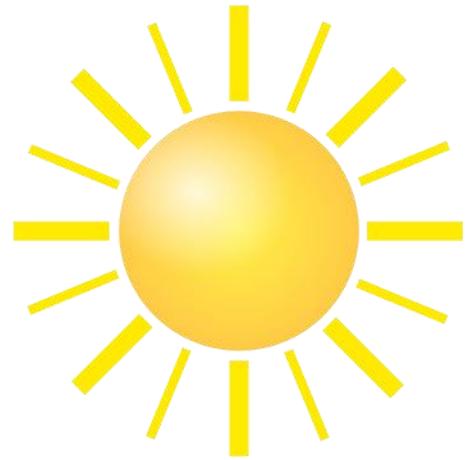




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## Avast, me hearties, international "Talk Like a Pirate Day" is September 19th.

Here are the five basic words that you cannot live without. Master them, and you can face Talk Like a Pirate Day with a smile on your face and a parrot on your shoulder, if that's your thing.

**Ahoy!** - "Hello!"

**Avast!** - Stop and give attention. It can be used in a sense of surprise, "Whoa! Get a load of that!" which today, makes it more of a "Check it out" or "No way!"

**Aye!** - "Why yes, I agree most heartily with everything you just said or did."

**Aye aye!** - "I'll get right on that sir, as soon as my break is over."

**Arrr!** - This one is often confused with arrrgh, which is of course the sound you make when you sit on a belying pin. "Arrr!" can mean, variously, "yes," "I agree," "I'm happy," "My team is going to win it all," and "That was a clever remark you or I just made." And those are just a few of the myriad possibilities of Arrr!

Once you've mastered the basics, you're ready to start expanding your pirate vocabulary. Try these for starters

**Beauty** - The best possible pirate address for a woman. Always preceded by "me," as in, "C'mere, me beauty," or even, "me buxom beauty."

**Bilge rat** - The bilge is the lowest level of the ship. It's loaded with ballast and slimy, reeking water. A bilge rat, then, is a rat that lives in the worst place on the ship. Since bilge rat is a pretty dirty thing to call someone, by all means use it on your friends.

**Hornpipe** - Both a single-reeded musical instrument sailors often had aboard ship, and a spirited dance that sailors do.

**Lubber** - (or land lubber) This is the seaman's version of land lover, mangled by typical pirate disregard for elocution. A lubber is someone who does not go to sea, who stays on the land. More likely than not, you are a lubber 364 days of the year. But not if you're talking like a pirate! Then the word lubber becomes one of the more fierce weapons in your arsenal of piratical lingo. In a room where everyone is talking like pirates, lubber is ALWAYS an insult.

**Smartly** - Do something quickly.



## GRANDPARENTS: HOW THEY MAKE A CHILD FEEL LOVED

Grandparents can make a real difference in the way a child thinks about herself and her family. Over the years, I've come up with these ideas to help this special relationship flourish.

When I see expectant parents in my office, I sometimes ask them if a grandmother is coming to help out after the baby arrives. "Never!" they're apt to reply. "She'd just tell us what to do, and we don't want that!" When I ask grandparents why they aren't going to help their children, who are becoming new parents, they say, "But that would be meddling; they need to think out their own answers." What neither the parents, nor the grandparents, seem to realize is the value of a third generation. Grandparents can fill many roles: With babies and toddlers, they can be an additional source of love and care. For school-age children, they can inspire older children and adolescents to want to grow up to be like them.

Grandparents can be tolerant, loving and supportive without having to discipline and instruct the way parents must. They can afford to see all the good things in a child and ignore the bad, and that's a wonderful mirror for any child to look into!

Unfortunately, Americans today are in danger of losing important communications with the older generation, and young families are paying the price for it. Getting the extended family back together again is a worthwhile goal, especially for working parents who particularly need the emotional and practical support their own parents might offer them.

Here are some ideas for parents, and for grandparents, that can help preserve those loving connections so vital to all of us.

Invite your children's grandparents to help out. Ask your parents or in-laws to come stay with you for a while after your baby arrives and to baby-sit for you. If you need someone to stay with your child while you work, and the grandparents are willing, consider them first. Many grandparents, who would be happy to sit with their grandchildren, don't offer for fear of intruding. And many parents are afraid that having a close relative as a care-giver could create unnecessary tensions. It's true that you may feel competitive with your parent, but that will occur no matter whom you choose as a secondary care-giver. It's a universal truth that everyone who's interested in a baby will be in competition with everyone else for that baby. The main point is to get the very best care-giver for your child, and who could be better than a loving grandparent?

