



Busy Bees May / June 2025 Newsletter



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

As we head into the final months of our preschool year, there's still so much to look forward to! We're buzzing with excitement as we watch our caterpillars grow and prepare for their transformation into butterflies. We'll also be observing the busy world of an ant colony in action. This month will be filled with hands-on science, creative exploration, and some extra-special events like Field Day, Water Day, and Magic Mud Day—stay tuned for more details! We'll also be working on a special end-of-year project to share with you at our upcoming family picnic. It's going to be a joyful and memorable finish to a fantastic year!

MAY THEMES:

Creative Art Exploration *(This month's projects will be displayed at our family picnic/art show. You won't see too many projects going home. Please note: You may take them home after the picnic!)*

Water Fun

Butterflies

LAST SCHOOL DAYS:

June 5th and June 6th are the last days of school at Busy Bees.

FAMILY PICNIC & ART SHOW: (RAIN OR SHINE)

Monday June 9th and Tuesday June 10th

THIS WILL BE HELD AT HAMPDEN MEMORIAL PARK 495 Main Street, Hampden, MA
There is a pavilion, but in the event of HEAVY rain, we will have the picnic in the gym at Busy Bees!

9:30	ARRIVAL TIME FOR FAMILIES
10:00	ENTERTAINMENT
11:00-12:00	PICNIC LUNCH

Please pack a picnic lunch for your family. (Grandparents/ siblings welcome) We will follow the schedule above, **rain or shine**. There is a covered pavilion at the park. You may want to bring a blanket or cover for the ground to have an outdoor lunch. There are plenty of picnic tables for use as well. In the event of heavy rain, we will have a picnic in the gym at Busy Bees Preschool.

*There is a spray park. If the spray park has opened for the season, feel free to bring towels and bathing suits to play there AFTER our picnic. They also have a stream, a wonderful playground, ballfields, and hiking trails.

FINAL TUITION PAYMENT FOR 2024-2025

The final tuition payment for the school year is due this month. **No payment is due in June.** Just a reminder that tuition payments are based on a yearly fee and broken down into 10 equal payments.

TUITION DEPOSIT FOR 2025/26

Tuition Deposits for the 2025/26 school year will be due this month. I will be sending out notifications through Brightwheel.

FIELD DAY: May 21st and 22nd(rain dates May 23rd and 27th)

We look forward to our annual Field Day. We will split the class into small groups and play all kinds of games throughout the morning. Please make sure you put sunblock on your child that day. We would love to have at least 6 volunteers to help lead the games. We would also love a parent to keep time and notify us when it is time to rotate stations. A sign-up will be on the parent board. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER DUE May 9th:

Scholastic Book orders are due Friday, May 9th. Please order online. Go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. The class activation code is HBMN4. This will be our last order of the school year.

A COUPLE OF NEAT APPS: The program we use to teach beginning handwriting in our MWF class is called "Handwriting Without Tears". There are two apps that help with handwriting that a specialist recommended. They are called, **Writing Wizard** and **Letter School**. Give it a try and let us know what you think!

Another favorite with our family is Merlin. It identifies bird calls outside. When you download the app, you can record birds around you, and it will tell you what type of bird is singing, and you can learn about the bird.

A GREAT WEBSITE: Go to littlebinsforlittlehands.com for fantastic science activities and monthly calendars that have daily links to great stem activities to do each day.

MAGIC MUD FUN: We will be having a day of mud fun and surprises. (May 28th and 29th) They might get dirty, so dress accordingly. Thank you!

WATER DAY EXPLORATION: June 2nd and June 3rd (rain dates June 4th and 5th) We will be bringing our water toys and games outside for a day of fun and surprises. Please wear comfortable clothing every day, but especially on field day, mud day, and water day. (Sunblock too!)

Sincerely,

Marna Shields

