



# The Learningden Preschool January Newsletter



## *Blue Dolphins*

Happy New Year! The Blue Dolphins had such a fun and busy December with all the holiday celebrations and some welcome time away from school spent with family. As we move in to January we will return to a more scheduled format with an increased focus on academics and kindergarten readiness.

This month we will be scheduling conferences for the families of children entering kindergarten this Fall. These conferences include a written statement of your child's abilities, interests, strengths, and goal areas. We meet one on one to come up with an individualized plan for

the next few months ensuring the greatest success for your child.

This month we will continue our science explorations and work on having weekly science experiments based on the children's interests. Math and science concepts will be explored through group time discussions, games, group activities, and individual stations. We will also begin work on another long term collaborative art project; the medium will be decided by the children as a collective. This month we are also re-opening the woodworking area and starting some great individual woodworking projects.



Looking ahead to January we are looking forward to more science exploration and individual woodworking projects in the Blue Dolphin Class....

Ms. Jessica & Ms. Michelle



This month we will continue our Spanish Lessons in the Purple Shark room as well as Friday afternoons with all the children!!

## *Purple Sharks*

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The children really enjoyed making their holiday projects. In continuation with the unit on Spanish we will be learning more colors and body parts. During group time we will take turns and practice listening to others. Not only listening but being able to respond accordingly. This month we will slowly be learning songs in Spanish. The children really enjoy singing and it has been a great learning technique with

them. Another part of group time that the children have been responding to is math through counting, adding and subtracting blocks. Our first science experiment was on sinking or floating. The children loved walking around the classroom and searching for objects to find out if they would sink or float. This month we will be doing more science experiments in the classroom. The board outside our class will have documentation on

our experiments. We hope everyone has a great new year and we are excited for this year to come. I know I haven't been able to talk to each parent but feel free to contact me about any questions. Ms. Jeanette and Ms. Stephanie [jsilver56@gmail.com](mailto:jsilver56@gmail.com) (805) 636-3510



### Welcome all new Rainbow Fish!!!

## Rainbow Fish

Happy New Year Rainbow fish families!! Now that we have all recovered from family time and holiday cheers it is time to get in gear for 2012 and focus on making transitions fun and exciting . We can all play a role in the success of the children's school experience. Helping our children make choices before getting to school is great for them. For example, set out two outfit choices to wear to school, let your child help prepare their lunch, and books rather than toys are good

choices to bring to school. We understand that comfort items are important and we encourage them . If your child wants to bring additional items, books can really add to the community of children sharing and learning in the classroom. Because your child is 2 it is hard for them to share toys that are personal from home. Gearing up for easy transitions in 2012 we will begin to introduce our new students moving up from the green turtles. Children moving into this class-

room will begin learning more independence skills. I welcome any feedback that you might have and really look forward to speaking with all of you on a daily basis about your child. I am enjoying all the growth and progress the children are making and looking forward to a new year of getting to know each child and their families more and more,!!

Ms. June and Ms Brittney

## Green Turtles



We are looking forward to focusing on community and Family in the Green Turtle class this month.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time during the holiday season and enjoyed all of the special things that the green turtles worked on last month. We had so much fun decorating our tree and making lots of special memories. This month we look forward to continuing projects about snow and setting up different stations

throughout the classroom. We also look forward to working on some collaborative projects to bring us together as a community and a family. We look forward to having some new friends join the green turtle class in the next couple months and will be working on welcoming our new friends and letting them know how happy

we are to have them join our group. This new year we look forward to fun, happiness and a lasting love for learning. Happy new year!  
Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Brandi

## What is Growing in our Outdoor Classroom??

In December the children enjoyed learning about the water cycle and creating winter environments in their artwork.

In January we'll be exploring the theme of forest and arctic animals in the winter. They'll learn about hibernation and butterfly metamorphosis. At

the end of the month we'll visit the monarch preserve and see hundreds of beautiful monarch butterflies in Goleta!!

I enjoy working with your children so much and they are so special and inquisitive . If you can help drive or come on the field trip please let me or your

child's teacher know!!

Thank you,  
Happy New Year !

Ms. Ildi

