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# **Joyful Juniors**



**Weeks 37 and 38: April 24th-28th**  
**and May 1st-5th, 2023**

**Theme: Plants and Gardening**

**Introductions:**

**Letters– Ww, and Xx**



**Language Arts:** Let's explore the garden and see what we can find! Flowers, trees, grass, dirt, and seeds will be explored. Our class will discuss the parts of a flower and learn about what it needs to grow. We will look closely at picture files of colorful flowers, nature, and gardening. We will focus on new vocabulary words throughout the next two weeks and read a variety of books about plants. The new letters Ww and Xx will be discussed and reviewed when we sing about our phonetic sounds.

**Craft and Writing:** Our little gardeners are busy at work preparing special gifts for Mother's Day! As we learn about this theme, we will use our creative skills to decorate a special flower craft. Our new letters Ww and Xx will be introduced in our craft papers. We will learn to trace these new letters as well as collage them.

**Concept:** What makes the flowers grow? The class will put together our parts of the plant puzzle as we locate these parts: roots, stem, and flowers. Flowers will also be used for small, medium, and large seriation, as well as in the estimation jar and sensory bins.

**Motor:** The weather is soon starting to get warmer! The children will start to spend more time doing outdoor play. We will continue to work on our large motor skills by practicing hopping, skipping, and jumping.

**Notes to Parents:**

- Vision & Hearing Outreach will be visiting our school on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Vision and Hearing screenings will be done for our three to five year olds.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st-5th! Don't forget to thank your teachers for all that they do!
- Happy Cinco de Mayo! This will be celebrated on Friday, 5/5!
- Parents, please remember to label outdoor gear, extra clothes, blankets, and cot sheets.
- Please remember to check your child's backpack or folder to see if he/she needs anything to bring for school and please check backpacks often for important paperwork.
- Remember to follow us on Instagram and like us on Facebook!!
- Are you looking for a job? Do you know anyone who loves children? We are looking to grow our staff for Summer and Fall! This is a great opportunity for college students or stay at home mothers. Some locations are looking for wonderful teachers! Please contact Ruth or Katrina for more information!!  
**Thanks!!**