Allow grandparents to play a unique role. It's only natural for them to indulge their grandchildren, and it's also natural for parents to resent such indulgence, unless they see the value of it. Of course, when it comes to major issues, you, as the parent, should set the rules and expect grandparents to abide by them. Talk over your priorities with your parents and in-laws so that everyone will understand what's acceptable and what's not.

Develop your own close relationship with the grandparents. Don't be afraid to turn to them when you need support in dealing with an infant who cries all night, for example, or with a 2-year old whose temper tantrums are driving you wild. Even if you get unwanted advice, you don't have to follow it. You'll be getting the comfort and encouragement you need.

Whenever possible, include grandparents in birthdays and other important family times. Encourage your children to share their achievements with their grandparents. Positive feedback helps children build self-esteem, and most grandparents are very generous with their praise.

If grandparents are far away, encourage visits and communications. Show your children family photographs and talk to them about grandma and grandpa. You'll be instilling a sense of family and continuity that will be important to your children throughout their lives.

### A GRANDPARENT'S SPECIAL GIFT

There are so many benefits of an extended family that, until recently, it never occurred to me there could be any drawbacks. However, on a visit to China several months ago to study the effects of their one-child-per-family program, I was told one apparent effect was that the "one child" was becoming quite spoiled. As the center of attention for six adults (two parents and four grandparents) these children were turning out to be self-centered and thoughtless of others, the opposite of what the Chinese want their youngsters to be.

The solution of the psychologists I talked with was to split off the grandparents from the family unit so they wouldn't be able to "spoil" their grandchildren. I was horrified at the thought, especially in a society where ancestor worship has been a cultural mainstay for centuries, and I told the Chinese experts about some of the tragic consequences of the "generation gap" in the United States.

I further suggested that if grandparents were encouraged to nurture co-operation and sharing in their grandchildren, in place of simply indulging them, they would most likely respond in a positive way and so would the grandchildren.

One of the special gifts of grandparents is their ability to influence young children. Removed from the power struggles of the immediate family, a grandparent isn't likely to meet with as much resistance as a parent would when suggesting a child set the table or do her homework. So if there's a bad habit you'd like her to cultivate, put the grandparents to work on it. You may be amazed at the results.

By T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.



# Why we ...

## ...HAVE A STING RAY CLUB

Many of our children do not participate in after school activities such as soccer, baseball, gymnastics, dance, girl scouts, etc. However, they would enjoy doing something different after school. Because of this, we have established the Sting Ray Club. This club meets every other week and provides the children with an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities like roller skating, miniature golf, and laser tag. The charge is the actual cost of the activity plus an additional \$2 to cover our expenses. Your children are invited to participate in all of the activities or just selected ones. The activity with the cost, is posted on the front desk the week of the activity. We must have a minimum of 5 children signed up to attend the activity or it will be canceled.



## WHY SOME OF US WORK 10 HOUR DAYS

When possible we schedule our employees so they work a 10-hour/4-day work week. We believe most of our parents work an 8-hour day with one hour for lunch and normally spend less than one hour commuting to and from work. By having our employees work a 10-hour day, they can be in the classroom when most parents bring and/or pick up their child(ren). This should help alleviate a concern many of our parents have, which is not being able to communicate directly with their child's teacher (a problem in the child care industry, as a whole).

When the teacher is off for one of the school days (the 5th work day of the week) another teacher will teach the class in accordance with the lesson plan.

## Making Homework Count

"I left my homework on the bus." ..... "I did my homework at school."

Excuses teachers hear...excuses parents hear. Most schools regularly assign homework, and here are some tips to make homework a more positive experience for you and your child. Remember, there is a strong connection between the amount of time a student spends on homework and the success the student experiences. Homework is designed to:

- Help children learn to set up and follow a routine.
- Help children practice skills they haven't fully learned.
- Teach children responsibility.
- Encourage children to apply classroom learning to activities at home and in the community.
- Help children integrate several skills in an assignment such as research, writing, oral delivery and mixed media.

### Helping with homework

Helping with homework means:

- answering questions
- reviewing work
- helping obtain additional resources or materials for the assignment
- not doing homework for the child

Try to find a time you can help with the homework or take your child to the library to select any additional materials. If you're not comfortable as a tutor/coach for a subject, you can seek help from a relative, a friend, older brother/sister, a neighbor, babysitter, or a hired tutor.

