



## May 2017 Activity Spotlight



Mothers have been celebrated throughout history with festivals in the springtime in ancient Greece and Rome. The Greek people honored Rhea, Mother of the gods and the Roman version was Cybele.

Early Christians celebrated Mothering Sunday on the fourth Sunday (March 26<sup>th</sup> in 2017) to worship Mary, the mother of Jesus. This holiday was important to children in domestic service because it was a time to return to their families to see their mothers. It was customary for the children to give gifts to their mothers in England, Mothering Sunday is still celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent as a time for visiting and giving gifts for mothers.

In the U.S. Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe as a day dedicated to peace. (Howe wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic). A second attempt for celebrating Mother's Day began in 1907 with Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, PA. She started to campaign for it in honor of her own mother who had passed away. Jarvis and her friends began a letter writing campaign to create a nationwide Mother's Day observance. Over the following years, towns, cities, states celebrate unofficial Mother's Day. Finally the Senate approved legislation, and on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

At Red Oak, in honor of Mothers we'll be having our Mad Hatter's Tea Party in the dining room on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 pm. Families are invited to attend. Wear

your favorite hat to this happy Celebration of Mothers! Everyone's invited! Remember, even if you're not a mother, (men!), you had a mother, so come to the party.

JJ Dion will be joining us on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the dining room for one of his fun filled sing-alongs.

We'll be doing a lot of baking this month so be sure to check the calendar. We're making Carrot Cake Cookies, Glazed Apple Cinnamon Bread, Better than Sex Cake and Chewy Coconut Cookies. All cooking projects will be done in the Country Kitchen on the first floor. Remember, if you come and help, you'll get a sample.

Along with our regular grocery shopping trips this month we'll also go treasure hunting at Goodwill in Maple Valley on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. And a Country Drive on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We'll be going to Fred Meyer shopping on Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am. Sign up for all trips in the Activity Book near the front door.



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