



# Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly May 2007

## Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

### Week of the Young Child

I would like to thank all of the parents and the children for making our *Week of the Young Child* so much fun. The children and the teachers enjoyed all of the wonderful activities that we had each day.

#### TRANSITION PLANNING

May is always a busy time for us here at Discovery Tree. This is a time when the parents and teachers talk about how their children are progressing in school and what to expect for the next transition.



This is just a reminder that DT needs a 30 day notice before pulling your child out of the school.

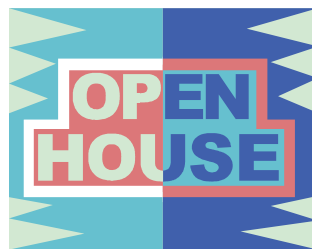


#### HOLIDAY PLANNING

We will have a sign up sheet for the Memorial Weekend Holiday. Please sign the days and times that your child will be here so that we may staff accordingly.

#### OPEN HOUSE

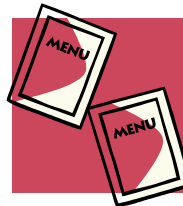
We will be rescheduling our open house this month so please look for signs posted in the school as to which day it will be.



#### SPRING CLEANING

Since it is that time of year that parents start to go through their things, the school is looking for the following items for our classrooms:

- Any take-out menu's from the following types of restaurants: Italian, Chinese, Japanese, and



Mexican. We need these for our Dramatic Play Area.

- Plastic books for the Babies;
- Infant walkers, and
- Baby gyms.

If you can think of anything else give me a call.

Thanks,

~Becca

## Important Dates:

Kid Ease Board Mtg.	2nd
Tuition Due	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Gymnastics	7th & 21st
Tuition is Late	8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Share Days	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
Piano Man	18th
Memorial Day (DT Closed)	28th

## 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 *Space*. We will review :

- Letter *T* the week of 5/7
- letter *V* the week of 5/14
- letter *W* the week of 5/21
- Letter *X* the week of 5/28

## Preschool News



This month the learning themes are *Wild Kingdom* and *Space*. We will be talking about the many different species and habitats found in the wild kingdom as well as our solar system, astronomy and what is beyond. The color of the month is *Black*. The shape for the month is a *Star*. The letters for the month are *T, V, W,* and *X* (see schedule under important dates).

Thank you to all of the parents who came on our field trip to Fog Willow. It was a great success!

Our gardens are growing and we have added a few new creatures to our class-

rooms. This month we will be doing a *walking field trip* to our H Street School for a presentation of exotic animals. We are waiting to hear from the presenter to determine the specific day and time.

*Chickens* — The chickens will be working very hard to transform the classroom into the wild jungle and outer space. Look for the wonderful art displays.

*Little Foots* — The little foots will be heading the call of the wild this month as we learn about jungle animals and their homes. We will also be jetting off for outer space. On the way we will be work-

ing with our calendar as well as keeping up in our journals. Keep an eye out for new letters and words to be appearing. Yeah Little Foots.

*Nemos* — We would be starting to recognize our names! Please encourage them at home. They are very pleased with themselves. Go Nemos!!!!

*Giraffes* — We will be learning about our themes, as well as patterns, opposites and rhyming words. We are finishing assessments and can begin scheduling conferences for mid May.

## Infant and Toddler News

### INFANT NEWS

Hello again. It's hard to believe we have already reached May. Where has the time gone?! Our babies have done so much growing & developing this last month. It's amazing how quickly they change.

*Welcome* — You will be seeing a new little face in the classroom soon. Valarie Mathis will be starting mid-month. Her big sister is Vivien. Please come in to say "Hi!"

*Transitions* — Although it can be heart-breaking for the caregivers, transition is very important. Katelyn will start her transition to the toddler side this month and Ava will start hers to the preschool program. We are very proud and wish them all the best.

*Movers and Shakers* — Our friends have been very busy this past month. Sawyer is

now crawling on his hands and knees as well as sitting up. Jay is standing on his own and very proud of himself. Emmett and Ike are also standing on their own as well as taking steps. And, last but not least, Rachel and Jacob are walking. Great job, everyone!

### TODDLER NEWS

Time is flying! It's May and the weather is heatin' up. We'll be moving some of our wet and messy art projects outside. Please bring a charge of clothes just in case.

*Learning Themes* — The shape of the month is a *star*. We will incorporate the geometric shape with an exploration of *planets* and *solar systems*. The color that the toddlers will explore is *black*. We will experiment with shades by adding black to other colors and see how the color changes/darkens. We

will have a new addition to our science area. Thanks to the EPA's Head Worm Wrangler, the toddlers will start our worm composting bin soon.

*Transitions* — Alyssa has completed her transitions to the preschool. We miss her but are very excited to watch her learn and play across the fence. Ava will start her transition to preschool this month. She is excited to be with her big sister Anna.

*Thank You* — Thank you to Andrew Hurst for all of the worm castings. Our plants are very happy. The apple trees will be blooming any day now! Please feel free to come out to our playground and have your child show you the garden they helped plant.

## Kid Ease Parent Board

### 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.



### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at 12 pm in Conference Room 210 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.

### 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.