### Set a schedule

Set aside a regular time on school nights for study. Agree on a schedule and stick to it. Decide together when chores will be done, when activities fit in, when television, computer games, telephone, and music will be allowed.

### Create a study place

Create a study place with the following features:

- good lighting
- comfortable chair and table
- the materials/resources of your reading and writing kits: pens, pencils, paper (lined, unlined, graph, and scratch paper), erasers, dictionary suitable for your child's age, note cards, pencil sharpener, and a calendar for dates, assignments, deadlines
- choose a quiet place free from distractions such as the telephone, television and computer games

### Keeping Track of assignments and supplies

To get past "it's lost" or "I forgot the assignment," label all school supplies, including coats, hats, sweaters, book, and gym bags. Help your child choose:

- a water proof book bag or back pack
- notebooks/binders for multiple subjects with pockets for pens, pencils, and erasers
- a calendar, day planner, notebook for assignments

Excerpted from Jefferson County School, Parents as Partners: On the Road to Success, Fall 1998.



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## WHY WE COMBINE CLASSROOMS

Many days during early morning and late afternoon we move our children into groups to better utilize our staff. This "grouping" is an ongoing exercise and changes from hour to hour and day to day depending on when, and at what rate the children arrive and leave the school every day. When we have enough children in a particular age group to warrant a teacher they are moved into their regular classroom. They are only "grouped" in the early morning and at the end of the day when the number of children remaining in that particular age group no longer warrants a teacher.

We never compromise child/staff ratios when "grouping". The youngest child in the group determines the child/staff ratio. Infants will only be "grouped" with other infants, toddlers will only be "grouped" with other toddlers and pre-schoolers will only be "grouped" with other pre-schoolers.

The "grouping" takes place during "free play" time and in no way adversely affects the pre-school portion of the day. "Grouping" is simply a management technique that helps keep our tuition as low as possible.

### BANILLA SANDWICH COOKIES

October 11, 2011 By Naomi Robinson

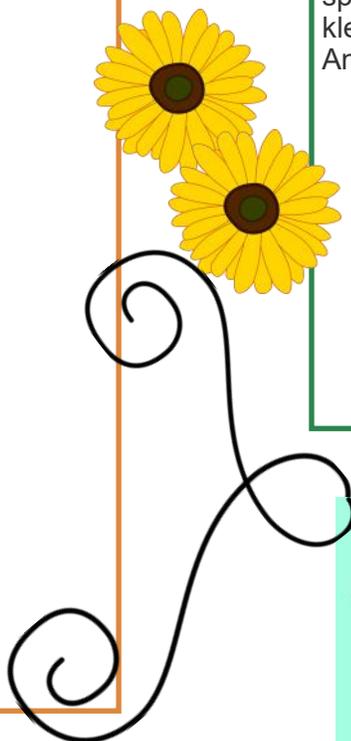
Time to embrace simplicity in this no-bake cookie sandwich that clocks a mere 10 minutes to whip up 2 dozen popable cookies. That's popable so no bite required. This is a simple idea that utilizes a banana slice, sandwiched between two mini Nilla wafer cookies with a little peanut butter spread for added flavor and then dipped in sprinkles for added happiness. Fast. Simple. Easy. And look at how adorable they are.



## LEAF BOWL



Paste leaves onto a balloon and wait until it dries. Let the kids pop them; they will be amazed with what they've made!



Nothing says we're going to be 7 hours late like my toddler yelling, "Nooooo! Don't help me!"

That Mom Lady



# September Thematic Curriculum

**Author of the month: Eric Carle**  
**Character trait of the month; Hon-  
esty**



## Weekly Theme: Royals and Pirates

- What is a pirate?
- Do pirates still exist?
- What is a King or Queen?
- Where do they live?
- Do Kings and Queens still exist?



## Weekly Theme: Johnny Appleseed

- There are different types of apples.
- Who is Johnny Appleseed and what did he do?
- How do apples grow?
- Apples to applesauce.



