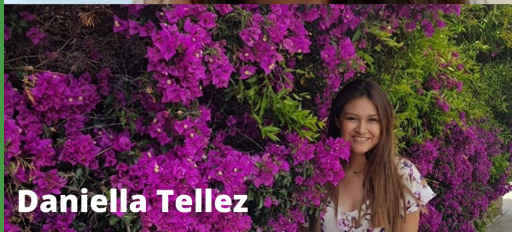
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## From Life to Mom

Dear Mother, we know sometimes you face a series of concerns regarding your family, children, and friends. However, you should know that you are the most important piece of our universe. In fact, you are the sun, providing light, shelter, and union. It is through your presence that we find ourselves. Undoubtedly, Mom, you know that you are the mirror of life. Have you ever asked yourself how you can keep the mirror clean to allow the world to reflect on you?

We never want your light to turn off. We do not want you to stop reflecting life. For this reason, today we have decided to give you a series of tips that will help you to preserve the beautiful essence that is in you.

- Give yourself time to enjoy what you most love doing.
- Be aware of your emotional and physical well-being .
- Find time to plan and execute your dreams.
- Remember, Mom, if the light is on, you can light up the life of your children and your family.
- Be grateful for being in the here and now.
- “See the past as a teacher, the present as an opportunity, and the future as a motivation.” — Matshona Dhliwayo
- Last but not least, love yourself.

Will you be willing to start?

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ESOL Application

## Mother is a Universal Language for Love

Who gave me life and risked her own,  
Then we bonded,  
And I know I am always safe.

Who knows me the most,  
I don't need any words, she has the key to me,  
It makes me grow.

Who lights me up with her superpower,  
Just a hug, a smile, a kiss,  
Then my world starts to shine.

Who encourages me to achieve my dreams,  
She said:" Try harder, reach higher, stand higher to look farther".  
Then my world gets bigger.

Who helped me create all the precious memories,  
No one can take it away from me,  
Therefore, I am rich.

Who guides me to overcome all obstacles,  
The first step, first word, all the accomplishments all because of her.  
I have her as my rock, I am always confident.

Who supports me never ask for anything in return,  
Gave me the best life.  
She is my fairytale story, I became happily ever after.



**Dan Hu, ESOL Student**

Who loves me unconditionally, taught me to love everyone.  
She is the best one, the special one, the only one for me.  
I am fortunate.

Mother is my whole world, when I was little,  
Now she is getting old, I want to become her rock.  
I hope the time goes slowly, much more slowly,  
I want to use the most wonderful and sweet words to write about her,  
But no words can show my love to her.  
Her love is the only thing I am never going to lose.  
Mother is another word for love, a universal language.



## ESOL FUN FRIDAY

### FREE EVENT!

Join us for Fun Friday. This month's event will be an end-of-semester celebration that focuses on the American tradition: prom night. Join us and end the semester with music, fun, and good company! Invite your family and friends to this free, fun event!

[Register Here](#)



## It May Happen

Things may happen in May and that's certain. Assuming the world continues to spin as expected, May 1 will be May Day which signals spring and the coming of summer. If you are in a communist country, it is workers day. But if you are in Hawaii, it is Lei Day. Of all of these possibilities, Lei Day is, in my opinion, the most important. So, what do you do on Lei Day? You give flower necklaces (leis) to as many people as you can afford to. The streets are filled with the wonderful smell of ginger, plumeria, and jasmine flowers from thousands of people walking around with one or multiple leis and smiles because they have gifted flowers and are in Hawaii.



**Gerhardt Gast**  
**ESOL Professor**

May 5th is Cinco De Mayo. This celebration was originally to commemorate the Mexican Army defeating the French at a place called Puebla. However, today it has morphed into a celebration of Hispanic and Mexican pride which is much larger than a relatively unknown military victory.

We celebrate the 113th Mother's Day in America on May 9th this year: Send flowers, cards, and make a call to the woman who made your life possible.

May 20th is Pick Strawberries day. In Texas, strawberries are best picked at farms that specialize in private harvesting and you can find them with a quick web search. Unfortunately, if you wait until May 20th, there may be few strawberries because the season for picking them is actually January to early May. This has been a chilly spring however, and you might find strawberries later this year. If you have kids, you need to try this with them.

May 31 is Memorial Day. We remember the soldiers who have fought and died for this country on this day.

There is a list of lesser known and more frivolous dates in May. Lumpy Carpet Day, for one, caught my attention.

**We'd like to hear your opinions and reactions about some of these days. We'll pick the most**



Enter your witty

**clever/humorous reaction to a lesser known May day, and if you are selected, you will win a private Zoom tutoring session from me, even if you're not registered at ACC.**

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