FOOTSTEPS@CITY CENTER PLAZA

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CALENDAR – MAY & JUNE

Site Council
Tuesday 5/12 3:00 & 5:00 PM

Jungle James Animal Show
Thursday 5/21

Memorial Day
Monday 5/25
Footsteps Child Care closed

Early Closing – City Center Plaza – Staff Event
Friday 6/12 4:00 PM

2015 Graduation
Wednesday 6/17 10:00-11:00 AM

ANIMALS IN MAY!

We will learn about different types of animals, where they live, and each of their special traits.

Parent-Teacher Conferences
Parent-Teacher Conferences are a time to meet to discuss your child's development and progress. If you have topics or concerns you would like addressed or discuss during the conference, please let Graciela know. The sign up form for conference times is located in the Parent Area.

San Mateo County Office of Education Intentional Teaching Panel "Rainbow Veggies"
The children have enjoyed vegetables through various activities: circle time vegetable introduction, salad making, favorite vegetable charting, painting with vegetables, watering garden, and vegetable collage. During dramatic play and sand play, children order salads. And most children tried new vegetable, carrots, radish, purple cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, spinach, cucumber, and cauliflower.

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Toran from ***Redwood City Library*** reads books on Friday afternoons and she allows for interactive story time by singing and allowing kids to put cutouts on flannel board.

2015 Graduation
Wednesday June 17 10:00-11:00 AM
Community Room Downtown Redwood City Library
We will need volunteers to help to set up and clean-up. Please let a teacher know if you are available to help.

APRIL WAS SPRING

The children spent the month learning the spring season by exploring different insects, animals, plants, vegetables, and fruits. We went to the Downtown library for story time and tour of the library and the children were encouraged to get a library card and attend special events at the library with their families. We had parent volunteers who read books with their child.

Food Friends Program

Our new curriculum consists of two interconnected programs, Different Foods, foods the children will try, and Mighty Moves, gross motor skills development activities. Each month we try a new food!

Wish List

Play dough, gardening tools, dramatic play items, and sandbox toys

Healthy Habits

Chefables has allowed us to continue to eat family style. In addition, so far more than half of the kids have enjoyed the meals. This month children enjoyed trying chicken tacos and burritos.

Raising A Reader

This program continues to be an attraction and families talk to us about reading books at home. New book bags go home Mondays and are returned on Thursdays.

GARDEN

Children continue proudly walk parents over to the garden area. The children were able to eat the radish sprouts produced by our Aquaponics Garden, donated by a parent. The children are astonished how Nemo, our pert fish, helps to nourish the plants.

REMINDERS

- The sun is shining and we are enjoying ourselves outside. Please remember to apply sunscreen at home in the morning before bringing your child to school. In the afternoon, we will reapply.
- Check your child's extra clothes and make sure there is enough and they are the right size!
- As the weather gets warmer, please remember to keep your child's footwear "playground safe." No flip-flops and no croc/croc type shoes. Both types of shoes fall off easily while running and climbing, leading to injury. Your child needs to be able to run, jump, and climb safely!

FOOTSTEPS SUMMER 2015!

Enrollment Open! **Brochure on the website, footstepschildcare.org**

We have interesting and exciting camps for children entering Kindergarten-Ninth Grade. Join us for one camp or a variety of camps, we have something for everyone!

10 Weeks of Camp - June 15 - August 21 7:00 AM – 6:15 PM

- Explore-A-Ponics Camp K-Fifth
- *Swim Camp K-Fifth – Enrollment Closed*
- Sports Camp Second-Fifth
- Spanish & Mandarin Summer School & Camp K-Fifth
- Middle School Camp Sixth-Ninth
  Register through Belmont Parks & Rec
- Tennis & Swim Camp Ages 8–11
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- Pre & Post Camp K-Ninth
- Travel Camp Third-Eighth

Optional Transportation Available via Footsteps Van

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