## Weekly Theme: Me and My Family

- I am me. I am special. There is no one else like me.
- I have a special name that was given to me when I was born.
- No one has a voice just like mine; No one has fingerprints like mine.
- I have feelings- sad, glad, angry, & tired.
- Family takes care of each other.
- As I get bigger, I can do more things.
- My thoughts and ideas are important and so are other's thoughts and ideas.
- Why are families important?
- Who makes up a family?
- Family members are different but are still a family



## Weekly Theme: Back To School

- Talk about classroom routines
- What are the classroom rules?
- What is your favorite part of school?
- Why do we go to school?
- How do we make new friends feel welcome?



## Weekly Theme: Five senses

- What is the function of our five senses?
- What body parts are associated with the five senses?
- Help the children become aware of the pleasure they can get by using their five senses.
- Learn about feelings and boost self esteem through imagination and play.
- Practicing cooperation and learning sharing skills.
- Reviewing basic concepts such as shapes, numbers and the alphabet with sesame street characters.
- Teaching a sense of community with a range of diversity.



## September LPL News.....

To all our LPL families,

As the summer draws to a close, we are looking forward to the upcoming school year. We are so pleased with our summer day camp program for our school age program. The kids went on so many great trips; including, the Denver Zoo, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, swimming at local pools and parks, and Cave of the Winds where our kids absolutely loved learning about bats! Of course, nothing compared to our annual trips to Elitches, Water World, and the Rockies game! Our thanks to all our special day camp teachers who kept our kids engaged and safe as they ventured outside our schools!!

Remember we will be **closed Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day**. Enjoy the last official holiday of summer and stay safe!

**Grandparent's Day** is Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating these special people at each school with a variety of Grandparent's Day socials. We invite all our grandparents to join us; however, if grandpa or grandma isn't available, parents, aunts or uncles are invited as well. This is always such a fun time for kids as well as the grand people. **Check your school calendar for the celebration date and time.**

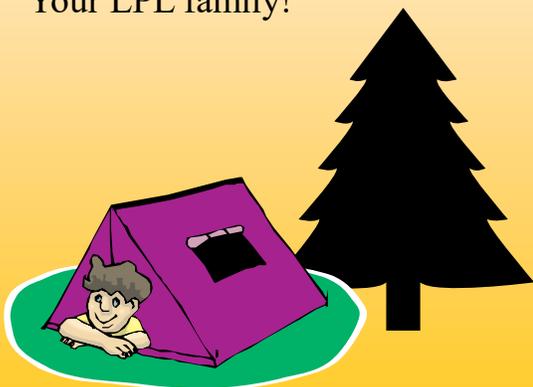
Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> is **TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!!!** This is always one of our favorite days when walking the plank is a good thing and there are lots of "Aaarrhhs" and "ahoy mateys" floating around the high seas in our classrooms! We will be having some pirate games and crafts as well as searching for pirate's buried treasure (X marks the spot!)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the **first day of Fall** and we will be celebrating cooler days (maybe) and the turning of the leaves. This is always a great time of year to discuss the changing of the seasons and what we can anticipate with each new season.

Speaking of Fall, it's finally time to celebrate the "Boys of Fall" and cheer on our Denver Broncos. **Check your school calendar for the specified Bronco Days** and send your little fans in their Bronco gear to cheer on our local team. (We know there are those of you who are fans of those "other teams" so we will graciously allow non-Bronco fans to wear their jerseys as well!)

Don't forget to check your child's cubby and switch out their extra clothes from summer to warmer Fall/Winter clothes.

Again, have a great 3-day Labor Day weekend with family and friends!  
Your LPL family!



# What is Parent's Night Out?

Parent's Night Out is a baby sitting service that Little Peoples Landing offers to all parents even if they do not have children enrolled with us. Parents can enjoy a night out for some adult time. They will feel secure knowing that their children are well taken care of and having fun with professional child care experts.

The PNO is theme based and similar to a child's birthday party with food, game and craft activities. The theme is different each month for a variety of fun!

