

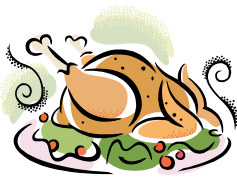


# Discovery Tree (DT) Monthly December 2007

## Director's Corner

Dear DT Families,  
THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of the parents that took the time



to come and join us for the Family Feast. The food was fantastic! We had an amazing turnout and it would not have been possible without the help of all of you.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

With the coming holidays, many of us change our schedule to spend more time with our families. To help plan for the multiple changes in schedule, there will be a sign up sheet on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please write your child's name and the scheduled hours that he/she will be attending. Many of the teachers have requested time to be with their families. Having the schedule of days and times that your child will be here will greatly help me grant our teachers as

much as possible.



### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

It is that time of year again. The Annual Parents' Night Out will be on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Discovery Tree teachers volunteer to stay and take care of your children from 6pm- 8:30 pm, while you go out and have



some fun. This is our gift to you. We will provide dinner and lots of fun for the

children. So save the date. The sign up sheet will be posted on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and you will have until the 12<sup>th</sup> to sign up.

### WINTER WEAR

Just a reminder that we do go outside every day to learn and play unless it is physically raining on us and we can not use the Toddler yard. So, please layer your children's clothing, as mornings are cool and the afternoons still are warm. Thanks!



### DONATE

If you have any of the following that you could share for our dramatic play areas, the teachers and the children would appreciate it.



- Old Computer Key boards
- 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.



### CLOSING EARLY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>!

Just a reminder that DT will be closing at 12:00 pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

~Becca

## Important Dates:

Tuition Due	3rd, 10th, 17th, 27th & 31st
Tuition is Late	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 1/1
Gymnastics	3rd & 17th
Share Days	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Kid Ease Board Mtg.	5th
Yoga	11th
Parents' Night Out	13th
Piano Man	21st
DT Closed	25th
DT Closed Early	31st

## Learning Themes

The color of the month is **white** and the shape of the month is the **diamond**.



Our learning theme for the month are **All Dinosaurs & Let it Snow**. The Author of the month is **Robert Munsch**. We will also review:

Letter **Y**— week of 12/3  
Letter **Z**— week of 12/10  
letter **B**— week of 12/17  
letter **D** — week of 12/24

## Preschool News



This month's learning themes are *Dinosaurs* & *Let it Snow*. We will talk about the different types of dinosaurs, what they eat and their sizes. We will also discuss winter weather and the many changes here and in other parts of the world during this season. We will be learning about the color *White*. The shape for the month is the *Diamond* and the Author of the Month is *Robert Munsch*. The letters for the month are *Y, Z, B* and *D*. Keep an eye out as we transform our room with this month's winter theme.

The children did a great job with projects for the Silent Auction. Don't forget to

check out all of the children's (& teachers' too) beautiful work.

*Dolphins*—We will continue working on number recognition up to 100. If you haven't already, checkout the great job our group did on the farm books in the library.

*Sharks*—We will be completing color searchers, were we look for things that are white (color of the month) in the class room and outside. We will continue to work in our journals with the letter of the week and your child's name. The sticker books were a hit—the children really enjoy them. **GO SHARKS!**

*Monkeys*—This month we will be plowing through winter themes and digging up all the dirt we can find on the dinosaurs. Welcome Alyssa to the Monkey clan!

*Tiny Turtles*—We would like to say hello to our newest friends, Arwyn, Gavin B, and Zhoee. Welcome to the Tiny Turtles! We would also like to say "Good Luck" to our good friend Alyssa, as she is running off to join the Monkeys! We will miss you. We have received all of our shirts, and we are in the process of making them. Thank you for your patience, they will be ready soon.

## Infant and Toddler News

### INFANT NEWS

It's getting pretty cold outside now. Please bring **COATS** and **SHOES** (not sandals) for your child. Both are required for outside time. **LABEL EVERYTHING, PLEASE!**

### Movers and Shakers:

We've had a lot of physical development happen in the past month. Tatiana is rolling over more. Peyton started crawling and is all over the room now. Caitlin is pulling herself up and cruising on any wall or gate she can find. Aiden and Valerie are taking steps and Dalton and Chase are walking. Fantastic work, everyone!

### Transitions:

Sawyer has moved over to the Toddler side full-time now. He had a very smooth transition and is enjoying himself very much. Marissa will start her transition to the Toddler side toward the end of the month. I'm sure she will have a great time as well.

### TODDLER NEWS

Happy December! It has been very chilly in the mornings. How appropriate that we will be exploring winter and the weather changes. We will be looking at clouds and different trees to see some weather and nature changes. We will



also explore ice cubes and shaved ice to learn about snow and things that are cold. The children will also be learning about dinosaurs. We will read dino books and also incorporate them into our art and discovery time.

Thank you again for bringing in warm jackets for your child. It is very chilly in the mornings and warm jackets make outside play time more comfortable. Keep marking your child's clothing. It helps us keep track of all the different jackets, shoes, and socks! We will be saying "good Bye" to Arwyn this month she will be transitioning to Preschool—have fun!

## Kid Ease Parent Board

### Silent Auction—December 5th & 6th

Thank you to Charlotte Clarke, Kid Ease Director of Fundraising and the 2007 Silent Auction Committee for all their efforts to make this year's Silent Auction a huge success.

As always, there are last minute things that need to be completed AND help needed on the days of the Silent Auction. So, if you have not volunteered, please be sure to contact Charlotte ASAP.

### 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!!!



### Kid Ease Web Site ([www.kid-ease.org](http://www.kid-ease.org))

Thanks to Meirve Davey, we have an awesome web site. Please take a moment to bookmark this site on your computer(s) for future reference. This is a great way for you to stay up-to-date on Kid-Ease events, meetings, etc. as well as to keep in touch with the Board of Directors and Officers.

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5th 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.