



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly August 2007

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

DT FUNDRAISING

As highlighted in the last newsletter, the other DT directors and I are continuing our fundraising



efforts. Not only do these fundraising events help the DT directors at-

tend the Professional Association for Childhood Education (*PACE*) Conference in Anaheim, as a component of our continuing education, but the children have a blast!

Our first couple of parent night-out events were super successful. Each DT school will be hosting a parents night-out event and for each there will be a small fee.

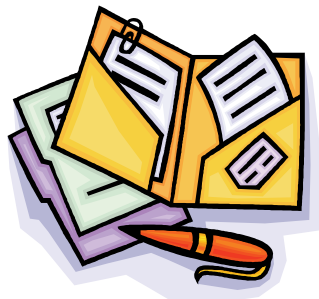
Our next parent night-out will be on Friday August 3rd at the H Street school. If you are interested, please sign-up and see me or Laurie. You

will want to pick-up a walking permission slip so that you do not have to drop your child off at the school and you can enjoy more time for yourself.

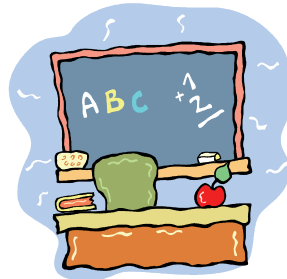
Our I Street school will be hosting our parent night-out on Friday August 24th, followed by the newest addition to the DT Family — the 4th Street school — on Friday August 31st. Please come and help me, your director, raise some money for my conference in October.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

It is that time of year again for our annual registration. Re-enrollment



fees will be billed this month. This payment has been added to your tui-



tion. So, look for an additional charge of \$40.00 for per child or \$65.00 per family this month. If you

have any questions feel free to give me a call.

PARENT ORIENTATION

Later this month we will be hosting our annual Parent Orientation. This is a dedicated time for parents to come and meet the staff, learn more about the program and spend a little time talking with us about all of the wonderful forms that you received when you first enrolled in the school.

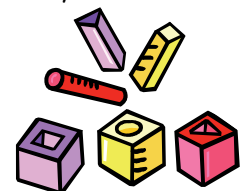
~Becca

Important Dates:

Kid Ease Board Mtg.	1st
Tuition Due	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Piano Man	17th
Gymnastics	13th & 27th
Tuition is Late	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Share Days	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Learning Themes

This month we will review the colors and shapes we learned about throughout the last year.

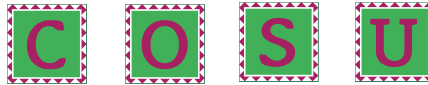


Our learning theme for the month is *All Around the World*.

We will review :

- Letter **C** the week of 8/6
- letter **O** the week of 8/13
- letter **S** the week of 8/20
- Letter **U** the week of 8/27

Preschool News



This month's learning theme is **all around the world**. We will explore the music, art, food and lifestyles of other regions! We will review all of the colors & shapes we have learned throughout the year. The letters of the month are **C, O, S & U**. Our all around the world theme is a great time for families to share individual cultures. Please let Laurie know if you would like to come in with music, food, pictures, clothing, etc.

August 7th Tad Lane elementary students are coming to read to our children. We will also start a yoga program next month. The instructor will be here twice a month on Mondays.

August 16th we will be going to the Tad Lane school for a multicultural fair. Each school selected a country to represent. Our choice

was Ireland. Any ideas or items you have to share would be great.

Chickens — This month the Chickens will be making a trip around the world, stopping in as many countries as possible in hopes of learning about their food, clothing and customs. We will be making a special stop in Ireland to explore the countryside. We are also welcoming lots of new friends. So, warm welcomes to Devin, Evan, Alec, Joey, Linnea, Naren and Vivien!

Little Foots — The Little Foots will be taking a flight around the world this month, learning about different countries and cultures. Along the way we will be reviewing all of the shapes and colors that we have learned. We would like to say goodbye and good luck to all of the Little

Foots moving on to Kindergarten and the Giraffes and to give a little foots welcome to the incoming chickens.

Nemos — We would like to welcome our newest Nemos: Abby, Riley, Sam & Scarlet. We are very happy to have them with us! As we focus on our learning theme, if there is something special to your family's culture that you would like to share, such as music, a snack or a book, please bring it in! We will continue with our walks when ever possible, feel free to join us. **GO NEMOS!**

Giraffes — As our wonderful 5 year olds are leaving for new schools the new pre-k children will transition into our group.

Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

Wow, August is here already! We have been enjoying so many fun activities this summer. During August we will continue with activities stories and music from different parts of the world. If you have any items at home you would like to share with us please feel free to bring them in.

Reminder — Please LABEL EVERYTHING!!! Unlabeled items in the refrigerator will be thrown out. Also, the ground is very hot in the afternoon please provide shoes for your children for outdoor activities.

Movers and shakers — Our babies were very busy last month. Aiden is up on his hands and knees and is beginning to crawl. Dalton is already crawling all over the

room. Valerie is pulling herself up on everything. Mark and Sawyer are taking steps. Good luck everyone!

TODDLER NEWS

Wow! It is August already. We are having lots of fun with our Tuesday and Friday water play. Thank you to Becca for the very cool water sprinkler mat. We love it!

Reminder — It is very important that your child has water shoes for water play, as the ground is very hot. The water shoes also help prevent slipping. If you have not yet brought water shoes for your child please do so. Thank you.

Transitions — We are going to say goodbye to Sam and Riley A. They are both

transitioning to the pre-school program. We will miss them both.

Jacob has become a toddler. Ike will be transitioning to the toddler room soon. We will also be welcoming a new friend, Scarlett to our toddler program.

Summer Fun — We are enjoying looking for and picking our ripe strawberries.

The children are learning to not pick the blossoms and the berries until they are red. We are learning the colors green and red from watching our plant.

Kid Ease Parent Board

Silent Auction—A Request for Each Family

Charlotte Clarke, Kid Ease Director of Fundraising is leading the charge for our annual Silent Auction. If you have not received her introductory e-mail, please be sure to e-mail her with your contact information for upcoming information. You can reach her at Charlotte.Clarke@cdcr.ca.gov or 916-262-1471.

Each family is being asked to approach three businesses to request donations of product or services for this year's silent auction. Charlotte is providing a letter for you to provide the businesses. You can present this letter to businesses owner or manager, requesting a donation for our school.



Once you receive a donation, please leave it for Charlotte at DT in an envelope; box, etc. on the counter (closest to the entrance doors), as she will be checking frequently. Thank you again for your participation and help. We want this year's auction to exceed last years and the only way that can happen is with your help.

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. Your feedback is important!!!

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1st at 12 pm in **Training Room 2 E&W** 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.