



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly May 2008

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

THANK YOU!!!



The teachers and I would like to thank all of the parents for all of

joining us for our Pancake Social. We had a ton of fun and it was great to see you all. We would also like to congratulate Lindsey Slojkowski for coming in her pajamas and dress shoes for Pajama Day and Pancake social. Way to be supportive!

HOUSEKEEPING

We are in need of some computers for some of our other locations. If you are looking for a way to get rid of and computer that is still in working condition please come and see me or email me at rdfos-ter@surewest.net.



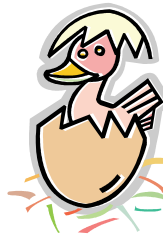
PICTURES

Pictures should be back here by May 16th at the latest.



WANTED...A GOOD HOME

Our Citrus Heights location has recently had ducklings and they are in need of a good home. If you know of anyone who would be interested in one please contact Michelle Ursey at 916-726-0661. (Tad Lane Director)



PARENT PARTICIPATION

I am in need of someone who is interested in some parent participation hours who has time to type up the newsletter. It is getting to that time of year where children are leaving. As a result the wonderful parent that has been doing this for me is leaving us at the end of the month.



SPRING WORK DAY

We will be having our first annual spring work day on Saturday, May 17th from 9-12 or however long it takes to get the job done. We will be cleaning, building shelves, organizing the



classroom, and much more. Please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please keep an eye out for the sign up sheet for Memorial weekend. Many of the teachers have requested time off and I need to staff accordingly. If you are not going to be in or your schedule is going to change please write it down so that your hardworking teachers can have their time.



~Becca

Important Dates:

Tuition Due	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Gymnastics	5th & 19th
Tuition is Late	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	13th
Share Days	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Yoga	13th & 27th
Piano Man	16th
Spring Clean-up Day	17th
DT Closed (Memorial Day)	26th

Learning Themes

The color of the month is **brown** and the shape of the month is the **crescent**.

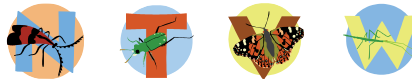


Our learning themes for the month are **Bugs & Insects** and **Under the Sea**.

We will also review:

- Letter **N**— week of 5/5
- Letter **T**— week of 5/12
- letter **V**— week of 5/19
- letter **W**— week of 5/26

Preschool News



This month the learning themes are *Bugs & Insects* and *Under the Sea*. We will talk about different body types, life cycles, and diet of bugs. Then, at the end of the month, we will be learning about ocean life and water in our world. The color of the month is *brown* and the shape for the month is *crescent*. The letters for the month are *N, T, V, W*.

Reminder—Please remember that the sippy cups in the classroom are meant to have water only in them.

Dolphins—We are working on writing and recognition of lower case letters as well as numbers. We've been trying new projects

such as paper Mache' and dioramas.

Sharks—The Sharks are diving deep into learning and having fun. We are learning basic concepts of money and how money can buy things. We will be practicing money concepts by playing store and restaurant. One important thing the Sharks will be practicing is endurance. We will begin group with writing practice or sharing a story, then moving on to our art and /or game projects. Being still and focusing will take practice, and the Sharks may earn special rewards for endurance and following directions.

Tiny Turtles—Welcome Gavin Davis! This

month the Tiny Turtles will be learning about bugs. What are they? What do they do? Where do they live? We will also explore the ocean, and what lies beneath... With the warmer weather, we will take more walks around our building and to Capital Park. So, please make sure that your Tiny Turtles walking permission slip is updated and turned in.

Monkeys—For May we will be catching and inspecting all types of bugs & insects. We will also splash and swim our way through the oceans, rivers and ponds exploring all of the life we can find. Remember that sound boxes are on Thursday.

Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

Hello Everyone! We had a lot of fun with our spring fling learning theme last month. We look forward to having just as much fun this month.

Reminder—If your child is 6 months old or older, please bring sunscreen with a signed permission slip.



Movers and Shakers—Maria is starting to roll over. Ben is rocking on his hands and knees. Libby is scooting everywhere and starting to sit on her own and pull herself up to a stand.

Peyton is now walking. Keep up the Great Work!

TODDLER NEWS

The weather is heating up! We are really enjoying our outside discovery time. The toddlers are helping water the flowers, herbs and apple trees. It is wet work so please bring in a couple of changes of clothes for your child's comfort. Speaking of clothes, keep up the good work marking socks, jackets, bedding, and other articles of clothing with your child's initials! It really helps the teachers. Thanks!

Learning Theme—We will be studying bugs this month. Our garden area gives us many opportunities to see different types of insects. Please come out and see the hard work the children have put into our garden. We will have our own apples to eat this fall! Good work Toddlers!



Farewell Friend—We are saying goodbye to Gavin Davis this month. He is completing his transition to preschool. Have fun Gavin!

Kid Ease Parent Board

Book and Gift Fair

It is time again for our Spring Book and Gift Fair.

- Date—May 7th and 8th
(Wednesday and Thursday)
- Event Hours—9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Location—1st Floor Training Rooms

Everyone is encouraged to attend to support this Kid Ease sponsored event. The book fair is a popular event. Please post flyers at your place of work, volunteer to help at the event and invite your friends and coworkers.



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 May 13th 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.