

# May News

## Hurray! It's May!

We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation

May 7th-11th

Each teacher will have a bag in the front lobby for families to leave sweet notes and goodies. We will also have sign up sheets for meals and treats throughout the week. Our teachers do so much and we are excited to show our appreciation and celebrate them!



Join us for "Muffins with Mom" on Friday May 11th during drop off



It is a big month for our Pre-K class! Graduation will be held on Friday May 18th at 6:45



At our sister school,

Riverstone School

10170 Bismark Dr, Lone Tree, CO 80124

We had so much fun at our Ladybug Release Friday! Thank you to all the families who came and participated!



## Merryhill School of Highlands Ranch

### May Birthdays

Audrey R. 5/5

Boden D. 5/10

William M. 5/15

Carter G. 5/14

Kaia B. 5/16

Jagger H. 5/18

Bryson D. 5/20

Brooklynn F. 5/21

Briar P. 5/22

Lennon G. 5/24

Ariana D. 5/30


Ms. My 5/28

Reminder: If your child is celebrating a birthday this month, we need an updated





## May Upcoming Events

- **Cinco De Mayo: May 5th** 
- **Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7th-11th**
- **Muffins with Mom: May 11th during drop off**
- **Mother's Day: May 13th**
- **Pre-K Graduation: May 18th 6:45pm**
- **Professional Development Day: May 25th, We will be closed for a staff in service**
- **Memorial Day: May 28th, We will be closed**

Mother's  
DAY

The text "Mother's DAY" is written in a mix of fonts. "Mother's" is in a purple cursive script, and "DAY" is in a simple grey sans-serif font. The text is decorated with green leaves and small purple and pink flowers.

Teacher  
APPRECIATION  
Week

A graphic for Teacher Appreciation Week. It features a stack of three books with a red apple on top. The text "Teacher APPRECIATION Week" is written in a blue, stylized font.

MEMORIAL  
DAY

A graphic for Memorial Day. The word "MEMORIAL" is in a blue, blocky font. The word "DAY" is in a large, stylized font with a red and white striped pattern and a blue section with white stars, mimicking the American flag.

## 6 Engaging Musical Activities for Infants through Pre-K

If your child has played with a toy instrument or listened to a familiar song, you've probably seen his face light up or his body sway back and forth in enjoyment. Music is fun for young children and helps them develop creativity, fine motor skills, vocabulary, and self-esteem.

In the classroom, our youngest learners explore the exciting world of music as they learn to create and respond to sounds. As they grow, they sing songs, move to music, and recognize changes in tone, tempo, volume and rhythm.

### Infants/ Toddlers:

- Turn on soft rhythmic music and hold your baby securely against your chest. Dance slowly and smoothly around the room. For older infants, provide musical toys to play along with the music once you are finished dancing. Insert your baby's name into the song, "Where is Thumbkin?" *Where is (baby's name)? Where is (baby's name)? Here I am. Here I am.* (Gently tap your baby as you say the words). *How are you today, (baby's name)? Very well, I thank you. Clap your hands.*

### Beginners/ Intermediates (2 years – 4 years):

- Sing a familiar song with your child. When you get to a portion of the song that is repeated, pause and listen to whether he can fill in the missing words. Play different genres of music and encourage your child to describe each song. Ask questions such as, "Is this music fast or slow?" or "Do you like this song? Why or why not?"



### Pre-K/Pre-K 2 (4 years – 5 years):

- Turn on the radio and ask your child to describe each song's tempo. Listen for words such as fast, slow and quick. Encourage movement and creativity by providing your child with a box of dress-up clothes for him to wear. Turn on music and let him dance and sing while putting on different costumes. Add props, such as toy instruments, balls or hoops.