



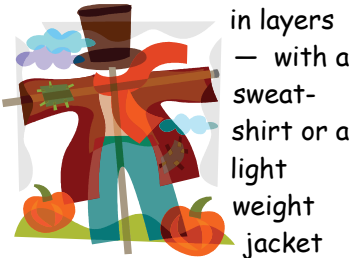
Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly October 2007

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

DRESSING FOR THE SEASON

The weather is changing and with that so are the children's needs with respect to outside play. It is cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon. So, please dress your children



in layers — with a sweat-shirt or a light weight jacket

in the morning. Make sure your child also has plenty of clothes in their cubbies so that they can change if they get too hot or cold.

NEW FAMILY RESOURCE

The Sacramento Bee has launched a new website for Moms. It is called **SacMomsClub.com**. Using this new tool, you can:

- Get tips from other moms;
- Sound off in a blog;
- Find fun events; and



- Share reviews of local schools, classes, camps and family activities from a community of parents just like you.



For more information come and see me.

HOLIDAY POLICY AT DT

Just a reminder to all of you parents that Discovery Tree does not celebrate any Holidays. So, as hard as it might be for you to not show off your cute princess, super hero, Sweet Pea, Rock Star, etc., please refrain from having them come to school in their costume. Later in the year we will have a "make believe day" where they will all be able to dress up. This also means no candy. Thank you for understanding and adhering to this policy.



SMILE — PICTURE TIME!

Get ready to smile! Picture day is scheduled for October on the 16th and 17th.

The theme will be **pajama party**. Your child can come dressed in their favorite P.J'S.



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:

- Old Computer
- Key boards
- Old blow driers
- Curling Irons
- Empty Shampoo Bottles
- Calculators
- Baby food Jars
- Plastic juice containers
- Frozen juice can lids

~Becca

Important Dates:

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| Tuition Due | 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th |
| Tuition is Late | 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th |
| Kid Ease Board Mtg. | 3rd |
| Share Days | 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st |
| Book & Gift Fair | 9th & 10th |
| Fog Willows Field Trip | 10th |
| Gymnastics | 15th & 29th |
| Piano Man | 19th |
| Picture Day (infant & toddler/siblings) | 16th |
| Picture Day (pre-school/make-up) | 17th |

Learning Themes

The color of the month is **orange** and the shape of the month is the **oval**.



Our learning theme for the month are **On the Farm & Colors of Fall**. The Authors of the month are **Stan & Jan Berenstain**. We will also review:

- Letter **I** — week of 10/1
- Letter **K** — week of 10/8
- letter **L** — week of 10/15
- letter **M** — week of 10/22
- Letter **N** — week of 10/29

Preschool News



This month our learning themes are *On the Farm* and *Colors of Autumn*. We will discuss things one finds on a farm — equipment, animals, crops, etc. We will focus on the changing weather and shorter days. We will also be learning about the color *Orange*, the shape for the month — *Oval*, the Author of the month — *Stan and Jan Berenstain*, and the letters for the month — *I, K, L, M & N*.

FIELD TRIP & HARVEST FESTIVAL FUN

We are looking forward to our October field trip to *Fog Willows*. We will need drivers, so if you can help out, please let Laurie know.

Thank you to the parents accompanying us to the fire station last month. The children learned a lot about safety and had a great time. Thanks again!

We will also host a *Harvest Festival* on *Wed., October 31st*. Look for more info, posted soon.

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

We welcome two new friends — Damian & Adeyinka — joining us this month. We will also welcome a few new toddlers friends here soon.

TRANSITIONS—WHERE TO LEARN MORE...

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.

Dolphins — This month we will focus on *name writing*, the *letter sounds*, *number writing & qualities*, as well as many things pertaining to our learning themes. Thank you for bringing pencil boxes. The children really enjoy having their own supplies. We will be using our "sound boxes" on Wednesdays. To learn more about "sound boxes," see Laurie.

Sharks — We are having a great start to the new season. We've been working on our *days of the*

week as well as *counting & number recognition* with our calendar. Everyone is doing wonderful work recognizing the shapes and colors of the month. Look for improvements in writing in our ongoing journals. GO SHARKS!

Monkeys — We will be farming our way through October, learning about the changes that we find throughout the *fall season* what *agriculture* is all about. Remember "sound boxes" on Thursdays!

Tiny Turtles -- Big thanks to our terrific Turtle Moms who went to the fire station with us — you make our trips possible! This month, we will visit Fog Willows pumpkin farm, where we will get 'down and dirty' to learn about *farm animals* and *how our produce* grows. We will also be making our *group shirts* soon. Please let us know if you have any ideas to make them as special and unique as our turtles are.

Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

Hello everyone! With it, October brings many new things to our school. A new month, a new season with changing colors, cooler weather and new faces, — all natural themes to guide our learning us this month. Our babies will continue enjoying fun, hands-on activities relating to these themes. So, keep an eye out through the classroom for your child's projects.

Reminders — With the cooler mornings and late afternoons, please be sure your child has an appropriate change of clothes in their cubby. Shoes, socks and sweat-shirts or jackets are now needed for outside time. As always, please LABEL EVERYTHING!

Welcome — Tatiana has been visiting occasionally and starts full-time this month. With an older sister in the preschool program, Cameron got his start the last week of September. Please take the time to welcome them both.

Movers and shakers — Marissa and Aiden are now crawling and pulling themselves up to a stand. Chase and Dalton are also pulling themselves up to a stand. We would not be surprised if we had a few more walkers by next month. Keep up the great work.

TODDLER NEWS

Welcome to autumn! Please remember to label all of your children's clothing — es-

pecially their new jackets and shoes — to avoid those mix ups that might happen.

Learning Together — If you have any books, or pictures on farms that you would like to share, please feel free to bring them into the class. Also if you find any leaves to share bring them in we can use them for cool art projects. We will be exploring concepts with paint, paper, shape sorters, and items from nature, such as leaves, pumpkins and flowers.

Transitions — Mark will begin his transition to the toddler program on the 2nd. He has visited a few times and is definitely ready to go. Have fun Mark!

Kid Ease Parent Board

Book & Gift Fair

Get ready for the holidays and support Kid Ease at the same time — Our annual Book & Gift fair is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 9th and Wednesday, Oct. 10th (9am - 2pm). You can help support this effort by hanging flyers in local meeting areas in your offices, volunteering to help bag purchases, and by shopping at the event. With your help, this will be another successful book fair fundraiser!

Silent Auction—December 5th, 2007

Charlotte Clarke, Kid Ease Director of Fundraising continues the charge for another successful Silent Auction. If you have not received her introductory e-mail (sent in late July), please be sure to e-mail



her with your contact information for upcoming information. You can reach her at Charlotte.Clarke@cldr.ca.gov or 916-262-1471.

Otherwise, the Silent Auction committee is looking to each of our families to help. Tasks that need to be completed include: 1) donations (requests from 3 businesses, unopened toys, baskets, furniture for the children to paint, such as toy boxes, table and chairs, benches).

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, October 3rd at 12 pm in **Conference Room 210** 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.