



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly June 2006

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

ANNUAL DT BBQ

Our annual family BBQ is scheduled for June 16th. We will be having a BBQ with the current families here at the school as well as inviting some old friends to come and visit. This is a potluck affair; so we ask that when you are making food you keep the nuts out as we are a nut free environment. If you have any questions please give me a call.

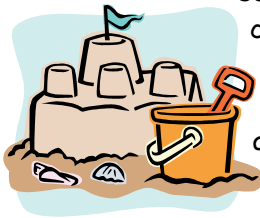


Then your child can get muddy and protect their feet too!!!

Also, just a reminder that your child needs to come to school with shoes that have backs on them. "Flip Flops" are just not safe when a child is trying to run and play with their friends.

WATER PLAY

Let the water fun begin! It is that time again when your child will get wet. Please remember to bring water diapers, towels, and water shoes. Your child will get wet and muddy!



HAPPY FEET

As it gets warmer so does the ground. We are doing everything we can to keep the children comfortable.

One of the ways you can help is to bring in water shoes.



LATHERING UP

Please remember that teacher's only apply sunscreen to



children in the afternoon after nap. So, it is a good idea to apply it to them in the morning while you are helping them get ready for school.

OFF TO KINDERGARTEN?

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

LEARNING OR PLAYING?

This month we explore how our children learn through song at Discovery Tree.



When I sing songs that I learn at school I learn:

1. Principles of music and rhythm;
2. Vocabulary;
3. Memory skill and sequencing;
4. To be conscience of others;
5. Various concepts emphasized in songs;
6. "Auditory discrimination" recognizing differences in sounds, necessary for learning to read; and
7. Awareness and identification with my culture and other cultures.

~Becca

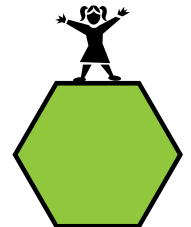


Important Dates:

Tuition Due	1st
Share Days	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	8th 11:30 a.m.
Gymnastics	12th & 26th
Tuition is Late	12th
Family Social	16th
Piano Man	19th
Preschool Eye Screening	22nd
DT Olympics	29th

Learning Themes

The shape of the month is a hexagon.



The color of the month is lavender.

Our learning themes for the month are:

- ☉ Summer celebration;
- ☉ Sports-o-rama; and
- ☉ DT Olympics.

Preschool News

LEARNING THEMES

This month the themes are summer celebration,



Sports-o-rama

and DT Olympics. We will talk about what animals, species and habitats we might find frolicking about this summer. We will discuss different types of sports and their origins. Our days will also be filled with lots of water fun as we enjoy the outdoors. We will also cover the Olympics and where they originated.

The color of the month is *Lavender* and the shape is *Hexagon*. The letters for the month are W, X, Y and Z.

SMALL GROUPS

As our Dinosaur friends are departing, others will be moving to new groups. These transitions will be gradual and will depend on age and developmental level. Thank you for your patience.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the Harris family for building our new Planter boxes.
- Thank you to those who participated in the Tad Lane Field trip.
- We would also like to thank you all for helping with our wish list for our classroom.

Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

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

HELLO SUMMER! — Now that it has gotten warmer, we will be able to enjoy the outdoors more. We are looking forward to playing in lots of water. So, please bring in your swim diapers and sunscreen and get ready for some fun.

WELCOME! — We have two new babies to welcome to



our classroom. Welcome to Rachel Levy (Sarah's little sister) and Gavin Davis (Jordan's little brother).

MOVERS AND SHAKERS — Noah and Sammy are walking all over the room. Now, all they have to do is master running and not walking with their arms in the air. Gavin B. has officially mastered the crawling technique. Great job boys!!!

TODDLER NEWS

GETTING OUTSIDE — Now that the weather is nice, we are enjoying being

outside. We planted two dwarf apple trees and some strawberries in the planters. The toddlers help give the plants "drinks" every day.

FIELD TRIP FUN — The field trip to the library was lots of fun!!! Thank you to all of the parents who joined us. We could not have done it without you!

TRANSITIONS — Abby and Riley have all made the transition to the toddler side. Welcome! Naren, Kyler and Keith are now preschoolers. Congratulations!!!



Kid Ease Parent Board

FUND RAISING

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- We have about 100 "baby's first Christmas" for 2005 that need to be creatively transformed into 2006 (e.g., painted).
- Wooden children's furniture for painting by the children (All such purchases are tax deductible donations).
- Volunteers at the end of June to stuff envelopes for Silent Auction solicitations (can be done at home).
- If you are skilled at crafts, please consider working on sweaters, blankets, booties, or other hand-crafted items to donate over the summer.
- **BASKETS!!!** Check out garage sales this summer for baskets! Any size will do, but bigger is always better.

- If anyone wants to join the Silent Auction Committee, please contact Tamarin Austin at lizzypod@hotmail.com. We will definitely need help this fall to assemble the baskets.

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 will also be bringing forward an action item regarding renewing the lease agreement with DGS at the June Board meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Marshall Graham at (916) 341-6270 or mgraham@ciwmb.ca.gov.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee will be presenting a discussion item at this Board 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 June 8, 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 via the Google Group e-mail list. Additionally, the agenda and May's meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board to the left of the sign-in binders.

Thank you to Paul Knepprath for the opportunity for members to participate by teleconference. For those interested, you will need to dial: 1-800-505-4464 The participant code is 493943. Thanks again to Paul for this excellent opportunity!!!