

May

Family Guidance Center
Of Alabama
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MAY THEMES:

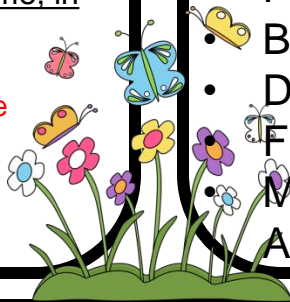
- Mother's Day/Flowers
- Cinco de Mayo
- May Day
- Graduation
- Zoo Animals
- Memorial Day
- Insects and Spiders
- Picnics
- Caterpillars and Butterflies
- Ponds and Lakes

Here Comes a Butterfly

Here comes a butterfly,
Flying all around.
It flies (up high)
And then lands on the ground.

Continue with: down low, behind me, in front of me, over me, etc.

Come by the Library and make some butterfly stick puppets. If you don't have time to come make them, call us and we will make them for you.



Available Die Cuts

- Flowers
- Ants, Spiders, Ladybugs, Grasshoppers, Bee, Butterfly and other bugs
- Flowerpot (large)
- Balloon and Kite
- Duck
- Frog
- Magnifying Glass
- Animal Puppets

Reminders

- May Day May 1st
- Cinco de Mayo May 5th
- Mother's Day May 14th
- Memorial Day May 29th

"To the world you may just be a teacher but to your students you are a star."

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: Leo Lionni

Leo Lionni was born on May 5, 1910. He is best known for using collage materials for pictures in his books. Some of his favorite books are *Inch by Inch* and *Swimmy*. He was married to Norah until his death in 1999. They have two sons. He created *Little Blue and Little Yellow* while on a trip with his grandmother.



The Library will host a Teacher Appreciation Station event on May 11, 2023. This will be a come and go event. Please plan on dropping by anytime between 9:00-3:00. This month we are having a Picnic Theme and will provide different stations for teachers to visit.

If you need any additional assistance, please call Resource/Training Specialist
Lisa Kirkland at 334-270-4100 ext. 267

BOOKS & THEME KITS

- *Mother's Day Mice* by Eve Bunting
- *Celebrating Mother's Day* by Sandi Hill
- Mexico Theme Kit
- Insects and Bugs Theme Kit
- Lots of books by Eric Carle
- Insects Book Kit

DID YOU KNOW??

- We are offering team building activities during the month of May. There is a minimum of six participants for these events. The dates are May 8 and 16 from 6:30-7:30. (These are the same activities we will do on May 11th.) Registration is required and on a first serve basis. This is not for training hours, but for hands-on learning and team building.
- Make sure to check your email for important information about Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12). We will send out flyers and encourage teachers to send them back so we can spotlight you in our library. Each day during this week we will draw for a \$25 Walmart Gift Card. So make sure to send your flyer back in so you can get registered for the drawing.
- If you need assistance with anything, just call. We offer Technical Assistance in a variety of areas and would be more than happy to come to your center and offer assistance. If your time is limited, we will pull materials for you and make die cuts or laminate. These items can be picked up on nights we have in person training or we can arrange to have them delivered to your center.
- If you haven't been to the Resource Library lately, you are missing out. We pumped up our Music/Movement Area and Art Area. We are working on more STREAM items and Theme Kits. Please stop by and see all the things we have to offer.
- Please share this information with your coworkers or staff. We have lots of exciting things happening in the Training Department and we want everyone to be a part of it.

MAY ACTIVITY

Spring Movement Game with Flowers

In the Pick a Flower Game, children will move in different ways to travel from one letter of the alphabet to another letter during each round of the activity.

Materials Needed

20 die cut flowers in four different colors (available in the Resource Library)
20 craft sticks
20 glue dots
Permanent marker
Sidewalk chalk
1 small flowerpot

Setting Up the Movement Activity

1. Attach a flower to each craft stick using a glue dot.
2. Choose one flower group of the same color and write one of the following words (run, hop, walk, skip, and gallop) on each of the sticks in that group. Repeat for the remaining colors.
3. Place your flowers in a flower pot.
4. Outside you will need to draw 4-8 letters of the alphabet on the playground or another concrete area. Space the letters out so that the children can't get to them too quickly.

Playing Pick a Flower

Now, it's time to play. Divide the children into four teams. Assign each team a color that corresponds to the colors in your flower pot. You may even give each child a sticker that matches the team color. Invite each team to stand together.

Pull out a flower from the pot and announce it to the children. For example, if you pull a yellow flower with the word hop on it, say, "Yellow team please hop to the letter _____ (fill in with a letter that is drawn with chalk)."

Continue to pull all the flowers sending teams moving all over the playing area. The activity is over when all the flowers have been picked and completed.