



BOWLING

4:00-5:00p

Food /
Hangout: 5:00-?

Contact Maria re questions or to
register (*small family fee*).

May Dates

5/2 Family Gathering @Atlas!

5/22

& 5/25 Memorial Day Recess

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May 2026

The dandelions are out and they are a hot commodity; they are collected in buckets and hands, used for decorations, pretend food, for smelling and just overall helping us feel good! Austin even placed a flower in the squirrel on Dorothy's porch for when she got back to town.

KC and the kids are out enjoying the sunshine and playing with a paper ball – nothing like a ball! (forever and ever!)

This month we welcome another neighbor, Sammy Coughlin. Sammy lives across the street from Zeffie. He will be 3 in August and will become the first regular attendee of our younger cohort! Sammy is a big brother to 5 mo. old Connor and his parents are Allie and Brendan.

There is even more news on the enrollment front! We are anticipating a full group of 8 children in September! Ansel Dansel Lemon Squeezy will return June 8th, Ansel Gottlieb starts June 28th and Viv will start on August 10th. Group changes will also happen in September with Norie goes off to Kindergarten and Zeffie goes to BJM Universal PreK. We have another child lined up for our 8th spot in September but are waiting for confirmation! Meanwhile... we will enjoy the temperate bliss of springtime, planting gardens, no jackets and being outside more!



Curriculum

- Insects, butterflies, bees, worms and bugs
- Pollination
- Exploring balance, weight and how cranes work
- Gardening... just preparing?
- Birds
- What Plants Need, prediction
- Mixed media art
- Sand play

Songs

- Oats, Peas Beans & Barley Grow
- Inch by Inch
- Robin, Red Breast
- Golden Garden Spider
- The Earth is Good to Me
- Library books on Tree Frogs, Ladybugs, Insects!

Books

- National Geographic First Filed Guide to Insects
- Bugs for Lunch
- The Friend Ship
- *Always more...*

2026 Monthly Notes & Chronicle

Story Making with Children

We often talk about reading with children, but what about children writing the stories? One of the things I enjoy about being with young children is hearing their stories. I learn so much about what interests them and why. I learn about what they have experienced, what they like, know, wish, and wonder. I also enjoy making books with children and have been seeking ways to help expand their storytelling skills.

Simple book making is something we do at WHE, but recently I have been looking at how we foster the development of story telling and creating books that actually tell a story. I began by exploring what makes a good book, looking at basic structure and thinking about children's conversations as a source for topics to explore. If you like this idea of making stories, oral or written stories, with your child but feel stuck – you can find ideas in the article, 121 [Story Prompts for Kids](#).

Process of Story Making

1) Brainstorm story ideas

What makes a good story? What does your child talk about?

2) Create Story Map / [Story Structure](#)

Beginning: the character, the setting

(i.e. kids talk about what if Jude and KC and Coco weren't here to take care of them)

Middle: the challenge, conflict or problem – what happened? The ruckus!

End: the solution, lesson, new understanding... the story feels complete, resolved

Jude & KC returned or parents came or kids cleaned up haha

3) Focus on the Problem – this is the middle...

What could go wrong?

4) Build Climax

What will the characters do?

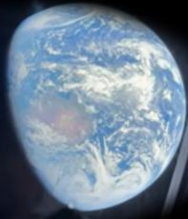
How will they resolve the conflict?

5) Resolve the conflict – this is the end...

What was learned?

Does not have to end with happy ever after, just has to feel complete





Earthshine

Artemis II astronaut Christina Koch captured this video of earth outside the windows of the Orion spacecraft during the second light day of the mission. Orion was roughly 33,800 miles (54,500 km) away from Earth when @Astro_Christina took [this video](#).



Beginning and End of Day Reminders

- **Morning check in**
General check in, how was night?
Anything of note re health/sleep/meals?
Did you apply any sunscreen yet today?
Other events of importance?
- **Pickup**
Once you arrive, your child looks to you, but also to *whooooooo* (?) is keeping track of me?
Please check in with Jude or KC re: the day and any clothing or other needs...
* If we are outside and you go inside, please take your child with you. Alternatively, if there is nothing to gather from inside, we can sign them out!



A man asked a gardener why his plants grew so beautifully...

the gardener said,
"I don't force them to grow. I remove what stops them."

The secret to flourishing, whether in a garden or in life isn't about relentless striving, but about cultivating the right conditions for growth. Just as a gardener carefully tends the soil, removing weeds and obstacles, we too must identify and release the things that hinder our progress.

True growth isn't always about adding more, but about consciously letting go of what holds us back – the limiting beliefs, the negative patterns, the relationships that drain our energy.



By clearing away these impediments, we create space for our inherent potential to blossom and thrive.

- Karen Klarich Lally,
Facebook

The Parent's Tao Te Ching

48. LESS IS MORE

Your children do not need more.
Each day adds more facts,
more gadgets,
more activities,
more desires,
and more confusion to their lives.

Your task is to subtract.
Each day seek to remove,
to clarify,
to simplify.
Society's wisdom adds,
and confusion grows
The wisdom of the Tao subtracts,
and serenity flourishes.

If each day one minute less
was spent doing something,
and one minute more was spent being present,
In simple pleasures
with your children.
In two months
you would transform your life,
and theirs.
One minute less.