



**Durant Road Preschool  
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Natalie tallying how many flowers she sees on the playground

***Preschool Investigative Study: Flowers***

Our flower study starts by asking, “What do we know about flowers and what do we want to find out?” We’ll learn that flowers are living things with special characteristics and that there are many different kinds of flowers. Flowers and other living things depend on each other. We’ll find out about people who have jobs working with flowers and discover how people use flowers and images of flowers in many ways.

Our preschoolers will sort and weigh seeds and experiment with which will sprout first – a bulb or seeds. We’ll create flowers using collage materials, sort flowers by size, learn about parts of a flower using the flannel board, compare and contrast flowers and weeds, and discover the lifecycle of a flower.

Do you like honey tasting? We’ll take a honey taste test. Our preschoolers will learn

about bees and look for bees and butterflies in our nature area. We’ll write in our flower journals all month, compare textured flowers to other types of textures, experiment with white carnations and colored water and decide which flower grows best; with or without sunlight and water. Be on the lookout for a greenhouse and flower arranging activities.

We have chosen the following books for our flower study: *Up, Down, and Around*, *Flower Garden*, *What Do Roots Do?*, *To Be Like the Sun*, *The Tiny Seed*, and *Planting a Rainbow*.

**Mark Your Calendars**



- 1 Duck, Duck, Goose-*preschoolers*
- 4 Cinco De Mayo Parade-*preschoolers*
- 7 Museum Visit
- 7 Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
- 9 Toddler Cardboard Tube Creations
- 11 Muffins for Moms (in lobby)
- 14 Bubble Blowing Day-*preschoolers*
- 17 Toddler Pet Day (**see teacher for details**)
- 17 Fire Truck Visit
- 18 Spanish Class with Ms. Mariela
- 21 Toddler Water Play Outside
- 23 Toddler Bug Hunt
- 25 Fun Day in May (*details in lobby*)
- 28 Center Closed-Happy Memorial Day!
- 31 Kite Flying-*preschoolers*

***Fitness Fridays***

- 4 Body Part Balance
- 11 Punting
- 18 Catching with a Scoop
- 25 Obstacle Course

**Our Specials**

<b><i>Mon</i></b>	<b><i>Tues</i></b>	<b><i>Wed</i></b>	<b><i>Thurs</i></b>	<b><i>Fri</i></b>
Math Lesson	Computer Class Literacy Lesson	Music Class Gymmie & Friends Fitness	Spanish Class Soccer Shots	Math Lesson



Cooper exploring how fish swim

### Infant and Toddler Program

Young children live with pets in their homes and neighborhoods. This month, our infants and toddlers will explore some common pets like cats, dogs, fish, and rabbits. We'll learn their names, the sounds they make, what they look like, and how they move.

Our children play with curiosity. Our teacher's use *planned experiences* to guide play. What is a *planned experience*? It's an activity a teacher sets up to support children's learning through repeated exploration of the environment, materials, or equipment. Watch out for floor pictures, scarf boxes, wind chimes and windsocks, bubbles, clear tubes, experience bottles, and finger painting. We'll enjoy water play, bug study, cardboard tube constructions and colored glue. We're going to be busy!

### NC Museum of Natural Science

This month we are excited to present, *Fantastic Frogs*. What's the difference between frogs and toads? Our children will learn some of these differences and hear sounds frogs and toads make. We will also meet some tree frogs and a toad.



### Our Music Program

Music and movement go together naturally for young children. This month our children will participate in a marching band parade. They will learn to identify rhythm instruments and to move to the rhythm of music. We will also learn a *May Day* finger play using sign language as well as new spring songs..



### SPANISH

This month, we talk about animals in Espanol:

"On the farm" - En la granja

Pig - Cerdo Cow-Vaca

Chicken-Pollitos Horse-Caballo

We will also practice numbers, colors and the alphabet!

### Focus On Literacy

#### Book of the Month

This month our preschoolers will read *A Perfect Square* by Michael Hill. A perfect square that's perfectly happy with its four equal sides and four equal corners is transformed in this adventure story that will take us far beyond the four equal sides. This square book is torn into pieces, punched with holes, crumpled, ripped and cut into strips. In each transformation it changes into something new, and is just as happy. **Check it out!**



### Happy Birthday

Beckett	Madison	Roman	Emerson
Ryan	Harrison	Dylan M.	Katie
Jaxden	Scarlett	Tyler	Dylan S.