

Playtime Press

May 2018

MOTHER'S DAY...DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 13TH... IT WILL SNEAK UP ON YOU IF YOU'RE NOT WATCHING. WE WILL HELP TO REMIND YOU BY SERVING "MUFFINS FOR MOMS" ON FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 11TH. HERE ARE SOME GIFT IDEAS TO CELEBRATE MOM. (FIND DIRECTIONS FOR THESE AND MANY MORE ON WIKIHOW.COM.)

1. GET MOM A FAVORITE BOOK AND HAVE THE KIDS MAKE HER A BOOKMARK, ([HTTP://WWW.WIKIHOW.COM/MAKE-A-RIBBON-BOOKMARK](http://www.wikihow.com/make-a-ribbon-bookmark)). IMPORTANT PART IS TO THEN GIVE MOM QUIET TIME TO READ.
2. MAKE YOUR OWN BATH SALTS WITH THE KIDS ([HTTP://WWW.WIKIHOW.COM/MAKE-FIZZY-SALTS](http://www.wikihow.com/make-fizzy-salts)) AND THEN PUT THEM IN A GIFT BASKET WITH CANDLES, SWEETS, AND A MAGAZINE.

THE MAIN IDEA IS TO GIVE MOM TIME TO RELAX AND SHOW HER SHE IS APPRECIATED TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

Important

**PLAYTIME IS
CLOSED ON
MONDAY
MAY 28th FOR
MEMORIAL
DAY**



Happy Birthday
Ms. Rita May 14th!



The Curriculum
Corner



Playtime Learning Academy focuses on the development of the "whole" child! Therefore, we value gross motor development and work to create an environment in which children are encouraged to run, hop, throw, catch, skip, and balance. Playtime meets the gross motor development goals in two distinct and important ways. First, we have a designated gross motor activity each day on the grassy area of the playground space. This activity focuses on different large muscle groups and rotates throughout the week, so children are excited to engage with the variety of materials. We also have the Big Body Playroom for our 3-5 year old students that encourages gross motor play indoors with several soft toys for throwing and catching, a punching bag, and a climbing wall. When children are given the opportunity to use their bodies in different ways, many children are better able to engage and focus in other areas of the classroom. The need for physical activity is met!

May 7th-11th TEACHER

APPRECIATION WEEK

Our wonderful teachers would love to hear how much you appreciate the amazing work they do. Please make an effort to participate in this year's appreciation activities.

MONDAY— (5/7) Bring food items for our teacher morning brunch.

WEDNESDAY—(5/9) Bring a card, picture, or kind note of appreciation.

FRIDAY—(5/11) Bring small gifts to contribute to teacher gift bags.

ST. JUDE'S CHARITY TRIKE-A-THON

What a Great Day!

Each spring, we ask parents to make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital during the week of our Trike-A-Thon. St. Jude's donates prizes for individual contributions and Playtime donates an ice cream party to the winning classroom. This year's winning classroom was Ms. Sheena and Ms. Yeiza, who brought in over \$1000 with 75% class participation! Of course the big winner is St. Jude's Children's Hospital who received just over \$3100 from our event. This brings Playtime Learning Academy's total donations to over \$23,000. None of this would be possible without the amazingly generous families we are privileged to serve each day. Thank you so much! T-shirts and other donor prizes will be sent to us to distribute



SUMMER OPENINGS

As many of you know, Playtime Learning Academy has been full in all classes most of the year.

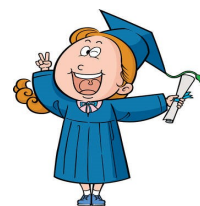
However, we anticipate having additional openings in a few classes on May 29th as we transition into summer schedules. So, if you have a friend who might be wanting to get into classes at Playtime, now is the time to come in and put a hold on those upcoming spaces.

VPK Graduation

Wednesday May 23rd

6:00pm-7:30pm

Sickles High School (Tampa)



Order your DVD (\$20) copy of the Graduation Ceremony and picture slideshow of graduates in office this week.

Order your wristbands (\$5) for Graduation in the office this week. (Everybody needs one if they are coming to see graduation.)

Have children at Sickles High School Auditorium no later than 6:00pm on the day of graduation. We provide graduation caps and gowns at graduation, to go over clothes.

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