



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly April 2006

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

On Friday April 7th the school will be closed. DT has set aside this day for the teachers' annual in-service day. Your teachers will be gaining insight from guest speakers and meeting with teachers from other DT schools to share ideas and resources to help make our school run even better.



If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. Some of the anticipated activities include:

- Repairing and sorting books;
- Cleaning and scrubbing the walls/cubbies;
- Sorting through activities to make sure that all the pieces are there; and
- Helping prepare the boxes for gardening.

SAFETY FIRST

Please remember that leaving your child in the car even just for a moment is unsafe. It only takes a second for something to happen. For the safety of your children, please take them out of the car when coming into the building whether it is to drop something off or pick another child up. Thank you.



DT SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT

This year our spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday April 29th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. This is a time for families to come into the school and help organize, repair, and clean.



Participation also fosters the children's pride and ownership

in their school. We will have a sign up sheet in the lobby starting on April 19th.

LEARNING OR PLAYING?

This month's discovery into Discovery Tree's philoso-

phy of "learning through play," takes us to *Circle Time*.



When I participate in circle time activities, I learn.....

- To listen, sit still, and understand spoken words;
- That my ideas added to the discussion have value;
- To wait when others are talking;
- New vocabulary words.
- To remember the words of songs and poems;
- The names of others in the group;
- To cooperate and be considerate of the needs of others; and
- To help plan what we will do and what we will need to do it.

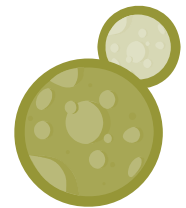
~Becca

Important Dates:

Tuition Due	1st
Teacher In-Service Day (School Closed)	7th
Share Days	5th, 12th 19th & 26th
Tuition is Late	10th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	13th 11:30 a.m.
Gymnastics	17th & 24th
Piano Man	21st
Spring Clean-Up Event	29th

Learning Themes

The shape of the month is an circle.



The color of the month is green.

Our learning themes for the month are:

- ☉ Spring fling; and
- ☉ Ecosystems.

Preschool News

LEARNING THEMES

This month the theme is *Spring Fling* and *Ecosystems*. We will talk about what happens outside when the weather starts to warm up. We will also discuss the different ecosystems — learning what makes things different between deserts, rainforest, and jungles. The color of the month is *Green* and the shape is *Circle*. The letters for the month are I K L & M.

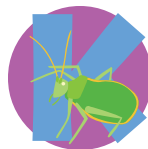
SPRING GARDENING

We will begin gardening this month.

Thank you to the Creech family for the new potting soil.

EARTH DAY

We will be doing walking field trips to H Street this month to help us prepare for the Earth Day performance on April 20th. Our performance will be on Thursday April 20th at 9:30 am. With recycle rex to follow later that morning.



FIELD TRIPS

This month the Dino's and Laurie's Parrots will be taking a field trip to the Zoo. The details will be announced at a later date. Allison's Parrots and the Tigers will be taking a bug hunting field trip in the park — date TBA.

LETTER LEARNING

We will also be covering the following letters this month I K L & M.



Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

REMINDER: — Please remember to label your child's food and bottles daily.

GETTING OUTSIDE: — When the weather gets better we will start going outside. Please remember to bring warm clothes and something for your child's feet (e.g., shoes or multiple pairs of socks) so that each child will have a chance to go out and play in the yard.

WELCOME — We will have a new friend joining our class this month. Please say hello to Riley N. when you come in.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS: — Kinsey has started to pull herself to a standing position. Abby is now walking and is very proud of herself. Good job girls!

Ava is transitioning to the toddler side. We are going to miss her very much. Alyssa and Grace have also transitioned and are having a fantastic time.

TODDLER NEWS

Our toddler friends are talking up a storm! The younger ones are saying new words everyday and the older friends are experiencing "language explosions." The

new bikes are still a huge attraction outside. We look forward to riding bikes everyday.

TRANSITIONS — Sarah has moved over to the preschool room, and Grace and Ava are doing a great job transitioning to the toddler room.

THANK YOU — A big thank you to the Hurst family for the fantastic CDs and to the Creech family for the CDs and shaving cream! We really appreciate it!!!

Kid Ease Parent Board

KID EASE MEET & GREET

We had a terrific turnout for our annual "Meet & Greet." In addition to introducing newly elected Board members, reviewing roles, discussing parent participation options, and providing an update on activities, a number of parents shared great ideas and opportunities. Thank you to all the attending parents, Kid Ease Board Members for your planning efforts and participation, teachers that so kindly cared for our children, and Becca and Alix for your continued support.

COMMUNICATION BINDER

We would like to remind parents about and encourage the use of the communication binder (labeled as such and located to the left of the sign-in books). The purpose of this binder is to provide a method to communicate with the

teachers, Becca and/or Alix regarding things you may not get a chance to talk with them about during drop-off or pick-up. You can share something really special that you or your child experienced (Kudos) or highlight a concern or question you have. You can even request that you receive a call or have an appointment set up. Becca or Alix will reply in the book on the same page as your entry. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the communication binder, please contact Marshall Graham at 341-6270 or mgraham@ciwmb.ca.gov.

CONTRACT RENEWAL COMMITTEE

The committee continues to work with DT administration during the contract extension to negotiate and finalize the details of the new contract. If you have any questions, please contact Marshall.

EARTH DAY

The older preschoolers will be singing in the CalEPA lobby on April 20th at about 9:30 a.m. to kick off Earth Day. Afterwards, all the preschoolers have the opportunity to meet with Recycle Rex. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Beth Stern at beth.stern@goserv.ca.gov or 327-4051.

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held April 13, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. in Training Rm. 2 E&W (CalEPA building). If you are not a CalEPA employee, please check-in at the security desk. The meeting agenda will be provided the 1st week of April via the Google Group e-mail list. Additionally, the agenda and March's meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board to the left of the sign-in binders.