

Discovery Tree (DT)

Monthly Newsletter March

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Directors Corner

Save the Date:

-Picture day will be on April 14th for the infant and toddlers and the 15th for preschoolers. We will also be taking class pictures on the 15th. This time we will be using Debbie Brown as our Photographer. We will be using a spring background. I will post more information within the next few weeks.



-Staff in-service day is scheduled for Friday, April 9th. The school will be closed this day so that the teachers can get some more training to help better our program. This year some of the topics we will be covering is Conscience Discipline, Healthy environments, Circle time/Language development, Dt Curriculum and more.

-We will also be scheduling a spring work day in late May or early June. This is the time when we ask parents to come and help spruce up the school. This usually takes place on a Saturday and is from 9am-12pm. This year we plan on working on our outdoor classroom. Each month you will receive information about our goals that we are

giving ourselves to help improve our outdoor program. Please look for more information in upcoming newsletters as well as emails that I will be sending out.

Hours of Operation:

Just a reminder that our hours of operation are 7am -6pm. Many of our teachers are currently taking classes in the evening. When you are picking up late you are causing our teachers to be late to school. Please remember that it cost you a \$1 a minute for every minute that you are late. The teachers will start to charge you if this becomes a routine.

I would also like to remind parents that if your child is sent home with a symptom from our Health Care Policy, that your child needs to be picked up within thirty minutes or you will be charged a \$1 a minute late fee.

Parent Participation: We will be placing containers in the lobby with projects that the teachers need help with. Anything from cutting out projects, tracing, making play dough and more. We are working on making these boxes. Inside you will find the quantity of what we need as well as a recipe.

KID EASE:

Please remember to check out the Kid Ease web site located at www.Kid-Ease.org.

There you will find the latest newsletter, calendar, school reminders, upcoming events, menus, tuition, and copies of the meeting minutes from the monthly Kid-Ease parent board meetings. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9th at 12 noon in conference room 110. In the Cal EPA headquarters building. If you are not an employee in the building you will need to please check in at the security desk. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Please look for signs talking about our upcoming book fair that will be held in the Cal EPA building. Information will be posted soon!

Important Dates

Tuition Due	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Tuition late	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Kid Ease mtg	9
Gymnastics	1, 22
Piano Man	11
School closed	31
Pegasus and Animal field trip to Capital Nursery.	23

Learning Themes

Our learning themes for the month are . The color of the month is Green, The shape of the month is a Oval, and the author of the Month is Dr. Suess.

We Will also Continue working on the letters of the week:

- Letter B- week 3/1
- Letter D- week 3/8
- Letter P- week 3/15
- Letter R- week 3/22
- Letter A- week 3/29

Infant/Toddler News

Not only will we be welcoming spring this month we will also be welcoming some new faces! In the infant room we welcome Emily Arp and her family. Emily will be two days per week for now until a full time space is available. Doing some spring cleaning?? We are cleaning out our learning areas as well, however, if you have items to donate that we can use please feel free to donate them to us. We will have a sign on the classroom door of items/ideas that we would like donated. If you are unsure if we could use an item you'd like to donate, just ask. Anything you can donate is very much appreciated!

This month our learning themes are Pets and Spring is Coming. Notice anything new toddler parents?? Yes, our turtle was moved to preschool and now we have fish! What we'd like to do is have a smaller tank with just a few fish, and if you have a smaller tank that is not in use that you can donate, please do. We want to buff up our Tree Room (Science Learning Area) and add plants as well. The children really love to watch the fish swim and the sound of the flowing water is quite soothing. Once we get our fish settled in we will be naming them. Infant parents... thank you for labeling your child's belongings! Sometimes the markings get washed off the bottles, but we very much appreciate when you re-write them. It helps us to keep track of all parts so we can return all your dishes and bottles in the evenings. On a last note... don't forget to "Spring Forward" on Sunday March 14th or you'll be late for work/school on Monday!

Preschool News:

Pegasus: For the month of March the Pegasus will be going GREEN! We will be learning all about Spring Time and gardening, as well as preparing and planting in our own garden. Any seeds from flowers, fruits, or vegetables would be greatly appreciated. The Pegasus will be starting a planting project learning all about growth/plant care that will hopefully last us through the summer.

The Animals: Yippee!! Scarlett R. is back with us everyday of the week. Welcome back to small group Scarlett. Our color for this month is green. Have your child wear a green shirt on March 2nd to Celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday. This Month we will celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday. I hope to have a special snack with my friends, green eggs and Turkey. This snack will go along with the popular story, Green Eggs and Ham.

The Pegasus and The Animals will be going on a field trip to Capital Nursery on Tuesday, March 23rd at 10 Am please look for permission slips in your child's sign in sheet. Remember that the permission slip needs to be turned into a teacher not in the Director in box. Thank you!

Dragonflies . This month the Dragonflies will embark upon a magical adventure through the delightfully Imaginative world of Dr. Seuss. Oh the places we'll go! From the land of Lorax to the Cat in the Hat... Our imagination will bloom as we celebrate the spring sun and nature rejuvenating itself once again. Let's

not forget our furry friends and other household animals. (Parents, please bring in a picture of your family pet if you have one). Besides warm weather, March also brings us a new friend into our Dragonfly family. We are so excited to meet and welcome Bella!

Blue Dinosaurs: Oh the places we'll go as we enter the exciting world of Dr. Seuss. We'll hear all sorts of silly stories about Wockets in pockets, foxes in socks and other Zany things. If your child has a favorite Dr. Seuss book, feel free to bring it in for them to share with friends!

Preschool wish list: Preschool is in need of some bubble wrap. An old Iron that you do not care about any more, a hot plate to do crayon melting's, a lettuce spinner, old blankets and throw pillows that you no longer need. These are great treasures that can be used in our program. Thank you



*Happy Birthday
Dr. Seuss!!!!*