



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly July 2006

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

ANNUAL DT BBQ

Thank you to all of the parents that came and helped out at the DT BBQ. We had a great turn out and we would not be able to do it without all of your support. I would also like to give a special thank you to Terri Wyels for all of her energy and efforts in making flyers, sending invitations and helping to pulling it together so nicely.



LET THE WATER FUN BEGIN!

It is that time again when your child will get wet. Please remember to bring swim suits, water diapers, towels, water shoes, sun-screen, etc. Your child will get wet and muddy!

Additionally, we will be checking daily for temperature changes as well as air quality. If we are unable to be outdoors we will provide alternative activities for your children to do.



KINDERGARTEN NOTICE

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



LABEL, LABEL, LABEL

Please remember to label all of your children's belongings when you come into school. Many children have the same clothing, shoes and/or blankets. Teachers try to remember what belongs to each child, but it can be very difficult.



ANNUAL RE-ENROLLMENT FEE

Just a reminder that in August it will be time to pay your annual re-enrollment fee. The cost is \$40 for one child and \$80 for a family. The purpose of the re-enrollment fee is to cover your enrollment for September of 2006—August of 2007. It also covers the annual student accident policy. If you have any questions fell free to give me a call.

LEARNING OR PLAYING?

This month we get down and dirty to explore how our

children "learn through play" when they discover with sand at DT... When I play with sand I learn:

1. To exercise my imagination;
2. Concepts of size, shape, volume, and empty and full;
3. How to use tools;
4. To solve problems;
5. How to play socially with others;
6. To create my own patterns and symbols, reading and writing skills; and
7. To observe changes, a science skill.

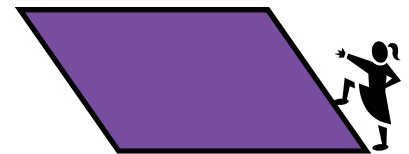


Important Dates:

Tuition Due	1st
DT Closed	4th
Share Days	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Tuition is Late	10th
Gymnastics	10th & 24th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	13th 11:30 a.m.
Piano Man	TBA

Learning Themes

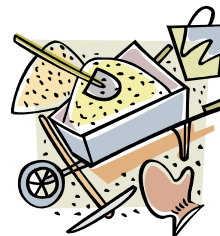
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The color of the month is pink.

Our learning themes for the month are:

- ☉ USA; and
- ☉ Waterworks.



~Becca

Preschool News

LEARNING THEMES

This month the theme is **USA** and **water works**. We will talk about our country and special places that are in the US. Then we will be exploring the different types of bodies of water, rivers, lakes, and oceans. The color of the month is **Pink** and the shape is parallelogram. The letters for the month are **B, D, G,** and **J**.

If you have been to any interesting places in the US and would like to come in and share the information

with the children we would greatly appreciate it. It will help us with the new theme of the month. We are also going to be talking with the other schools hoping to find ideas for the new theme. So, if you have any ideas please let us know.

DT OLYMPICS

We will be rescheduling the DT Olympics planned for this month.

We will keep you posted.



Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

WELCOME! — We have two new friends to welcome to our class. Emmett and Jacob will be joining us this month. Kinsey will also officially starting her transition to the toddler side this month. She has spent lots of time visiting and is ready to start staying full time.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS — Jack is rolling over and trying very hard to move

forward. Gavin B. is standing up and starting to let go. Keep up the good work boys!

TODDLER NEWS

Summer is here! Now that the heat has arrived we are checking the temperature and the air quality daily. If it isn't safe to go out in the afternoon, we will provide activities that give the toddlers an opportunity to move, jump and climb which they would normally do outside.

NEW FACES HEADING OUR WAY

We will be looking for a new teacher to help out in the program and get trained so that we are prepared for Jennifer's maternity leave. Hopefully we will have some new faces very soon.

TRANSITIONS — Evan is off to pre-school. We'll miss his dancing! Kinsey is moving to the toddler side. Welcome!

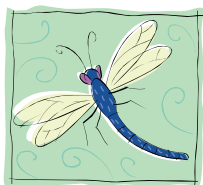
THANK YOU — Thank you to the Hurst family for the water pitchers and filters. Thank you to the Bevans for the great CD's, and to Juliet Moody for the little people house.

Kid Ease Parent Board

We have faced a great loss this month and deeply miss our teacher and dear friend Julie Kuhn. In her honor, I would like to share with you a poem that touches upon the impact Julie had on so many of our lives...

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.

~Flavia



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 July Board meeting (there was not a quorum in at the June 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 (carried over from last month). 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 July 13, 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 June'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!!!