

Learningden Preschool July Newsletter

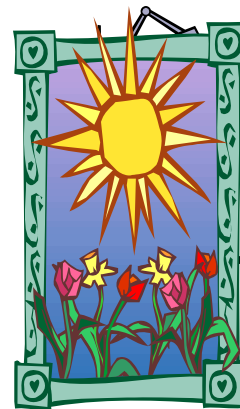
Blue Dolphins

Blue dolphins are really into exploring insects, tadpoles and plants this month so they have been diving right into the study of plants, tadpoles and insects. We have just ordered caterpillars for our indoor butterfly habitat which we will let the butterflies go after the children see the whole process.

We have also added live tadpoles to our study and we plan to look at tadpole habitat and study them more on our upcoming field trip to the museum. Just a reminder that that field trip is coming up this month and Ms. Jessica would like

as many Blue Dolphins to come as possible because it is so important to their study of these things. Please remember to sign your children up for this trip. If you can not manage the 3.00 admission and do not have a pass please let Ms. Jessica or Karin or Erika know and we will try to make an accommodation so your child can attend. We are also in great need of drivers for all of our field trips so if you have free time it is a great way to spend the morning learning with your children and it helps to make sure that no child is left out of this and

other great field trips. We have also been doing some great cooking projects and art which we will continue to do this month and for the rest of the summer. Ms. Jessica is looking forward to another great month of summer camp this month.



Purple Sharks

The purple sharks have been busy doing science projects and cooking classes, they have also been busy doing sensory activities and art. This month they will have many more opportunities to do these

activities. Please sign up for the field trips if you have not done so already. We want to be able to get the children out as much as possible to enjoy the beautiful Santa Barbara Summer. We are planning on

going to the museum of natural history, on the Land shark, and to Ralphs this month and all of the children are looking forward to it. We are also trying to schedule a field trip to the airport.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Classroom updates
- ☺ Field trip Schedule
- ☺ Thank you
- ☺ Wish list
- ☺ Calendar of events
- ☺ Potty Training Signs

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Rainbow Fish

We are adding some new children into the rainbow fish class this month, Some of the children have left over the summer but will return in the fall. It is a small but mighty group this summer which has been great for all of the children because they have had plenty of room to explore, play and learn from each other and Ms. June.

This month we will be cooking, doing sensory projects, science experiments, art and our regular stations. The children will also be taking a trip to the museum of natural history as well as Ralphs supermarket. If you

would like to drive on these field trips or attend with your child please sign up so we can make sure and save a spot for your child.

Ms. June hopes that all of you have had a great summer and look forward to new children moving up from the toddler class in the fall.

If you have any questions or ideas for the class feel free to speak with June at anytime.



Green Turtles

The green turtles have been doing a lot of painting and learning how to sort items. They have also been hard at work beading and working on collaborative class creations. The green turtles are also really enjoying music, dance and P.E class they are all really creative and love to have the outlet of self expression and creativity that the specialty classes provide. It is

amazing to watch how well all of your children respect and love one another. Every toddler class is different but it is unusual to see a group who gets along and loves each other as much as these toddlers do. We are excited about the Land shark field trip coming up and if you are interested in having your child attend the field trips please make sure to sign up on

the parent board as soon as you can. If you are able to attend or drive on any of the trips that would be great, we really appreciate it.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and best hope for the future"

Summer Field Trip schedules

We have several exciting field trips planned this month. We will be going to the museum of natural history, Ralphs supermarket for a behind the scenes tour, and for our older children Ms. Amalie and Ms. Jessica's group we will be going to Por La Mar Nursery to get a look at what they do and how they ship their flowers and plants all over the world. The children

will be visiting the shipping facility and they will wrap their own plants which they will be able to bring home with them to enjoy with their family.

Again we need people to drive on these field trips so that all the children who want to can attend. If you have any free time your assistance driving would be really appreciated.



Upcoming events and wish list

July 19th- Field trip to Ralphs

July 21st- Field trip to Museum of natural history

July 28th- Field trip to Por La Mar nursery

July 30st- Parents night out 5:30-9:00 Pm 10.00 for Learningden Families and Alumni 12.00 for the community

August 6th- Fiesta Party 10:00-12:00 at the school- Lunch is provided and it is sure to be lots of fun!! Families invited and donations of fruit and tortillas, beans and cheese appreciated.

Wish List

-Cooking items, milk, veggies, sugar, flour, Cookie mix etc.

Block of Clay

Snacks

Drivers for field trips

Pastels

Food coloring

Big batch of homemade play doe for each class.

Jackets

Please make sure you label your children's Jackets with their name and make sure that you take all Jackets home at the end of the day.

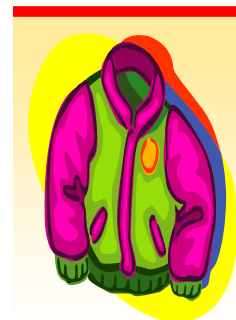
It is understandable that you might forget your Childs Jacket at the end of the day when it is really warm outside but in recent months we have had a surplus left at the school and as a result some of them have been lost.

It is very important not to forget your children's clothing because it is very hard for us to keep track of all the children's stuff.

We understand that it is frustrating to have things lost and we do not want anything to be misplaced so we will be going through all jackets outside throughout the day and putting them in your Childs cubby but please look

for your children's belongings before you leave at the end of the day.

We appreciate your help and support.



When is your child ready to potty train?

Signs your child may be ready:

- Your child is staying dry for longer periods of time (often two hours or more). This indicates

that her bladder capacity is increasing.

Your child recognizes when she is in the process of urinating or voiding. If you try to potty train before this time, you'll

likely run into trouble, since your child isn't really aware of what she's doing and so is unable to control



Children are little researchers; they can and want to communicate with the surrounding world. They are individuals with own thoughts, emotions and expressions. They believe in a "listening pedagogy".



Potty Training Con't

- something she can't understand.
 - Your child is able to easily pull her pants up and down. She may not have had any reason to do so in the past, but luckily, of all the readiness factors, this skill is easily learned.
 - Your child can follow simple instructions. There are many steps to using the toilet that we take for granted as adults. For example-- go to the bathroom, turn on the light, pull down your pants and underwear, sit on the potty, wipe your bottom, flush the toilet, wash your hands-- the list goes on, so this is a very important skill.
 - Your child is able to sit and engage in an activity for several minutes without becoming distracted or irritable.
 - Your child is walking and running well. Because the urge to potty is often sudden in toddlers, and because a potty isn't always steps away, it's important for your child to be able to make it to the toilet before an accident occurs.
 - Finally, and perhaps most importantly, your child shows interest and desire. Interest in keeping dry or clean. Interest in wearing "big kid" underwear. Interest in what you're doing when you go potty and a desire to do what you're doing.
- Remember, age is not the most important factor. Potty training will be best accomplished when your child's physical and emotional development are taken into account as well.