



Mary's Monthly Memo

A Little Mother's Day History

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

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Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else.

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In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

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Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

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At first, people observed Mother's Day by attending church, writing letters to their mothers, and eventually, by sending cards, presents, and flowers. With the increasing gift-giving activity associated with Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis became enraged. She believed that the day's sentiment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit. In 1923 she filed a lawsuit to stop a Mother's Day festival, and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling carnations for a war mother's group. Before her death in 1948, Jarvis is said to have confessed that she regretted ever starting the mother's day tradition.

Despite Jarvis's misgivings, Mother's Day has flourished in the United States. In fact, the second Sunday of May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, and telephone lines record their highest traffic, as sons and daughters everywhere take advantage of this day to honor and to express appreciation of their mothers.

"A mother's love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking"

`Helen Rice



Technical Assistance

May is already here and that means it's SR contract time! I will be setting up appointments mid May—mid June. Please call me to set up your 2011-2012 contract appointment (386-961-0127). I prefer afternoons due to TA visits in the morning. I will also type your private rates and holidays during your appointment. Please look over the new contract however, do not complete it until you arrive for your appointment with me.

I am attaching a copy of the "Your guide to New Crib Standards". It tells you what you should know and what you should do with your cribs.

I hope that you are able to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the "One Goal Conference" (for centers) and the "FCCHA Conference" (for Family Child Care Homes).

We are displaying children's open-ended art work in our lobby from different center each month. So, don't be surprised if one month I ask you to provide us with some of your children's beautiful art work.

Florida State Standard Domain of the Month

Physical Development

Physical development impacts other developmental areas. Research and experience suggest that planned physical activities and exposure to a wide array of experiences are keys to the physical development of young children. Because many health-related behaviors (e.g., eating preferences, exercise patterns) are developed in childhood, it is vital that the adults who care for young children consciously promote physical development.

There are four components to young children's physical development:

Gross motor development—refers to the use, refinement, and coordination of the body's large muscles.

Fine motor development—focuses on the use, refinement, and coordination of the small muscles.

Self-help—refers to the child's capacity to accomplish health and self-care routines independently and interdependently with significant adults.

Health—includes physical, dental, auditory, and visual development as well as the nutritional, mental health, and wellness needs of young children.

~Birth to Three Years Standard~

Crafts with Children



Recipe Card Holder

Materials:

- tongue depressors (big popsicle sticks -- you can get these at the craft store)
- 4 or 5 regular sized popsicle sticks
- glue
- ribbon, string or wool
- poster or tempera paint (you could also use acrylic paint if you want a water proof version)

Directions:

- Glue three big popsicle sticks together so they form a U shape.
- Add as many more big popsicle sticks as it takes to completely cover the two sides of the U (about 7 or 8 all together)
- This is the back of your recipe holder.
- Flip it over
- Stack and glue 2 more popsicle sticks on each side of the U shape (we want our end results to be wide enough to fit several number of recipe cards...you can do more or less depending on how many cards you want your holder to hold.
- Stick and glue 4 or 5 popsicle sticks on the bottom U so the recipe cards don't fall out the bottom of the holder.
- Glue 4 or 5 popsicle sticks to form the front.
- Let the children paint and decorate the holder.

ATTENTION

**Just a reminder that all Post E-LAP and LAP-3 assessments
are due by June 1, 2011**

Literacy Corner

This month's literacy focus is on "Moms"

- *Mommy's Little Star* by Janet Bingham
- *Where's my Mommy?* by Sara Smith
- *Hooray for Mom* by Samantha Brooke
- *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn
- *Mama, How Long will You Love Me?* by Anna Pignatere
- *Along Came You* by Karona Drummond



VPK News



VPK Providers - please check the Coalition website in the "Provider Section" for updated applications. The new VPK 10, VPK 11A and VPK 11B applications are posted and can be typed, saved and e-mailed to me at mbrady@elc-fg.org with the "electronic signature" box checked.

The old forms you have saved to your computer are no longer accepted. Only these new, complete forms will be accepted. You may have a couple of questions, so just give me a call at (386)961-0129.

There are many changes coming with the new year so stay tuned, we will plan a Provider Meeting sometime in the next couple of months.

Thank you all for your cooperation and communication, this all leads to a successful year.

Melissa

Family Services Department News

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Reminder: CCR&R update forms were due April 29, 2011!



Upcoming Trainings

Thursday, May 19th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Florida Gateway College, Allied Health Building. Priscilla Jones will present " *Tiny Tips for Little Bits*".

This is an "one-the-floor" workshop exploring the worlds of our **infants** and all that they learn from us and each other. Participants will be experiencing an infant gather time, social play, and much more.

*This workshop is designed specifically for infant teachers.

Cooking with Kids

Sew Sweet Cupcakes



No seamstress skills are required to make these Mother's Day cupcakes. The stitches are made of licorice lace.

Ingredients

Frosted cupcakes

Licorice lace (we used Twizzler Pull-n-Peel)

Instructions

Use 1/4-inch pieces of lace to form letters or hearts. For the needle, tie a longer length of lace around an end of a toothpick, then stick the toothpick and one end of the lace into the cupcake.



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***Remember to check the
DCF Website for updates!***

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6th—Provider
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8th—Mother’s
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31st—Memorial
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