



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly September 2007

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the families that helped in raising money for me to go to the Professional Association for Childhood Education (*PACE*) Conference this October. I would not have been able to accomplish raising any



of the money without your help and support.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Get ready to Smile! Picture day is scheduled in October. More details will be coming regarding the specific dates and scenery. In October we will schedule our field trip to the Fog Willows Pumpkin Farm. So, look on the calendar next month for more exciting dates to be posted!!!



REMINDER

Please remember that the cubbies in the classroom are not very large. When they get over-stuffed with blankets, jackets, and other large objects, they have potential to fall on a child.



So, please make sure that you periodically clean out and take home the items in your child's cubby.

Donations

Our teachers are consistently developing engaging learning activities for the children. We could use your help in collecting some materials for some upcoming projects. If you have any of the following items you could share, it would be most appreciated:



- Baby food jars
- Paper towel rolls
- Plastic juice containers
- Frozen juice can lids

As always, if you have any questions or would like additional information about our programs and activities, please contact me. You can reach me at 916-448-1661 or rdfofoster@surewest.net. Thanks!

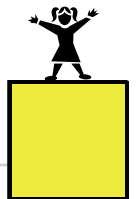
~Becca

Important Dates:

Kid Ease Board Mtg.	5th
Tuition Due	3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
Piano Man	TBA
Gymnastics	10th & 24th
Tuition is Late	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Share Days	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Yoga	TBA

Learning Themes

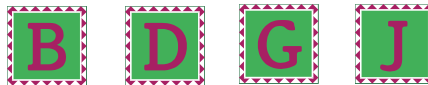
The color of the month is *yellow* and the shape of the month is the *square*.



Our learning theme for the month are *Discovery Days, Safety and our School, & Our Neighborhood*. We review the:

- Letter *B* the week of 9/3
- letter *D* the week of 9/10
- letter *G* the week of 9/17
- Letter *J* the week of 9/24

Preschool News



This month the learning themes are *Discovery Days, Safety & our School*, and our *Neighborhood*. We will talk about new friends, schools rules, safety and what we need to do to stay safe at school, and all of the people and places in our neighborhood. We will learn about the color *yellow* and the shape *square*. The letters for the month are *B, D, G, and J*.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended our cultural day's field trip to Tad Ln. We had so much fun hanging out with all of our friends from other schools.

We have said good-bye to all of our kindergarten friends and welcome our new friends Tina, Zane, Zachary, Darius, Penny, & Gianna and from the toddler room Riley A, Noah, and Riley N.

This month is a great time for walking field trips around the community. We will also try to schedule the police or fire department to come discuss safety. If anyone has other ideas we are open for suggestions.

We will be having new small groups and names starting this month. Please talk with Laurie to find out who your child's small group teacher is.

Pre-K — Now that our group is finished with transition we will be choosing a new name, I will be sending letters home with, new information, periodically. Please do not hesitate to ask if there are any questions. ~Laurie

Middles — We have been moving up and moving out with many friends leaving for kindergarten

or the Pre-K program. We wish them luck. Now we look forward to new friends and a new name.

Chickens — Welcome to the new school year! This month we will make new friends and learn our school rules. By the end of the month we will have a new group name. So, keep eyes and ears open for all of the changes.

Littles — This month, we will celebrate our theme 'new friends' by welcoming Noah, Riley A, and Riley N. from the toddler room. We also welcome Darius, our newest DT friend! We will learn about ways to stay safe in our community, using our walks as a learning tool. Please fill out a walking permission slip if you have not done so already. Also, we have a new group name — we are now the TINY TURTLES!

Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

Movers and shakers —

Our little Peyton is rolling over now and is enjoy-



ing his new view of the world. Marissa is sitting up, and is also scooting around on her bottom. Chase is also sitting up on his own and crawling on hands and knees. Aiden is rocking back and forth and starting to scoot forward. Ben is standing up at the gate and Sawyer and Mark are now officially walking Great job everyone!!



Transitions — Jay will be moving over to the toddler program this month. He has been visiting occasionally and is getting to know everyone very well. On a sad note Ben H. will be leaving DT to go to a new school. This will be a very beneficial move for him, but it is extremely difficult to say good-bye to someone you've grown to know and love so much. We wish him well and will miss him very much.



TODDLER NEWS

Welcome September! We have said "goodbye" to many of our two-year-old friends that have moved on to preschool and have welcomed Ike and Jay to the toddler program. This month, we will learn about safety rules in the classroom as well as meet some new friends. We will also learn and practice how to play gently with everyone as well as our toys. We look forward to the new school year.



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, September 5th 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.