



Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly November 2007

Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you so much to all of the families that helped me raise money to send me to the PACE conference. I had a lot of fun and was able to get tons of information to bring back to the school. With out all of your support our school would not do as well as it does. It is with your help



that my teachers and I are able to do the things that we do.

PUMPKIN FUN

The pumpkin farm field trip was a big success. Thank you for all of the help and support that you all gave. We would also like to give special thanks to all of the parents that volunteered to drive on that day. It would not have been possible with out all of you.



CALLING ALL COOKS

Discovery Tree is looking for cooks for three of our locations. If you know of anyone who likes to work with children and is familiar in a kitchen and is willing to work part-time and have some fun please send them my way.



SPEAKING OF COOKING...

We have new DT cook books for sale. These are recipes that have been made at different locations over the years. They are simple healthy recipes that the teachers have used with the children. If you are interested you can come and see me they are being sold for \$15 a copy.



DONATIONS

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

- Old Computer Keyboards
- Old blow driers
- Curling Irons
- Empty Shampoo Bottles
- Calculators

These items are great for us to use for playing office or hair salon. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the teachers.

Important Dates:

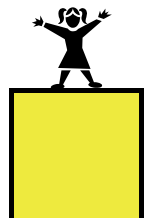
Tuition Due	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Tuition is Late	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	7th
Share Days	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Gymnastics	8th & 26th
DT Closed (Veteran's Day)	12th
Family Feast	15th
Piano Man	16th
Yoga	TBA

WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS

The weather is changing and with that so are the rules for outside. Please dress your children in layers. With a sweatshirt or a light weight jacket in the morning, it is really starting to cool down in the morning and warm up in the afternoon. Make sure that your child has plenty of clothes in their cubbies so that they can change if they get to hot or cold.

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 **All in the Family & Travel**. The Authors of the month are **Don & Audrey Wood**. We will also review:

Letter **T** — week of 11/5
Letter **V** — week of 11/12
letter **W** — week of 11/19
letter **X** — week of 11/26

Preschool News



This month's learning themes are *All in the Family & Travel*. We will discuss different traditions each of us have, what makes up our families, and the people that are in our families. We will also discover different types of travel. We will learn about the color **Yellow**. The shape for the month will be **Square** the author of the month will be **Don and Audrey Wood**. The letters for the month are **T, V, W** and **X**.

Family Feast—November 15th will be our **Family Feast**. We invite all parents to come and join us for lunch. There will be a pot luck sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Dolphins— We will continue to work on let-

ters, numbers and concepts. We have been concentrating on projects with multi-step directions. Whenever possible please have your child practice first & last name writing. Please remember sound boxes on Wednesday.

Sharks— We are very excited about our sticker books. We will be starting up our journals this month. Remember share day is Wednesday the Sharks love sharing with friends. As always we will be talking about the calendar including days of the week, month and year, as well as the weather. So, please talk about this with your child. Feel free to go into the shark cubby so you can look at our journals and sticker book activities. **GO SHARKS!**

Monkeys-- We will be learning all about different family dynamics! Parents, I will be sending out a letter soon with more info. I need your help to make this month's theme extra special. We will also continue practicing the basics such as cutting, writing and self help. Welcome Grace D. & Megan! We are going bananas over these new Monkeys.

Tiny Turtles— This month we will be making our shirts! Please bring in a white t-shirt for your Tiny Turtle to decorate. We will also be making a Tiny Turtle family tree. So, we will need your to bring a photo of your family for your Turtle to share. We will be making pumpkin cupcakes out of our DT cookbook. More yummy cooking projects will follow...

Infant and Toddler News

INFANT NEWS

Please feel free to speak with the teachers if you have any questions regarding "band-aid reports" or "thought you should know" notes. The teachers who saw exactly what happened is the teacher who writes up the reports. Please be assured that what is written in the report is exactly what happened. If there is uncertainty about what exactly happened, that also will be written in the report. Thank you.

Welcome— We have a new friend that started with us in October. Her name is Libby and she will be with us four days a week. Please take some time to say hello.

Movers and Shakers— Marissa, Dalton, Valerie and Aiden are now all standing on their own. They are trying very hard to take

steps. Peyton is starting to scoot forward a little. Good Job!

Transitions— Sawyer will begin his transition to the Toddler program this month. He can't wait! Have fun Sawyer.

TODDLER NEWS

October really flew by. It's now November and the leaves are changing colors and the mornings are cool. Thank you for marking jackets and socks. It makes our job much simpler.

November focuses on family, traditions, and what makes a family. We will be sending home requests for pictures of your child, family members and things that are important in your child's life. The pictures will be made into collages and mounted on the walls

to help the children learn more about families and what makes a family.

Transitions— Lewis has made a smooth transition to our DT family. We are happy to have him with us. Jay and Mark are doing a wonderful job in the Toddler program. Gavin B. will be transitioning to Preschool the beginning of the month followed by Arwyn. We will miss the both. Sawyer will start his transitioning soon.

We would also like to welcome a new teacher to our room. Please come introduce yourself to Terry and help her to feel welcome to our DT family. If you have any traditions that your would like to share with the Toddlers please feel free to talk to Lori S. Or any of the toddler teachers.

Kid Ease Parent Board

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@cdcr.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, November 7th 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.