



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly May 2006

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

RESCHEDULING CLEAN-UP DAY

Due to lack of participation, we have decided to reschedule the clean-up day. We will



let you all know the new date as soon as we can.

FAMILY SOCIAL

Our next family social will be in June. We will be having a BBQ here at the school as well as inviting some old

friends to come and visit. If you have any questions



please give me a call.

TIME TO LATHER UP

Please look for our sunscreen permission slips on your child's sign in sheet; you will also need you to provide sunscreen for your child.



GEAR UP FOR KINDERGARTEN

Please remember that if your child is going to Kindergarten this year that I will need a 30 day notice of when their last day will be at the school.



FIELD TRIPS

When we have field trips and we ask for you to bring a sack lunch, please remember that we have children that are allergic to nuts; and, so we ask that you pack lunches that are nut free.



LEARNING OR PLAYING?

This month we examine how our children's experiences with books and stories facilitate their "learning through play" at Discovery Tree.



When I look at books and listen to stories, I learn:

1. That learning to read is important and enjoyable.
2. That letters on a page represent words.
3. To express my own thoughts, feelings, and ideas better.
4. To interpret pictures to represent words and ideas.
5. To listen well to spoken language.
6. To make up my own stories.
7. To handle books with care.
8. To recognize certain words when I see them in print.
9. To use more complex language patterns in my own speech.
10. To follow the development of thoughts and ideas in the plot of a story.

If you ever have any questions regarding about your child's experiences with books and stories or any other school activities, just let me know.

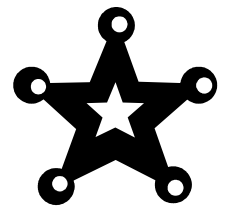
~Becca

Important Dates:

Tuition Due	1st
Share Days	5th, 12th 19th & 26th
Gymnastics	8th & 22nd
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	11th 11:30 a.m.
Tuition is Late	12th
Piano Man	19th
Memorial Day (DT Closed)	29th

Learning Themes

The shape of the month is a star.



The color of the month is black.

Our learning themes for the month are:

- ☉ Wild Kingdom; and
- ☉ The Space.

Preschool News



LEARNING THEMES

This month's themes are *Wild Kingdom & Space*. We will talk about what animals, species and habitats that we might encounter. We will also discuss different planets and solar systems. If you have access to a large cardboard (appliance) box for the children to make a space ship, please talk to the preschool teachers. The color of the month is *Black*, the shape is *Star* & the letters are *M, N, T & V*.

YOUNG PARROTS & TIGERS

This month we will focus on various ani-

mals and their habitats. We will also begin to explore space by learning about the sun, moon & stars. Perhaps we'll go on a bear hunt. Thank you to all of the parents that helped us with the field trip — you are what make our trips so fun!

OLDER PARROTS

We will be continuing our assessments and working with the children to prepare them for pre-k. We will also be working on various activities that go with our themes.

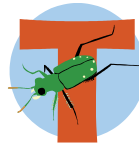


DINOSAURS

We will be discussing endangered species (wild animals), and different habitats and environments. We will also be covering the straight letters of the Alphabet. If you would like to talk with Jennifer about your child's assessment please make an appointment ASAP.

THANK YOU

Thank you parents for your many donations. We also thank the Harris family for the planter boxes they are making for the preschool.



Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

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

WELCOMING SPRING WEATHER: —

Welcome to what we are hoping will be a warmer month. Please be sure to check your child's spare clothes for appropriate sizes and styles; short sleeves and shorts or lightweight pants are what your child will now need.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS: — Riley A. is pulling himself to a standing position and is

starting to crawl. Riley N. is walking all over the room. Ben is now pushing himself up to a sitting position. Great job boys!!!!

TODDLER NEWS

Spring is finally here, and the toddlers are having a blast in the sandbox. Sue brought in sand toys she won at a conference, and the children are digging, filling and building castles up a storm.

TRANSITIONS — Cooper has transitioned to the preschool room, and Kyler will be

going in a few weeks. Their big sisters are excited to be in the same room with them! We're looking forward to Abby joining us very soon, too.

THANK YOU — Thank you to the Lauffer family for the wooden wagon. The infants are pushing it around outside. And thank you to the Rizzardo family for the wonderful books, we are enjoying them.



Kid Ease Parent Board

CALEPA PHOTO EXHIBIT

Not only was this year's CalEPA Photo Exhibit very successful in exhibiting over 120 fantastic photographs taken by CalEPA employees, but also, thanks to the generosity of the photographers and to the efforts and time of our terrific Treasurer, Dave Mehl, the exhibit raised close to \$1,000 for Kid Ease. Thank you to those who participated and to Dave for all you do!!!

BULLETIN BOARD MAKEOVER

Thank you to our Secretaries, Desa Donahue and Terri Wyels, for taking charge of the Kid Ease Bulletin Board. They are giving it a fresh look and keeping it updated with current information. They have also created a binder will this year's meeting agendas and minutes. So, keep a look out

to stay posed on current events! Thanks again ladies!!!

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. The Committee is also working with DGS to renew the building lease contract. If you have any questions, please contact Marshalle Graham at (916) 341-6270 or mgraham@ciwmb.ca.gov.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee will be bringing an update item to the Board at this month's meeting. For more information, to participate in this committee or to share you ideas, please contact Dave Mehl at (916) 327-1512 or dmehl@arb.ca.gov.

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held May 11, 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 May via the Google Group e-mail list. Additionally, the agenda and April's meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board to the left of the sign-in binders.

This month there is also an opportunity for you to participate by teleconference. If this works out, the information will be forwarded to the Google group as well as posted on the Kid Ease bulletin Board.