



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly October 2006

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,
AUTUMN ATTIRE

Just a reminder to parents that the weather is changing and it is that time again to start dressing your children in layers.

Please also remember to label everything, as we all tend to shop in the same stores.



ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE

DT's Annual Parent Orientation and Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We will begin the Parent Orientation in the preschool classroom at 5:30. During this time, all of the children will be outside playing and having a good time with the teachers. Starting at 6:00 p.m., the teachers will come inside and talk to you about the program and their small groups. During this time your children will be playing outside with some of the other DT Directors and me! The Open House will



commence at 6:30 as your child comes in to show you some of the things that he/she does in class.

SAY CHEESE...

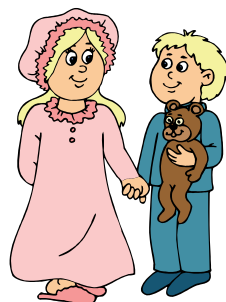
Picture day is just around the corner. Debbie Brown will



be coming back to take fall pictures on Wednesday and Thursday, October 11th and 12th. More information will be out the beginning of the month.

PAJAMAS AT SCHOOL?

Pajama Day will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2006. This is a time for your child to wear their favorite pajamas to school. Please remember that your children will still go outside so they need to have pj's that are safe to wear with shoes.



BACK TO BASICS

I feel that it is about time to get back to some basics with our newsletters. So, we are going to take a break from the monthly review of how our children are "learning through play" and we are going to start introducing some of the people and principles behind the Discovery Tree philosophy. Therefore, in the coming months, I will be talking about Piaget, Erickson, and Gerber. We will also be talking about the social, emotional and cognitive concepts that young children learn.



If ever, however, you have a question about the curriculum or what/how/why your child is learning in the programs here at DT, please just let me know. Thank you,

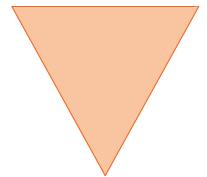
~Becca

Important Dates:

Parent Orientation & Open House	4th from 5:30—7 pm
Tuition Due	6th, 13th, 20th &
Share Days	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Book Fair	10th & 11th
Picture Days	11th & 12th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	12th 11:30 am
Tuition is Late	3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st
Gymnastics	16th & 30th
Piano Man	20th

Learning Themes

The shape of the month is a triangle.



The color of the month is orange.

Our learning themes for the month are *Farming, Agriculture and Autumn*. We will review :

- letter I the week of 10/2
- letter K the week of 10/9
- letter L the week of 10/16
- letter M the week of 10/23
- letter N the week of 10/30

Preschool News

LEARNING THEMES

This month the theme is *Farming* and *Agriculture*, and the many colors of *Autumn*. We will be learning about the color *Orange*. The shape for the month will be *Triangle*. The letters for the month are *I, K, L, M* and *N*.

WELCOME

We have two new children that we would like to welcome to our program. Roman and Audrey started this month and will be coming to visit us everyday. We also have a new child who transi-



tioned from one of our other locations Thomas comes to us from our P street location. Devin is also transitioning this month from the Toddlers and is very happy to be reunited with all of his old toddler friends.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are going to be trying something new this year. We will be hosting a harvest festival at the end of the month in the preschool program. We will be



bringing in some hay and pumpkins for the children to take apart. If you have any fun ideas that you would like to see us do please give us a call.



FIELD TRIP

We have scheduled a field trip to the pumpkin farm with all of the other downtown DTs. It is scheduled for October 19th so save the date. You will be receiving permission slips in the next few weeks.

Infant and Toddler News

The weather is starting to cool off during the day, especially in the morning. Please be sure your child has a jacket and appropriate clothing for outside time. All clothing, including socks, should be labeled.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT— October 4th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. is our Back-to-School Night. This will be a great time to revisit our philosophy and policies as well as to ask any questions you may have about our program. Your child's caregiver will be on hand to speak with

you and to answer any questions. We hope to see you there.

PAJAMA DAY— Tuesday, October 31st will be Pajama Day. So, dress your little cutie in his/her favorite PJ's for the day.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS— Jacob and Rachel are both scooting around the room and Benjamin is crawling. Keep up the good work!



TRANSITIONS— Devin is making his move preschool. As of October 1st he will be there full-time.

Gavin B. has been very anxious to go over to the toddler side. Finally, the time has come. He will start his transition on October 9th. Have fun boys!

THANK YOU— Thank you to all the parents who have helped out in the classroom. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Kid Ease Parent Board

HELP RAISE \$1,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL!!

If we sell 47 more Entertainment Books, we will reach our goal of earning \$1,000 through this event. In the past, funds have been used for big ticket items such as upgrading the play yard and purchasing the preschool loft. Books are \$40 and packed with savings. Please contact Denise Davis at 869-6561 to get your copy today.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN OCTOBER!!!

The Fall Book & Gift Fair returns to the Cal/EPA building this month.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 10th and Wednesday, October 11th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

WHERE: 1st Floor Training Rooms

This is not only a great opportunity to jump on holiday shopping, but also to fulfill your quarterly family participation requirement by volunteering to help bag orders and advertising (post flyers tell all your co-workers). Look for the sign-up sheets in the DT Lobby.

STATE EMPLOYEE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN The SEUWC is on its way and Kid Ease is in the book!!! So, please let people know that they can contribute to Kid Ease (e.g. family, co-workers) to help fund our continuing permanent facility maintenance and improvements, the Julie Kuhn Scholarship Program providing support for the continuing early childhood development education of our excellent teachers, as well as an upcoming scholarship program for children that would otherwise not necessarily have the opportunity to attend preschool prior to Kindergarten.

Our (Kid Ease Child Care Center, Inc.) organization number is 12484. We raise approximately \$3,000 a year from this fundraising opportunity. So, please consider Kid Ease (#12484) when contributing and pass the word along.

SILENT AUCTION PLANNING

The Silent Auction is coming up in a couple of months and the Committee needs volunteers. You can help by taking a shopping list from the flier on the DT sign-in counter. The re-

quested items should be returned by October 15th, so our basket-makers don't have to worry about doing them over the holidays.

We also need volunteers to call 10 businesses each (businesses and phone numbers provided) to solicit donation to our Auction. If interested. Please e-mail Tamarin Austin (lizzypod@hotmail.com) or call (804-5377) and she will send them the information.

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held October 12, 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 September's meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board to the left of the sign-in binders. If conference call opportunity becomes available, we will include the information (phone number and conference code) in the meeting agenda. Thanks!