



We all had to stop and check out a fire truck on our way to the playground!

### May Songs and Fingerplays

**"When my Mom..."** (tune: When the Saints Go Marching In )

Oh, when my Mom [gives me a hug],  
Oh, when my Mom [gives me a hug],  
Oh, I know that I am special,  
When my Mom [gives me a hug]!  
(encourage children to give ideas for additional verses)

### "A Color Poem"

Orange is a carrot, yellow is a pear,  
Purple is a plum, brown is a bear,  
Green is the grass, blue is the sky,  
Black is a cat and red is cherry pie!

### Rainforest Chant

AB CDE - monkeys swinging in a tree  
FG HIJ - all day long the toucans play  
KL MNO - bats fly high and bats fly low  
PQ RST - I can see a coconut tree  
UV WXY - rainbows shining in the sky  
ZZ ZZZ - so many wondrous things to see!

### "Hello My Friend"

A poem for circle time.  
Hello my friend,  
How are you,  
Say your name,  
And we'll clap for you!

### Learning Through Play.

Play is children's work. Whether it is called symbolic play, make-believe play, fantasy play, dramatic play, or imaginative play, play is central to children's development in the first three years. Play offers children a way to explore their understanding of the world in which they live. Will your child really learn anything from playing alone, with friends, or with you? The answer is yes! Research has documented the connection between children's play behavior during the early years and a wide range of emerging abilities, including creativity, memory, vocabulary, reasoning, and impulse control. In addition, research has documented that you serve as a guide to play, increasing your child's sophistication in play as you join in. Your playful interactions stimulate your child's brain and form the foundation of future life skills, including academic ones.

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# Our Redeemer Child Care Center

## Toddler Room – Group 2

### May 2012

#### Weekly Themes

April 30 – May 4: Caterpillars and Butterflies

May 7 - 11: Families / Mother's Day

May 14 - 18: "A Color of His Own" by Leo Lionni

May 21 - 25: Rainforest

May 29 – June 1: "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister

#### Class Notes!

- Come view the work of our young artists at The ORCCC Art Show at The Pond Home (rt. 140, Wrentham) from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Juice and cheese reception to follow.
- FAMILY NIGHT! Join us for "A Family Dance with Miss Sue!" on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m!
- "Music and Movement with Miss Sue" will be here on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Pizza Days: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like pizza, please return your pizza slip form with \$1 by Wednesday of each week – pizza must be ordered in advance.
- ORCCC will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Don't forget, sunscreen should be applied at home in the morning and we will re-apply at school in the afternoon. (Sun hats are also helpful for sun protection – and sneakers are best for moving around on the playground.)
- It is tick season! We spend a lot of time outdoors, please be sure to check your child thoroughly before bath time each evening.

Thank you!



"The fuzzy caterpillar curled up on a leaf, spun her little chrysalis and then fell fast asleep. While she was sleeping, she dreamed that she could fly. And, later when she woke up, she was a butterfly!" Our caterpillars are arriving soon - we will watch them eat, grow and form cocoons. Then they will become butterflies! Look for this hands-on science experience in our classroom. Also, we will be reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle – you may want to share this book at home, too!

-Amanda, Linda and Nicole