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## Bernie PAT February 2021 Student of the Month: Gracelyn Jo Oliver

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Bernie, Missouri - Bernie Parents as Teachers have selected Gracelyn Jo Oliver as the February 2021 Student of the Month.

She is the four year old daughter of Shane Oliver and Taylor McCallister.

Gracelyn's favorite thing to play with is unicorns!

She loves reading with her mom and doing the airplane. Gracelyn also loves to wrestle with her dad.

Gracelyn's favorite PAT activity is playing in the bean sensory bin and getting to cut with scissors.

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website.

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#### History

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### Bernie PAT December 2020 Student of the Month

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Bernie, MO - Liam Asher Robinson is the Bernie Parents as Teachers Student of the Month for December 2020.

He is the one year old son of Holden and Amanda Robinson.

Liam loves to play outside and ride the mower with this dad.

He also enjoys reading with his mommy and playing hide and seek with his brother and sister.

Liam's favorite thing during the family's PAT visit is doing the new activity Mrs. Casey brings.

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## Ribbon Cutting Held for La Cascada Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Bernie

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Ribbon Cutting Held for La Cascada Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Bernie

Bernie, MO - The Waterfall opened in Bernie today!!

A grand opening ribbon cutting was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 for La Cascada Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Bernie.

The new restaurant is located at 309 South Walnut St. and are open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Owners are Manuel and Dominga Anastacio.

They have a very large menu to choose from including appetizers, soups, fajitas, nachos, quesadillas, burritos, chimichangas, seafood, salads, tacos, and so much more!!

Enjoy eating outside as well under umbrellas. You may dine in as there is plenty of seating available along with flat screen tvs and beautiful decor'. There is also a drive-thru.

To order call 573-293-3250 and enjoy some authentic Mexican food!!

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## Bernie Parents as Teachers' June 2020 Student of the Month

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Bernie, MO - Isabella Kaye Siebert is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' June 2020 Student of the Month.

She is the one-year old daughter of Laura Counts and Steven Siebert.

Isabella enjoys playing chase with her mommy, building blocks, helping out with laundry, and singing and dancing.

She also loves playing outside with her friends and throwing balls for the dogs. During the family's PAT visits, Isabella enjoys playing games and reading the new books with her mom and Mrs. Courtney, the family's parent educator.

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Mason and Maddox Beaird are the Bernie Parents as Teachers' students of the month for May 2020.

They are the children of Justin and Emily Beaird.

Mason is four years old and enjoys riding the tractor with his Dad.

During the family's PAT visits with Mrs. McGarity, he loves learning and playing games and cannot wait to go to school one day.

Mason's little brother, two year old Maddox, loves playing outside with his siblings.

During their PAT visits, he enjoys sitting with his family and reading the new books they receive, as well as engaging in all the fun activities his parent educator brings for him.

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