On A Bed by Eileen Christelow	<b>16</b> Place fake money, a cash register, empty food boxes/containers, shopping bags/baskets, flyers and wallets in a "Grocery store" Dramatic Play area	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Learn how to count to 10 in Spanish: <a href="http://spanish.about.com/cs/vocabulary/ht/">http://spanish.about.com/cs/vocabulary/ht/</a>	<b>21</b> Favorite Play Dough: Mix and knead 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt, 1 cup of hot water, 2 tablespoons of oil and food coloring. Set out the play dough and show the children how to roll snakes. Use the snakes to form numbers.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Give the children a variety of small objects (such as blocks, toys, crayons). Supply a sorting tray for the children to sort the objects by color or size, type, etc	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Sort large wooden beads by color in a muffin tin. Encourage the children to create their own patterns by stringing them onto a shoelace	<b>28</b> Cut pieces of colored felt in different shapes. Make sure there are two pieces of each color and of each shape. Lay them out on the table and encourage the children to match up the pieces by color then by shape	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Lay out mega blocks for the children to explore. Colored, attachable blocks reinforces math concepts such as colors, counting and size classification	<b>~ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE DUE ON: JUNE 17</b>	