



Brookview Community Preschool | May 2026 Newsletter

Our classroom is blooming! This month, we are exploring the wonders of nature and the incredible transformations happening all around us.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." — Audrey Hepburn

Important Dates

- **May 6 & 7:** Mother's Day Tea
- **May 18:** No School
- **May 22 & 23:** Bring a photo of a flower that represents a country
- **May 27, 28, 29:** No School
- **All Month:** Caterpillar Observation & Butterfly Release
- **Mon–Thurs:** Nature Walks & Outdoor Gym

What We're Exploring This Month

Theme 1: The Lovely Garden

We'll be discovering how tiny seeds grow into flowers and vegetables. Children will learn what plants need to thrive—sunlight, water, and care.

Activity: Planting our own mini gardens to observe growth up close.

Theme 2: Caterpillars & Butterflies

Get ready for some *fluttery fun!* We'll explore the butterfly life cycle as children observe real caterpillars grow, form chrysalises, and emerge as butterflies.

Learning Focus: Metamorphosis, patience, and caring for living things.

Special Event: Mother's Day Tea

Dates:

- Wednesday, May 6: (AM) 10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. | (PM) 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7: (AM) 10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

We warmly invite all our wonderful moms—or another special family member if mom isn't available—to join us for a cozy tea and some sweet treats. We would love for someone special to be there to witness your child's hard work and preparation! The children have been busy creating a surprise to show just how much they care. Please send a snack with your child for morning snack time that they will enjoy eating with you.

Enjoy a cozy "tea time" together in the classroom!

Nature School Notes

As we spend more time exploring and learning outdoors, please ensure your child is dressed and ready for our outdoor adventures.

- Sturdy shoes for ravine walks
- Layers for changing weather
- Sunscreen applied before drop-off

The "Global Garden" — World Day of Cultural Diversity

This month, we connect our garden theme to the beauty of diversity.

Activity: On May 21 and May 22, children are invited to bring photos of flowers that represent different countries (for example, the Maple Leaf for Canada, the Protea for South Africa, the Cherry Blossom for Japan, or the Tulip for the Netherlands).

The Lesson: Just like gardens need many kinds of plants, our classroom thrives with diverse people and stories.

Movement: Instruments Around the World

Activity: During Nature School or circle time, we will introduce instruments from different cultures, such as maracas from Latin America and rainsticks from South America.

The Lesson: Through finding a shared rhythm, children will learn that different sounds can come together to create something beautiful.

Literacy Activities

Confident Communicators: Nature & Garden Letter Hunt

Children will search for letters in magazines to build simple “garden words” like **SUN, BEE, LEAF, MUD**.

Remarkable Readers: Read & Tell: Nature Phrases

If your child is the remarkable reader for the day, please have them complete this activity and bring it to preschool. This activity helps children move from reading single words to short, simple phrases - these are called “rebus sentences”. Your child will read the phrases and then act them out or draw a picture to show what they mean.

The Setup:

Create small “Nature Strips”—simple slips of paper with easy, familiar phrases for children to read.

The Phrases:

Use short sentences with simple words. Examples include:

- “The red bug.”
- “I see a cat.”
- “A big green leaf.”
- “The sun is hot.”
- “The egg is small.”
- “A fat caterpillar.”

These phrases help children build reading confidence while also learning new science-related words.

A Note on Indigenous Perspectives

In Canada, Cultural Diversity Day is a meaningful time to acknowledge the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We will read an online story by an Indigenous author, such as *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* by Danielle Daniel, which introduces the idea of totem animals and the connection to nature.

Stay Connected With Us

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