



**MANISTEE EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER**



MARINERS MONTHLY



MONTHLY WORD

from **Principal Huber**



If you're like me, it's hard to believe it's May. And while it truly feels like the last few months have disappeared, it's also amazing how far every student in the building has grown... we have great kids at MECC!

When we reflect on growth, it's not just in their reading and math, but in our kids kindness and independence. We are so proud of our "Class of 2038" and can't wait to finish the year strong!

Some fun dates to remember:

- May 1: Kindergarten Buddy Reading with 5th Grade
- May 5–9: Educator Appreciation Week (Let's show our MECC team some love!)
- May 6: GSRP to Cognition Science & Discovery Center in Beulah
- May 15: Kindergarten to Sandcastles
- May 13: GSRP last day of school and Kick Off to Summer, home visits begin following last day
- May 25: Memorial Day – No School
- June 2: Kindergarten Field Day (Rain Day June 3)
- June 5: Kindergarten Last Day of School

Kinder Field Day Fun!

Please ensure your Kinder student wears sneakers and brings a labeled water bottle for June 2; we'll also visit Manistee Elementary School afterwards.

Summer Ready

To keep those hard-earned skills sharp over the break, don't forget to visit the Manistee Library for their summer reading programming. Even 10 minutes of reading a day makes a huge difference for rising Mariners! We'll have more information later in the month.

Welcome New Mariners!

Our Kindergarten Round Up open house was a terrific success! It was fun to share our new building with students and families. We are looking forward to next year and welcoming our new Mariners.

If you need to register for Preschool or Kindergarten for fall, please reach out to us at: 231-723-9285





COOL THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Kindergarten

Jamie Kistler was a mystery reader in Ms. Lundberg's room.

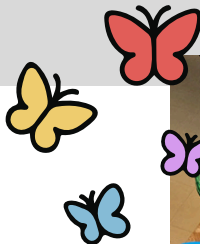


During the month of May, Ms. Lowe's class is looking forward to field trips to Sandcastles in Ludington, and the Manistee Library! Year end prep includes end of the year assessments and fitting in crafts whenever we can!!



Mrs. Harthun's class has been exploring building, butterflies, earth day and fun.

Students have been captivated by bird watching at the window feeder in Mrs. Riley's room.





Mini Mariners

This month Mini Mariners learned how to take care of our earth, and in doing so talked about how worms help with that.

GSRP

The GSRP preschoolers made the most of the beautiful weather by heading out on a neighborhood scavenger hunt! It was a wonderful opportunity to learn, explore, and enjoy the sunshine together!



It's Happening!

MECC has begun preparations for the big move to our new location. We are excited for this next chapter!





Specials



Gym

Kindergarten students are practicing their Field Day activities in preparation for this day scheduled later in May. Our current focus is parachute fun! This activity requires listening skills and group cooperation in addition to the physical skills.

It has been fun to see all the big smiles from students this past week as we play in class!

Health

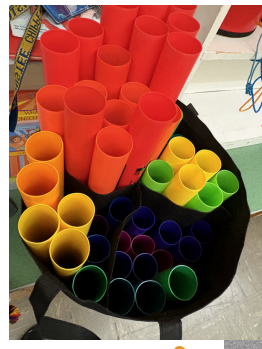
Our health focus in May will be on summer safety with tips for water, and learning addresses and phone numbers.



Music

Kindergarten music is working on drumming the beat and simple rhythm patterns!

It's fun to drum!
Next we are going to start using the Boomwhackers to play songs!!



Art



In our art class this month, we got to do so many fun and creative projects! We made slime, which was squishy and stretchy, and it was exciting to mix all the ingredients together to see it come to life.

We also did color by number activities, where we carefully colored different sections with the right colors to reveal a pretty picture.

One of our favorite projects was making coffee filter butterflies — we colored the filters with markers, then sprayed them with water to make the colors blend and look magical before folding and clipping them to look like butterflies.

Finally, we cut out lots of colorful pieces of paper and glued them onto a bigger sheet to create beautiful flowers. It was a great way to practice using scissors, glue, and colors all while having a lot of fun!

