

## 6 Mother's Day Traditions From Around the World

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In "Pinkalicious and Peteriffic," Pinkalicious and Peter think of ways to make **Mother's Day extra special for their mom**. It's a special holiday that gives people the opportunity to express their gratitude for the person who nurtured and raised them. Around the world, there are different dates and ways to celebrate mothers.

Here are some fun and simple Mother's Day traditions from around the world.

### 1 Japan

Mother's Day (Haha-no-hi) is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. The day is symbolized with beautiful carnations, especially red. Have your child paint a red carnation on a canvas panel to give to their mom, aunt or grandmother.

### 2 Italy

Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. It is known as La Festa della Mamma. The mother is not allowed to do chores or cook on her special day. She is offered special homemade gifts and fresh pastries. Make a cupcake liner flower craft to gift mom for Mother's Day. Using a cupcake liner, paper, scissors, child's photo and glue, they can create a beautiful flower. Your child can add a special message on the back of the flower.

### 3 Brazil

Mother's Day is a very important holiday in Brazil, coming second to Christmas. It's often a multi-generational celebration including grandmas and aunts. Desserts are a must for Mother's Day and also flowers. Together, visit your local farmer's market and pick out some beautiful flowers for your mom. You can also spend the day at a farm that offers u-pick flowers. Take plenty of pictures then create your own bouquet.



### 4 Peru

Peruvians have similar traditions as Americans for Mother's Day like buying gifts and cards for their mothers. However, the most important way many celebrate this holiday is by visiting the cemetery to honor those who have passed away. Peruvians decorate the graves of their loved ones then host a celebration. Mother's Day can be hard for those who have lost a loved one. This is a great time to normalize grief and cherish the memories of those who are no longer with us. Together, make homemade decorations or write a poem to take to the gravesite.

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## Caterpillars/Buttercup Butterflies



For the month of May, the Caterpillar classroom will be learning about ocean animals. And working on a special project for Mom and not to forget we are still working on our Gross Motor Skills

For the month of May, we will be focusing on introducing the ABCs to the Buttercups. Exposing children to the alphabet at this age, lays the foundation for language development and literacy skills. We will implement activities like singing the ABC song, using the alphabet blocks, reading alphabet books, and pointing out letters in everyday objects to help reinforce this learning in a fun and interactive way.

-Meme, & Ms. Yaxi

## Pixie Butterflies

Get ready for a wild month in the Pixies! We are diving deep into the animal kingdom, exploring farmyard friends and zoo favorites, while also taking a trip back in time to meet the dinosaurs. Right before summer fun begins, we will give letters and numbers a fun refresh. Let's make this month of learning a roaring success!

-Ms. Victoria & Ms. Yeizary



## Elf Butterflies



Happy Spring Elf Families! During the month of May we will be finishing up the Exercise Study. Our last topics we will be discussing are things our bodies need to move/exercise, what jobs are related to exercise and how to stay safe while exercising. Once we celebrate our learning of the exercise study we will move into the garden study to explore more about our school garden.

- Ms. Joanne & Ms. Keyanni

## Julia Butterflies

Hello Julia Butterfly Families, this month we will be doing a study on getting ready for kindergarten! We will be learning about what things are the same as and different from pre-k, how we feel about kindergarten, and how to make and keep friends. We will also be practicing for graduation.

-Ms. Paige & Mr. Kaliq





Ms. Gina's Birthday—May 20th  
Mr. Kaliq's 1 Year Anniversary—May 22nd  
VPK Graduation—May 24th  
Closed for Memorial Day—May 27th

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### 5 Nepal

In Nepal, many people honor the dead by visiting Mata Tirtha Pond for Mother's Day. Mothers are also presented with gifts and food. Have your child make handprint flowers for the special woman in their life. You will need colored cardstock, glue, scissors, pencil and colored craft stick for this art project. It's easy to make and the perfect keepsake for Mother's Day.



### 6 Ethiopia

Mother's Day is a three day celebration in Ethiopia. It usually takes place when the rainy season ends. There's usually a large feast and men sing while the women dance. Have your child help out in the kitchen to make their mother's favorite meal. You can also play her favorite music while having a dance party.



### Caramel Apple Craft

Looking for a fun and easy, any time of year craft? These caramel apples are fun to make and messy just like the real ones.

#### Supplies Needed:

- Apple Cardstock Cutouts
- Shaving Cream
- White Glue
- Brown Food Coloring
- Googly Eyes
- Black Marker
- Sprinkles
- Large Craft Stick



#### Instructions:

**Step 1:** Cut out apple shapes from cardstock paper.

**Step 2:** Turn paper apple upside down and glue craft stick to the back of the apple.

**Step 3:** Mix equal parts shaving cream and glue, then slowly add in brown food coloring until it becomes a caramel color.

**Step 4:** Set out the puffy caramel paint, apples and sprinkles.

**Step 5:** Paint the caramel onto the apples and add some sprinkles.

**Step 6:** Add googly eyes and a smile—then let fully dry.



#### Super Supper

Shepherd's  
Pie w/ Salad  
Pick up day  
is Thursday,  
May 9th.  
**\$7.00 each**

Chicken &  
Potato  
Casserole  
Pick-up day  
is Thursday,  
May 23rd.  
**\$7.00 each**

**Payment is  
due before  
pick-up.**

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