## Parents Night Out for September

Date	Time	Location	Theme	Address	Phone
9/15	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Littleton	Pirates at Play	8305 S. Wadsworth @ Chatfield South/West Corner	303-973-1926
9/15	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Arvada	Pirates at Play	7885 Allison Way South of 80th & West of Wadsworth	303-422-9157
9/22	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Ft. Collins-Boardwalk	Pirates at Play	4525 Boardwalk @ Harmony North/West Corner	970-266-1230
9/8	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Highlands Ranch	Pirates at Play	122 Plaza Drive (South of AMC Theaters) Broadway & C470	720-344-1804
9/8	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Ft. Collins Avondale	Spies Like Us	6606 Avondale @ Trilby South/East Corner	970-225-2936
9/8	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Roxborough	Spies Like Us	10127 Waterton Rd @ Rampart Range Rd North/West Corner	303-794-6858
9/22	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Louisville	Pirates at Play	205 Century Circle (McCaslin/Century Dr)	303-604-4440
9/22	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Parker	Spies Like Us	16808 Village Center Dr.	303-841-4313

Open to the public:

1st Child— Public \$10.00/hr | Enrolled \$7.00/hr

2nd Child—Public \$7.00/hr | Enrolled \$5.00/hr

3+ Children—Public \$5.00/hr for each additional child





# September Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>Am &amp; Pm snacks served w/100% juice or water 1% milk served</i></p> <p><i>Only whole milk will be served to infants and toddlers; 1% milk for older children.</i></p>	<p><i>Substitutions may be made to accommodate appropriate food and nutritional needs of infant and toddlers.</i></p>			
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b><u>Closed</u></b> <b><u>For Labor</u></b> <b><u>Day!</u></b></p>	<p><b>4 Am- Corn bread &amp; Cheese</b></p> <p>BBQ Chicken Rolls Peas Applesauce Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Yogurt &amp; Granola</b></p>	<p><b>5 Am- Goldfish &amp; Bananas</b></p> <p>Mac&amp;Cheese w/ham Mixed Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Vanilla wafers &amp; Oranges</b></p>	<p><b>6 Am- Muffins &amp; Apples</b></p> <p>Sloppy Joes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Wheat thins &amp; fresh veggies</b></p>	<p><b>7 Am- Chef's Choice</b></p> <p>Chef's Choice</p> <p><b>Pm- Chef's Choice</b></p>
<p><b>10 Am- French toast sticks &amp; mandarin oranges</b></p> <p>Hoagie Sandwich Vegetable Soup Bananas Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Ritz Crackers &amp; Carrots w/ dip</b></p>	<p><b>11 Am- Muffins &amp; Raisins</b></p> <p>Cheese Tortellini w/ Parmesan cheese Salad Apples Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Yogurt w/granola &amp; fruit</b></p>	<p><b>12 Am- Bagels &amp; Fruit cocktail</b></p> <p>Tator Tot Casserole Bananas Biscuits Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Goldfish &amp; oranges</b></p>	<p><b>13 Am- String Cheese &amp; Crackers</b></p> <p>Chili Mac Corn Pears Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Pretzels &amp; applesauce</b></p>	<p><b>14 Am- Chef's Choice</b></p> <p>Chef's Choice</p> <p><b>Pm- Chef's Choice</b></p>
<p><b>17 Am- Cottage Cheese &amp; peaches</b></p> <p>Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Green Beans Pineapple Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Cinnamon Toast &amp; Pears</b></p>	<p><b>18 Am- Blueberry Muffins &amp; Yogurt</b></p> <p>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- String Cheese &amp; Cucumbers</b></p>	<p><b>19 Am- English muffins &amp; mandarin oranges</b></p> <p>French Toast Turkey Sausage Hash browns Apple Sauce Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Saltines &amp; Celery w/ cream cheese</b></p>	<p><b>20 Am- Apple biscuits &amp; fruit cocktail</b></p> <p>Mini Cheese Pizzas Salad w/ Ranch Oranges Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Beary good snack mix &amp; Carrots w/ dip</b></p>	<p><b>21 Am- Chef's Choice</b></p> <p>Chef's Choice</p> <p><b>Pm- Chef's Choice</b></p>
<p><b>24 Am- Animal Crackers &amp; Fruit</b></p> <p>Porcupine Meatballs Mixed Veggies Breadsticks Pineapple Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Graham crackers &amp; pears</b></p>	<p><b>25 Am- Banana Bread &amp; Cheese</b></p> <p>Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Crackers &amp; Cucumbers</b></p>	<p><b>26 Am- Rice Cakes &amp; Raisins</b></p> <p>Ham Sandwiches Carrots Fruit Cocktails Baked Chips Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Vanilla Wafers &amp; Yogurt</b></p>	<p><b>27 Am- Bagels &amp; Bananas</b></p> <p>Turkey Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk</p> <p><b>Pm- Muffins &amp; Applesauce</b></p>	<p><b>28 Am- Chef's Choice</b></p> <p>Chef's Choice</p> <p><b>Pm- Chef's Choice</b></p>