



# Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly April 2008

## Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

### THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much for all of the help and support you gave to the staff during this busy month. The school is now back to normal with a complete and operational kitchen. I am still in the process of hiring a new cook, so please be patient. The rest of the programs are fully staffed, which means that I need to be in the program for a only small amount of time!



### NEW TO THE DT FAMILY...

I would like to take some time to introduce you all to our newest employee — Emily. She has already been a tremendous help with all of the craziness going on at our school this last month. She will be working from 9 am to 6 pm in the Preschool program with the Shark group. Please take some time to stop in, say hello and make her feel welcome here.

# WELCOME

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This month is going to be very busy here at Discovery Tree. So, get ready!

### *Week of the Young Child*

April 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> — The "Week of the Young Child" is an annual celebration to draw focus and public attention on the needs of young children and their families

and to recognize the early childhood programs and the services that meet those needs. The theme for 2008 is '*Bring your community together for the children.*' We will be celebrating this week in a variety of ways.

So, check out the calendar and posted notices throughout the school.

*Picture Day* — Picture day is scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information posted on the sign-in sheets the beginning of the week.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please call the center when your child will not be coming for the day, or for a few days.

- Make sure the front door **CLICKS** and closes behind you upon entering and leaving the school.
- Make sure that you sign your children in and out with a full signature on both the summary (front) and the individual pages. **Please note:** Using initials is not permitted by Licensing.
- We are seeing warmer weather lately. All that I can say is... Layers! Layers! Layers! With the warmer weather coming, the children need the option of cooling down or warming up via layers.



- Please be sure your child has appropriate changes of clothes in his/her cubby.
- PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!!

~Becca



## Important Dates:

Tuition Due	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Gymnastics	7th & 28th
Tuition is Late	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	8th
Share Days	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
Yoga	8th & 22nd
Funny-Hat Day	14th
Wear-Green Day	15th
Crazy Hair Day	16th
Wear-your-Favorite-Costume Day	17th
Piano Man & Pancake Social	18th

## Learning Themes

The color of the month is **green** and the shape of the month is the **rectangle**.



Our learning themes for the month are **Once Upon a Time** and **Spring Fling**.

We will also review:

- Letter **H** — week of 4/1
- Letter **I** — week of 4/7
- letter **K** — week of 4/14
- letter **L** — week of 4/21
- letter **M** — week of 4/28

## Preschool News



This month's learning themes are *Once Upon a Time* and *Spring Fling*. We will explore make believe, role-play and fantasy. Toward the end of the month, we will talk about warmer weather, growth and rejuvenation. We will learn about changes in the weather, and spend time planting and growing flowers, herbs, and vegetables. The color of the month is *green*. The shape for the month will be the *rectangle*. The letters of the month are *H, I, K, L & M*.  
Reminder — Please remember that



sippy cups in the classroom are meant for water only. Last month we had to rinse out curdled milk or juice. So, please remember to take them home to clean them.  
*Dolphins*—With Kindergarten approaching, we'll continue improving our skills. Please see me if you would like to schedule a time to meet and talk about your pre-K children's progress.



*Sharks*—We will be joining the Dolphins for the next few weeks so that Laurie and Emily can co-teach. This gives us all a

chance to get to know one another.

*Tiny Turtles*—We will welcome the warmer weather of this new season by digging deep into our garden to plant our flowers and vegetables. Please let us know if you have any extra supplies or some gardening expertise that you can share with us! We are the TINY TURTLES!

*Monkeys*—The month of April we will be digging and planting our way through spring, learning what will make our garden grow, and how we can take care of it.



## Infant and Toddler News

### INFANT NEWS

Welcome to spring everyone! Please keep an eye out for projects hanging in our room relating to our themes.

*Transitions* — Lea's transition with our young toddlers to the Toddler program has gone very smoothly. The children and teachers have done a wonderful job adjusting to the change.

*Movers and Shakers* — Libby is trying very hard to scoot forward and is beginning to get up on her hands and knees. Tatiana is now crawling on her hands and knees and pulling up to a

stand. Peyton is standing and letting go and starting to take steps. Great Work!

### TODDLER NEWS

Happy Spring! The Toddler program is flowing so smoothly. Our Infant friends have had a fantastic transition and we are really enjoying each other's company!

We will explore make-believe and role-playing with dress-up clothes and play foods in our practical live area. Spring Fling is a perfect theme for the Toddlers' apple trees and newly planted flowers. The apple trees

have blossoms and hopefully will have a few apples to eat later this summer.

Another aspect to our Spring Fling experience is the exploration of warmer weather. So, please send a light jacket for morning outside play. Short sleeve shirts are perfect for afternoon play. We will be sending out sunscreen permission slips so that the children will be protected against the sun. Thanks again for labeling your child's socks. It helps make our getting ready to go outside flow so much more smoothly.

## Kid Ease Parent Board

### Board of Directors

Welcome to our new Board of Directors and Officers! What a great time to get involved with the Kid Ease parent board. For more information about how you can participate, check out the Kid Ease web site at [www.kid-ease.org](http://www.kid-ease.org). 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 new Board of Directors & Officers.



### 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 your child's artwork? 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!!!

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on April 8th at 12 pm in Conference Room 110, CalEPA Headquarters 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.