



# December Newsletter

The Learningden  
Preschool

## Blue Dolphins

Happy holidays to all Blue Dolphin families!! This month will be fun. We will be taking a field trip to Santa Barbara Convalescent Hospital to decorate gingerbread men with the seniors on Dec 2. If you have not had the opportunity to join us on this field trip before it is a great time for all.

This month we will continue to work on our long term projects and we will focus our attention on making holiday crafts and learning all about how different religions celebrate the holiday season. We will be looking at Hanukkah, Christmas and ending in January with Kwanza. We will be celebrating by cook-

ing, crafts, games and fun.

It has been very cold lately so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for school and if you bring a jacket please make sure that it is labeled and taken home with your child at the end of the day. It is also the time of the year where illness is quite common. Please remember to not bring your child if they are sick, it is not good for them and it does not help to infect everyone else. Children recover much faster if they are allowed to stay home and rest at first sign of illness. Lets keep



Holidays are a fun time at The Learningden Preschool

everyone happy, healthy, and safe for the holiday season.

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## Purple Sharks

Happy Holidays Purple Shark Families!! This is a great time at our school because the holiday spirit fills the school and the children's wonder and excitement is always such a great part of the holiday season. We understand that we all have different

ways of celebrating the holiday season so this year we are planning on celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza.

We are also really excited to continue work on our ongoing projects as well as making some fun holiday

memories to take home for our families.

We will be taking our annual cookie decorating field trip this month to Santa Barbara Convalescent on Dec 2nd. The Location is new but the seniors are really looking forward to having us.

## Rainbow Fish

This month we are really looking forward to going to decorate cookies with the seniors. It is always fun and this year will be no exception.

We will be doing some holiday cooking projects which will include making apple cider, cookie dough, and hot sugar free chocolate with marshmallows.



**FUN Fun Fun in MS. June:s Room this month!!**

We will also be making reindeer shirts, and working on great holiday keepsakes for the children to add to the holiday celebrations at home. If you have not brought your t-shirt please do so by Friday so your child can participate in making a reindeer shirt.

We will continue to have our regular centers but there will be a

holiday flare and a focus on learning about different ways people celebrate the holidays. We will be having a Hanukkah party, learning about Christmas and winding down the holiday season with the tradition of new years and Kwanza.

If any parents know how to make Candles with the children we would love your suggestions and time if you would like to come and join us in this project. Please just let me know. We are hoping to do sand candles in cups but are open to other ideas. Happy Holidays Love Ms. June

## Green Turtles

Happy Holidays from the Green turtle room!! Our collages have come out really cute and the children had so much fun putting them together and showing pictures to their peers of their family.

This month will be so much fun, we will be going on a field trip Dec 2nd to decorate cookies with seniors, making holiday projects and learning about

how everyone celebrates the holiday season a little bit differently. We will be having special celebrations for the different holidays as well as doing cooking projects and working on spe-

**Holiday fun will be the focus in the Green Turtle room this month!!**

cial memory keepsakes for the children to send home. We are so looking forward to this festive season and we are all growing so close as a family in the classroom. If you would like to come in and do any projects with the class or just join us for a morning we welcome you and please just let us know. We will try to give you an idea of what is coming up on the update sheets.

## Ms. Karin and Ms. Erika

Ms. Karin welcomed Amelia Rose into the world on Nov 19th. She weighed 8 pounds and is happy and healthy at home with mom. Ms. Karin is recovering well and had a great delivery. We are excited for Ms. Karin !!

Ms. Erika is expecting her baby Dec21st but it could really be anytime. She is looking forward to coming back and starting great new things for the new year. As many of you know

she has been on bed rest only making short appearances but all of the staff has done a great job taking over while she has been gone. She is available by e-mail but might take a few days to respond. She wishes everyone a happy healthy holiday season and looks forward to seeing all of you in the new year if not before!!



**Ms.Karin's Baby has arrived!!**

## Calendar and Wish List

**Dec 2nd**– Cookie Decorating at Santa Barbara Convalescent. Please sign up asap if you have not done so. We are still in need of drivers and parent chaperones.

**Dec 9th**- Hanukkah celebration 10-11:30 am

**Dec16th**-Holiday feast 11:00-12:30  
Parents Welcome 3.00 Kids 5.00  
Adults

**Dec23-26th**- Winter Break

**Dec30-Jan2nd**- Closed for New Years Holiday We will reopen on the

3rd

### Wish List

Candle wax or old crayons

Wicks

Dredels we can borrow

Latkes from trader Joes

Apple Sauce

Apple Cider

Cinnamon sticks



The Holidays are here !!

Sugar Free Hot chocolate

Marshmallows

Holiday Crafts

Sugar Cookie Dough

Plaster of Paris

Glitter

## Jackets and Illness

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season.

Please remember to label Childrens items and take home at the end of the day!!

## Happy Holidays

We just wanted to take a moment and let all of our families know how special we think that they are! Your children mean so much to us and it is a pleasure to have your children at our school.

We view our relationship with your children as a partnership with your family life at home. The staff at the Learningden want to let you know how



Happy Holidays

much we value the support, recommendations, and ideas we get from you and look forward to a positive and exciting year ahead.

We wish your families a won-

derful holiday season and a happy new year filled with family, fun, happiness and togetherness.

*Happy Holidays from all of the staff*

*At The Learningden Preschool*

## Looking Ahead to 2011

"Childhood is a journey, not a race."

This upcoming year the children will be able to branch out more into the community. We have decided to have community days where guest speakers, musicians, dance troops and public officials will come to the school and inform the children through interactive Q&A as well as fun. We will also be planning field trips and seeing how we can help the children help the community through service projects and art. 2011 is going to be great. The economy will hopefully get better so we can work on playground improvements, and see how we can make the Learningden the best it can be!!

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## Looking Ahead Cont

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If parents have any workshop ideas for parent workshops please e-mail Ms. Erika so she may look into scheduling those workshops parents are interested in.

We are also looking forward to having a rummage sale in April and there is a committee

planning that this year. If you are interested in this please contact Ms. Erika and I will put you in contact with the committee.

We are really looking forward to the New Year and welcome any thoughts or ideas you might have!!

