

# May Newsletter

## Garden Patch CLC



The Daisies & Snapdragons classes practice for graduation. The groups have both worked very hard to get ready for their special day, May 14. We are excited to celebrate all their accomplishments.

The sounds of singing are drifting down the hallway and it's starting to get warmer, which can only mean one thing — May and pre-k graduation are on the horizon! We are so excited for all the fun events that May kicks off at the center.

As the temperatures climb, we just want to remind you to bring in a new bottle of sunscreen. Teachers will be communicating if a new bottle is needed, but many have expired or were almost gone after using them this past summer and fall. We also want to remind you to check your child's extra clothes supply. Even if a child is long past the potty training stages, it is easy to spill milk or slide down before the morning dew has been wiped off the slides. We appreciate your help with this.

We look forward to all that May has to bring. Between teachers completing spring assessments, Muffins with Mom,

Pre-K graduation, teacher appreciation week, and getting everything finalized for field trips starting in June, we are ready to make memories in May.

Thank you for allowing us to build these memories with your children!

Jill Stogdill, Director

### May Birthdays

Micah D.	May 1
Madeline S.	May 2
Calen A.	May 7
Eleanor K.	May 8
Elizabeth S.	May 9
Lauren K.	May 11
Merritt V.	May 14
Miles W.	May 17
Knox B.	May 18
Colbie S.	May 21
Easton P.	May 27
Maddox S.	May 28

### Picture Day — Pictures are scheduled for May 7th

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th (8:30-noon) for all children, infants - Pre-k.

All families will be able to view your child's images this year before ordering. A link will be sent out for you to see the images and ordering details after picture day.

## Pizza on a Stick

8 oz. Italian turkey sausage links  
2 c. whole fresh mushrooms  
2 c. cherry tomatoes  
1 medium onion, cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 large green pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces

30 slices turkey pepperoni  
1 tube refrigerated pizza dough  
1 1/2 c. shredded mozzarella cheese  
1 1/4 c. pizza sauce

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large nonstick skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. When cool enough to handle, cut sausage into 20 pieces.

On 10 metal or wooden skewers, alternately thread sausage, vegetables and pepperoni.

Unroll pizza dough onto a lightly floured surface; cut widthwise into 1-in.-wide strips. Starting at the pointed end of a prepared skewer, pierce skewer through 1 end of dough strip. Spiral-wrap dough strip around skewer, allowing vegetables and meats to peek through. Wrap remaining end of dough strip around skewer above first ingredient. Repeat with remaining dough strips and skewers.

Arrange kabobs on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake until vegetables are tender and pizza crust is golden, 10-12 minutes. Immediately sprinkle with cheese. Serve with pizza sauce.

You may substitute pizza toppings based on what your group will enjoy.



### Teacher Appreciation Week

Help us shower our teachers with extra love  
for all they do!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th

Check out our Sign Up Genius for items to donate or bring items in. This link has  
also been shared through Brightwheel

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44AAA92EAAFD0-48749748-teacher>



Just a reminder we will be closed  
Monday, May 27th in honor of  
Memorial Day.



# Congratulations to our Graduates

## Miss Bailey — Ladybugs Teacher



Miss Bailey started at Garden Patch in July 2023, where she came in each afternoon and helped in various classrooms. In December 2023, Bailey finished her high school coursework, which allowed her to move to full-time position in our Ladybugs room.

Miss Bailey plans to take a gap year and continue working at Garden Patch.

## Miss Camille — Preschool Afternoon Teacher

Miss Camille started at Garden Patch in January 2023. Camille can be found in various classrooms, but spends most of her time in our preschool rooms.

Miss Camille plans to attend Bethel University in the fall, majoring in nursing. She will also play volleyball.



## Miss Kaylee — Breaks & Floating Teacher



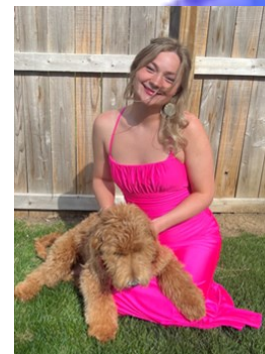
Miss Kaylee started at Garden Patch in November 2023. While she will help out in any room, her favorite age is our two-year-old rooms.

Miss Kaylee plans to attend the Nebraska Medicine majoring in nursing.

## Miss Macie — Bumblebees Teacher

Miss Macie began at Garden Patch in July 2023, covering afternoons in our younger classrooms. When she finished her high school coursework in December, she became a full-time teacher in the Bumblebees room.

Miss Macie plans to take a gap year and continue working at Garden Patch.



## Miss Miyah — Breaks & Infant Teacher



Miss Miyah started at Garden Patch in January 2024, although she first was at our Giles location starting in March 2023. Miss Miyah does breaks and then spends her afternoons in our infant and older infant rooms.

Miss Miyah plans to find a place to study in the arts of makeup or architecture and interior design.

## May Toddler & Preschool Themes

Week of April 29 Week of May 6 Week of May 13 Week of May 20 Week of May 27	Superhero Pet Shop Planes, Trains, & Automobiles Queens, Kings, & Fairytales At the Zoo
<u>Toddler Numbers of the Month</u> 19 & 20	<u>Preschool Numbers of the Month</u> 33, 34, & 35
<u>Color of the Month</u> Yellow	<u>Letters of the Month</u> X, Y, & Z
<u>Toddler Shape of the Month</u> Star	<u>Preschool Assessment Focus of the Month</u> Review
<b>Social Skill of the Month: Be Kind</b>	

### Important Days in May

Thursday, May 2 – Dress like a Superhero

Friday, May 10 — Muffins with Mom

Tuesday, May 14 – Pre-K Graduation

Daises @ 6:15 pm and Snapdragons @ 7:15 pm

Thursday, May 30 – Wear something to show your favorite animal