

Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly Newsletter June

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Directors Corner

Reminders:

-Tuition Increase:

As you are aware our State Budget is in crisis and agencies are looking to gain revenue in creative ways. .DGS has scaled back on services to the Child Dev. Center and has informed DT and the Kid Ease Board that they are no longer providing parking for our staff.

Therefore, it will be DT's responsibility to provide staff parking. Tuition will be increasing the First of July. (\$5.30 p/week p/child)

Spring Work Day!

At this time we will not be rescheduling the spring work day until fall. With all of the busy schedules that people have going on this month, as well as the hot weather that is coming it will be easier for the staff and I to reschedule when the weather cools down. I would like to thank all of the parents that signed up to help us out.

Summer: Summer is upon us! June kicks off our summer fun themes. Check your calendar regularly and look for posted signs around school for coming events! It's time for sunscreen, bathing suits, swim diapers, changes of clothes and WATER SHOES for water play and warm outdoor surfaces. Please make sure

you've signed a permission slip for "sunscreen" if your child needs protection for outside play. Also, in order for children to play in the water and cool off, they will need a swim suit/swim diapers or a change of clothes and swim diaper to keep at school. Don't forget the towels too!

Themes: This summer we are trying something new with our summer themes. We have been having weekly/bi-weekly meetings with the Preschoolers. These meetings cover anything from what they want to learn about this summer - how many friends they think is safe to have in the loft. The children have come up with all of the themes for the summer. To kick off the summer they would like to talk about Water play: Pools/Lakes/Rivers what can be used in them/ What lives in them and what can you do when you are at them. Then end of the month the children are going to be talking about vacations: The different places that you can go/how to get there and what you might do at different places.

Water Play Days:

Preschool children will be having their water play days on MWF and the Infant/Toddler water play days will be T/TH.

Water Play clothes should be taken home at the end of each week so that they can be cleaned. We also ask that you please remember to label everything. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have questions. Thank you!

KID EASE:

Please remember to check out the Kid Ease web site located at www.Kid-Ease.org.

There you will find the latest newsletter, calendar, school reminders, upcoming events, menus, tuition, and copies of the meeting minutes from the monthly Kid-Ease parent board meetings. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8th at 12 noon in conference room 110. In the Cal EPA headquarters building. If you are not an employee in the building you will need to please check in at the security desk. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Our next Fundraiser that the parent board will be having is a used book sale. The used book sale will take place this summer - exact date to be announced. Please deposit used books of all kinds in the box in the Discovery Tree lobby. If you have a large number of books to donate, please contact Jami Ferguson at jamiferguson@gmail.com to arrange a pickup. Thank you!

Important Dates

Tuition Due	6/7, 14, 21, 28
Tuition late	5/4, 11, 18, 25, 6/1
Kid Ease mtg	5/11
Gymnastics	5/3, 17
Piano Man	5/13
School closed	5/31
Spring Clean up Day	5/15
Parent Night out	5/28

Learning Themes

This month we will be learning about Water play and Vacations. The children will be talking about all of the colors and shapes that we have been learning over the last year. We do not have any Authors that we are going to be talking about so if there are any books that your child loves to hear than please have your child bring them in to share with their friends.



Infant/Toddler News

Is it summer yet? My have we been having strange spring weather! Oh, but soon it will warm up and then– water play begins. Please look out for an information sheet that will have to be signed regarding what to do and what to bring for summer. We are very excited to be testing out a new curriculum that will involve and is centered on children's interest. Starting in June water exploration will kick things off. Where it leads to will be fun to see. Oceans, rivers, habitats? We'll see! In may the toddler room said good bye to Claire and Charlotte. We'll miss you friends! From the infant room Alice and Alexandra are now enjoying the toddler activities and friends. In the next couple of weeks we will be seeing three new friends in the infant and toddler rooms. On the infant side we will be saying hello to Jean Kriess and Lauren Jarvis. On the toddler side we will be welcoming Ella Jarvis. Please help us by saying "hi" to our new Families.

Visitors: Our sister school (H street) is in the process of having their play yard redone. This means that we will be taking turns using our play yard so that the children of that school can have some outdoor time. So do not be surprised if you see some new faces on our yard. It just might be the other school coming to visit.

Preschool News:

Pegasus: Is it summer already? The season of summer will soon be here. When the heat visits us daily, water will be our best friend. This month we will learn about lakes and rivers around our world. We will discover waters many uses, what lives in our rivers and lakes while investigating the many things we can do with water. Can we make sound with water? Mmm..... We shall see. Did I hear someone say something about vacations? Also, throughout this month we will talk about vacations we have taken or will take. What will be our form of transportation used? I am sure that the Pegasus will enjoy sharing their wonderful vacation adventures with friends.

The Dragonflies: As the rain finally subsides and the hot sun brakes our Central Valley, it's time to exchange our sweaters and Jackets for t-shirts, sandals and swimsuits. Our Dragonflies will make a splash as they enjoy outdoor fun in the warm California sun! Our games and endless water activities are sure to soak them in excitement.

Blue Dinosaurs: Woo Hoo! Summer is almost here! It's getting warmer outside, and the Dinos are ready to play! Charlotte and Claire have completed their transition, and now we would like to extend a Blue Dinosaur welcome to our newest friend Ryan. We are looking forward to an awesome summer filled with learning, games, water play and of course, FUN! We are the Dinosaurs!

Infant/Toddler/Preschool wish list:

Our school is in need of some menus from restaurants to use for our Dramatic Play, An old Iron that you do not care about any more, small picnic tables, play house that you might not use anymore, Tree stumps, glass baby food Jars, plastic shelf units that we could use outdoors for our outdoor classroom, old blankets and throw pillows that you no longer need. We also are in need of some old pots and pans that the children can use outdoors. A pop up tent that is easy to assemble. These are great treasures that can be used in our program. Thank you