



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly February 2008

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

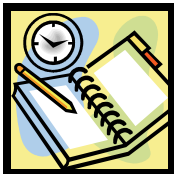
HOLIDAY POLICY REMINDER

Valentine's Day is fun and special, but D.T.'s holiday policy applies to this special event. Therefore, we ask that you do not send any candy or valentines to school. The children will have *pa-jama day* on the 14th and will enjoy some special activities with their teachers.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please look for sign up sheets for the day before and day after the holidays this month. If your schedule will be changing (e.g., so that you can take a long weekend), please let us know so that we can staff accordingly.



SAVE THE DATE

On Friday March 14th, D.T. will be closed for the teachers' annual in-service day. For those of you that do not know what this is — It is the day that your children get to stay home and your wonderful teachers get to go to school to learn new and ex-

citing activities to share with your children.

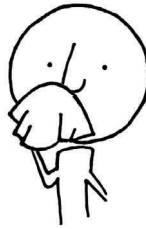
FLU SEASON

I know that it is the same thing every month but this is something that we are continuing to have a problem with. Last month we had teachers as well as many of the children with the flu so badly that they missed a week, if not more, of school. We are asking for your help to get through this. Please make sure that your child is symptom free for 24 hours before bringing them back to school. By doing this, we will help to stop the spread of these viruses whether it is pink eye, flu, etc.

In the meantime, the staff and I are going above and beyond our usual cleanliness habits and are encouraging you to do the same. On the front counter you will notice hand sanitizer—we are providing this to parents to use on the way into and out of the school.

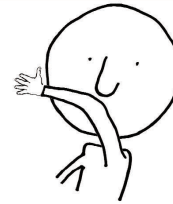


We are also sanitizing phones, push bars on the doors, and handles twice each day. As



always, we continue to sanitize classroom surfaces and toys daily. We also ask that you encourage your children to cough into their elbows or the neck of their shirts at home like we have shown them to do here at school. (The coughing sleeve) Thank you for your help during this very germ-infested season.

~Becca



Important Dates:

Tuition Due	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Gymnastics	4th & 18th
Tuition is Late	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	5th
Share Days	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Yoga	12th & 26th
DT Closed	12th
Pajama Day	14th
Piano Man	15th
DT Closed	18th

Learning Themes

The color of the month is *blue* and the shape of the month is the *heart*.



Our learning theme for the month are *Head to Toe* and the *Senses*. We will also review:

Letter *R*— week of 2/4
Letter *U*— week of 2/11
letter *C*— week of 2/18
letter *O*— week of 2/25

Preschool News



This month the learning themes are *Head to Toe* and the *Senses*. We will talk about how things work, how they might be built and construction. Towards the end of the month, we will talk about body awareness, nutrition and exercise, as well as, the five senses. We will be learning about the color *blue*. The shape for the month will be the *heart*. The letters for the month are *R, U, C* and *O*.



Sharks—We will be working on our numbers this month. They will also be trying to write and identify numbers. We will also be starting flash cards. The children really enjoy knowing what year, month and day it is. So, take a moment to go over the calendar with your child. They also are very interested in the weather. They talk about it all the time. We will also be doing some taste testing. If you would like to bring anything in for them to try we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

Tiny Turtles—The Tiny Turtles would like to welcome our newest friend, Jack Kennedy. He is doing great! This month we will be

learning about our bodies and the yummy foods that keep us healthy. We are the Tiny Turtles!

Monkeys—For February the Monkeys would like to officially welcome Ava and Scarlett to our group! They are an excellent addition to the Monkey clan. Further Monkey business is that we will be learning all about us! Activities will include identifying body parts and exploring our feelings, and discussing how to take care of our minds and bodies through healthy eating, and exercise.

Thank you.



Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

Thank You!—We would like to thank the Davis family for their donation of toys. The children love them.

Reminders—Please remember to take extra food and bottles home at the end of the day. It is DT policy that no food or bottles are to be left at school over night.

Movers and Shakers—We've had a lot of movement this last month. Libby is rolling over. Tatiana has begun to scoot forward. Peyton is standing up and letting go of things, and Aiden and Caitlin are both walking. Nice Job!

Transitions—Cameron started his transition in January and Valerie will start hers in beginning to mid-Feb. They both are very ex-

cited and interested in their new environment. Have fun you two!

TODDLER NEWS

Transitions—January flew by! Now it's February and we have many changes in our room. Jack has completed his transition and is having a wonderful time in pre-school. Cameron has moved over from the Infant to the Toddler program and is doing a great job exploring and learning about our classroom. Valerie will be transitioning to the Toddler program by mid-Feb. We are looking forward to Val joining our class.

Learning Fun—Our learning themes for the month are *Head to Toe* and *Senses*. We will read books and sing songs that help our toddlers learn body parts. We will be talking

about what our eyes, noses, mouths and ears do. When studying our senses we will also enjoy some taste testing with sweet, sour and salty and explore different textures—soft, smooth, rough & bumpy.

The shape of the month is the heart and the color is blue. We will incorporate these concepts into our art activities.

Thank You!—Huge thanks to the Davis family for their generous donation of toys, books and the Elmo couch. According to our toddlers, Elmo Rocks!

Gentle Reminder—Please continue to label all clothing, including socks and shoes, as well as bedding. The labeling really makes our jobs easier. Thanks!

Kid Ease Parent Board

Board of Directors

It is that time again. Please use the provided ballots (see sign-in folder) for the 2008 Kid Ease Board of Directors. Thank you to those that have volunteered to lead us into the New Year!

Communication Binder

Please continue to take the time to jot a note or two down in the Communication Binder to share your experiences with DT staff. Did you enjoy Parents' Night Out? Let them know. Have you noticed nice things or ideas that come home with your children? Leave a quick note to share your appreciation. Your feedback is important!!!



Kid Ease Web Site (www.kid-ease.org)

Please take a moment to bookmark this site on your computer(s) for future reference. This is a great way for you to stay up-to-date on Kid-Ease events, meetings, etc. as well as to keep in touch with the Board of Directors and Officers.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on February 5th at 12 pm in the CalEPA building (mtg room to be announced). If you are not an employee in the CalEPA building, please check-in at the Security desk. The Agenda will be provided via the Google group e-mail list. Additionally, the agenda and March meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin boards to the left of the sign-in binders.