



# Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly April 2007

## Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

### WELCOME NEW FRIEND

You may have noticed a new face in the preschool program. Erica Howell will be joining our preschool team. She comes to our family from a school in the Bay Area and is fitting in well in our program.



### TEACHERS' TIME!

Our annual teacher in-service day is coming up. On Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> the children get to stay home and the teachers are off to learn new and exciting things to bring back to our program. So save the date and mark it on your calendar for April 13<sup>th</sup>.



### OPEN HOUSE

Please save the date for our open house which is scheduled for Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a good time for your children to show their parents all that they have done and learned throughout the year.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

I would also like to remind the parents of two very important things.

1. Please remember that we do have a number of children who have severe allergies and that the teachers are working with all of the parents to protect each child. If you have concerns or questions about what is okay and what is not okay to bring in please give me a call.



2. Our hours of operation are 7am-6pm. Many of our teachers are currently taking classes in the evening. When you are picking-up late you are causing our teachers to be late to school. Please remember that it cost you a \$1 a minute for every minute that you are late. The teachers will start to charge you if this become a routine.



Thank you for your cooperation.

## Week of the Young Child

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

During the *Week of the Young Child*, April 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, we will enjoy different activities each day to honor the children. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we--as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation--will better meet the needs of all young children and their families. Each day of the Week of the Young Child, Discovery Tree will be doing something to honor the children.

Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we is designated as *crazy hair day*.



- Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be wearing your favorite *tie die* apparel.
- Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> will parade to Capital Park.
- Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> we will host Costume day or Decade day (make believe day).
- Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> we are inviting the parents to come and join us for a Pancake breakfast with your children.

~Becca

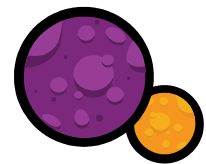


## Important Dates:

Tuition Due	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th & 30th
Gymnastics	2nd & 16th
Tuition is Late	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	4th
Share Days	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Teacher In-Service Day	13th
Book & Gift Fair	16th & 17th
Field Trip to Fog Willows	17th
Piano Man	20th

## Learning Themes

The shape of the month is a *circle*.



The color of the month is *green*.

Our learning themes for the month are *Spring Fling* and *Ecosystems*. We will review :

- Letter *I* the week of 4/2
- letter *K* the week of 4/9
- letter *L* the week of 4/16
- Letter *M* the week of 4/23
- Letter *N* the week of 4/30

# Preschool News



This month the themes are *Spring Fling* and *Ecosystems*. We will talk about the growth & rejuvenation that occurs in the spring as well as the many things that we find in the rain-forest, jungles and deserts. We will learn about the color *Green* and the shape is a *Circle*. The letters for the month are *I, K, L, M, & N*. This month the Preschool will take a field trip to Fog Willows Science Farms on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. Please arrive promptly. We will be back at 1pm, so please bring a NUT FREE sack lunch.

*Chickens* — This month we will jump into spring, continuing to talk about flowers, plants, and how things grow. We will learn about different types of ecosystems too.

The Chickens would like to welcome two friends to their small group — Sarah & Ben, and to say good-bye to Jaxon B. and Daniel P., as they move up to the next small group.

*Little foots* — The Little Foots are stomping into a new month with a lot going on. The journals are going great! Thank you to parents and children for remembering to bring them home over the weekends and returning them again each Monday. A reminder to all, sound boxes are on Wednesday and the more in the box the better. As always, keep up the good work and continue to try your best.

*Nemos* — We would like to welcome Alyssa, who transitions this month. Also, we would

like to wear our *Go Nemos* shirt every other Thursday. Remember to look for your child's writing — they are very proud of their new found writing skills. *Go Nemos!!!!*

*Giraffes* — We still need T-shirts. This month we will learn about eco systems, as well as plant our garden. We would also like to welcome Barrett & Anton to our group .

We are having a problem with children bringing toys on days that are not share days. The teachers & I have decided that no toys will be allowed at school except for share day. Children complain about, fight over or lose the toys. If it continues to be a problem, we will cancel share day all together.

# Infant and Toddler News

## INFANT NEWS

Thank you for taking the time to get the new needs and services paperwork filled out. These papers will need to be updated every three to four months and kept in your child's binder.

*Welcome* — We have a new little friend starting this month. Sawyer Jackson will be with us three days a week. His older siblings are Cooper and Marlo. Please stop in to welcome him.

*Movers and Shakers* — Jay has been working hard during the time he has been at home. He is now pulling himself up to a stand and crawling everywhere. Rachel is taking more and more steps everyday and soon will be an official walker just like our friend Gavin.

*REMINDERS* — All refrigerated food, including bottles, needs to be labeled with your child's name and the date it is brought in. You are responsible for labeling food brought in from home. The teachers will label any food we open at school.

## TODDLER NEWS

Hip Hip Horrah!!! Spring is here! The weather is warming up. Thank you for bringing light jackets & sweaters for outside play. Please continue marking your children's jackets and socks. It is a great help for the teachers when putting on shoes, socks and jackets!

Our color of the month is green and the shape of the month is a circle. Some of the concepts we will explore are ecosystems and the weather. We will study hot, warm, and

cold by touching water. We will continue to include our shape and color concepts into our art projects.

Our garden is growing! We planted herbs and flowers in mach and will continue to add to our little ecosystem.

Big Thanks to the Bears for the beautiful planters. More big thanks to the Hurst's for the new music CDs. We are really enjoying the new tunes. And thank you to Michelle for the daily diaper charts. It really helps to have them ready. Thank you, Michelle!



# Kid Ease Parent Board

## Book & Gift Fair

Our first book and gift fair with Books R Fun is scheduled for Monday April 16th and Tuesday April 17th in Training Room 1 E&W in the CalEPA Building. Please help support this event by:

- Signing-up to distribute flyers in the break rooms and common areas where you work;
- Volunteering to help place purchases in bags the day of the event;
- Shopping the Book and Gift Fair.

For questions or other ways you can help, please contact Charlotte Clark at Charlotte.Clark@cocr.ca.gov. Thank you in advance for your participation.



## Participation

Interested in getting involved? Please check out our website at [www.kid-ease.org](http://www.kid-ease.org) to learn more about Kid Ease and how you can get involved.

## Change in Board Meeting Days

As of last month, board meetings are on the 1st Wednesday each month at 12pm.

## Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 12 pm in Training Rm 2 E&W in the CalEPA building. 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.

## Kid Ease Web Site ([www.kid-ease.org](http://www.kid-ease.org))

Thanks to Meirve Davey, we have an awesome web site. 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.