

Learningden Preschool February Newsletter

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Blue Dolphins



A couple of families have asked about children's progress and readiness for Kindergarten. That is a topic of conversation which can not be discussed in such a small amount of time such as at drop off or pick up. With that being said we will be putting a sign up sheet in front of the pre-K classroom this week for parents to sign up for conferences to discuss your child's readiness, progress and goals that are set for this year. That way everyone is on the same page and we will have enough time to really discuss your child. We will also be inviting

some of the schools, mainly private with scholarship opportunities, to come and speak with you about their school and philosophy. If there is a school you would like to hear from please let us know and we will arrange for them to be here. We will also be inviting the Goleta Family School. Dates to come.

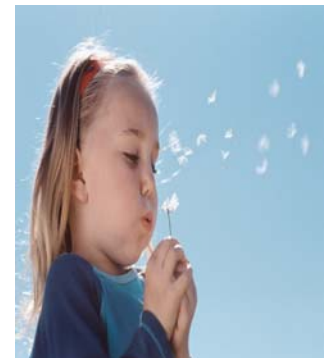
We will be having a valentines day party for the children and would like to ask that if your child makes valentines for the children in the class please make sure and include all of the children. At this age just having your child put the

other children's name is best so that your child can avoid the frustration of trying to match the card with the classmates. It is much more independent and fun for your child if they can hand out the valentines without assistance.

Also this month, if you have not already, make sure you come into the classroom and look at our new wood-working station!! It is complete with, hammers, nails, screws and screwdrivers as well as tape measures and goggles. The children love this and it has been a great addition to our class!!

Ms. Jessica and Ms Jenna

"The Art of Teaching is the art of answering questions and say-



ing enough but not to much"

-John holt

Purple Sharks



We hope that you all are enjoying our new outdoor art canopy set up, since we changed the area in the morning when the other classes are inside we have been lucky enough to use the area as an outdoor classroom . It has been great for the children in

the past week as we have been doing art, puzzles and digging for dinosaurs in our new area. We hope to continue this month by doing wonderful and interesting projects outdoors and we will continue to use the outdoor space as an extension of our classroom environ-

ment on a daily basis. Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas to make our outdoor class space even better.

Have a great month and please contact me with questions!!

Ms. Amalie and Ms. Jenna

Valentines Day Party Monday Feb 14th

No lunch required ! We will be celebrating in individual classrooms and having lunch all together from 10:00-11:45



Rainbow Fish

We will be having a Valentines party and making special Valentines Day projects for our parents this month. We will also continue to learn about the new jars of watercolor in the classroom and start to explore with soil and gardening.

We would like to Thank Ms. Mali's Dad for coming in and planting and teaching us about gardening! He donated his time and all the plants and we can not thank him enough for giving us such a special garden. Many of the children enjoyed listening to him speak about onions, watering and how to get plants to grow.

The Rainbow Fish are looking forward to many cooking projects when the plants in our garden start to grow again.

The rainbow fish are also looking forward to the concert that we are having at the school Thursday Feb10th. We are excited about a morning of performances and interactive musical exploration from Vaughn Montgomery from " The Organic Gangster" He will be here at 10:00 and we are really looking forward to a great morning.

The daily sheets have been a hit so we have decided to continue them. Hope all of you have a great month

and if you have any questions please contact myself or Ms. Mali!!



Love, Ms. June & MS. Mali

Green Turtles

Welcome all new Green turtles!! We have many new additions to our class this month and surprisingly an incredibly smooth transition. All of the children are happy and making new friends and the dishes and fruit is a big hit with the children. The field trip to the Butterflies was fun and it was nice to see so many parents turn out for the trip. We are looking for-

ward to valentine celebrations and working on communicating with one another, counting, and making sure that the room is filled with love, happiness and challenging and creative centers for the children to enjoy. We have been working on a collaborative beading piece which we hope will serve as a visual story of how the children work in groups and communi-

cate even at a young age. We are looking forward to Vaughn Coming Feb 10th to play music and offer musical exploration with instruments.

Ms. Magaly and Ms Brandy



Call For Parent Volunteer Support

In the next few months we have a great need for some parent volunteers to come and help out The Learningden at community events running projects and giving information out about the school. There is no better way to talk about what the Learningden is all about than to see parent support at events. Here are the dates and events we need help with:

March 5th- The Kids Expo at La Cumbre Plaza 9am-1pm, we need par-

ents to talk to parents about the school, and help children do activities.

March 12th the 5th annual Learningden Preschool Rummage Sale 8am-3pm, we need parents to help set up Friday, run the sale and bake sale Sat and help clean up Sat afternoon.

Earth Day "Enchanted Forest" sponsored by The Learningden April 16th and 17th from 11am-6pm. We need parents to talk to par-

ents about the school and run activities at The Learningden booth.

Sign ups will go up on the parent board this week and we are asking for 2 hour blocks of time or more for the rummage sale if possible.



Calendar and Wish List

Feb 10th- 10:00 Am

Vaughn Montgomery-From the "Organic Gangster" Will be doing a performance and playing instruments with the children. Parents welcome.

Feb 10th- Pizza Thursday \$3.00

Feb 14th—Valentines Celebration, No lunch needed 10:30-12:00

Feb 18th- Parents Night out 5:30-9:00pm Ms. June and Ms. Brandy will be the staff for the evening \$10.00 for Learningden children and Alumni \$12.00 for community members.

Wish List

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**Items for Rummage Sale
Parent Volunteers for
events and Rummage
sale**

**Red Snacks and Lunch
items for our Valentines
celebration and Lunch.**

A pop up Canopy

Wire

Beads



Rummage Sale

It's that time of the year again and just around the corner on March 12th The Learningden will be having the 5th annual Rummage sale and Bake sale. We ask that all parents participate in this great fundraiser for the school. We need help creating and distributing flyers, making signs, donating bake sale items, pricing and setting up Friday and helping to run

and clean up after the sale. If all parents volunteered to do one of these things or donated 2 hours of their time the sale would be the best so far for the school. We are also accepting sale donations now and we hope to have many items for the sale. It is important that the sale be a big success and it is one of the only fundraisers that we have all year. Our goal

this year is to try to raise \$1000.00 from the sale which will go to outdoor improvements.

Sign ups for the items listed will be on the parent board this week!!



Teacher Training

We are always continuing the education of the Teachers at The Learningden Preschool to make sure that we are keeping up on the latest developmental criteria and changes.

This month Ms. Amalie and Ms. Jessica will be attending a training at First Presbyterian child care center in Santa Monica to focus on small group work which is an essential part of our philosophy. They will then bring back what they have learned

and share with all of us at a staff meeting.

Ms. June will also be giving a training to the staff on creating rich fun, homelike environments in the classroom and incorporating elements of Reggio and Montessori to ensure the success of all students in our program.

We wanted to share with our parents what we do to keep your children

interested and always excited about learning new things. We love your children and we like to keep communication, connection and openness with our families at the forefront of what we do.

