



The Learningden Preschool

# July Newsletter



## Blue Dolphins

July is going to be very busy and super fun for the Blue Dolphins! There are so many field trips happening this month and our classroom activities will be expanding on the themes explored on these trips. We will be doing butterfly activities for the Natural History Museum trip, learn some new art techniques (like tie-dying!) for our Art Studio trip, and continue our exploration of fruits and vegetables for our Whole Foods trip.

The Blue Dolphins have been expressing great interest in pirates, so the whole last week of July will be Pirate Week! Ms. Jessica

will be gone the first and third weeks of July, spending time with her family. Ms. Jeanette will be here all month long to continue the curriculum and answer any of your questions!

Parents please remember to sign up for field trips prior to the day of. This will ensure that your child will have a spot and be able to participate in all of our fun summer activities. Please also remember that we need drivers for these trips so if anyone can help us out that would be greatly appreciated.

Land shark sign ups will be posted Tuesday and you will need exact

change and will need to pay the morning of the trip. If your child will be going with out you, please pay Ms. Erika the morning of.

Thank you,

Ms. Jessica and Ms. Jeanette



This Month the Learningden will be going on many field trips and having many guest performers who will help inspire, educate and stimulate your children's love for learning, as well as many whole family field trips!! We hope you will join us. ..

## Purple Sharks

*There are a lot of new children in the Purple Sharks! So this month we are learning simple things like our schedule and the role of the children and expectations of the classroom. We have also started our rotation of themed days. Monday is Physical/ Imaginative Play, Tues-*

*day is Gardening, Wednesday is Cooking, Thursday is Science, and Friday is Physical/ Imaginative Play day again! Of course every week those days rotate so that every child gets to experience each of our themes. (For example: children who only come two or three days might get to garden and cook*

*one week and do science, and play imaginatively another week, and do a physical activity the third week) Right now the Purple Sharks are just adjusting to our new schedule but soon we will start collaborative and individual work and projects based on the children's interest.*

*Thanks  
Ms. Amalie*

## Rainbow Fish

This month the children will learn about the classroom, go on field trips, do summer art activities, sing songs and play with us!! We have such a great time in the Rainbow Fish room and as the year gets into full swing we will be adding pictures and documentation of our new friends, learning more about our interests and we will begin exploring the right way to use our class materials and become a family by decorating our new classroom. We have already begun and the children are really directing the look and feel of the classroom. We are looking to

add a small couch in the classroom if you have one to donate. We are also looking for sheers and other tapestries if you have any extra laying around. We were really busy making fathers day gifts this last month and potty training is in full swing. Next month we will be adding to our art collection, and framing some of our work for the walls. We will also be sending some great projects home this month and getting ready for our fiesta party next month which is always a great deal of fun.

Love,  
Ms. June and Ms. Karlie



## Green Turtles

We had a great time last month going to the sea center, riding the bus and visiting the butterflies at the museum. Next month will be even better! We are planning on participating in many events this month. We are going to have a visit from Smokey the bear on Thursday along with the Forest Service Firefighters. They will arrive at 10:00a and parents are more than welcome to join us. We are also really looking for-



ward to going on the Land shark which will coincide with our unit on the ocean that the toddler group just can not get enough of! We are

really excited to go in the water and see the sea life first hand. We are really growing and learning as a group and we will be getting a small potty for the classroom this month to assist the children who are ready to potty train early. Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas for the class!! Looking forward to a great July and enjoying time with our new playground materials.  
Love, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Brandi

## Annual Fiesta Party and Childrens parade

On Friday August 5th we will be having our annual fiesta party at the Learningden Preschool. We will make our own burritos and quesadillas, fruit salad, regular salad as well as healthy dessert treats for all of us to enjoy. We will also decorate flowers to place on our tables. We will have music, activities and dancing for the children. It is a really fun party and parents are

invited to join in. Please let Erika know if you are planning to come so we have enough seating and food.

**On Sat August 6th we will be participating in the Children's Fiesta Parade as a group.** The children will display their sculpture which



*Our annual fiesta party is coming !! Parents Welcome*

they have been working on the last couple of months. We hope that you will decorate a wagon or bike and come join us. We need to met downtown at 9:30a .Please let Erika know if you will be joining us so we can give a count to the city.  
More details to come!!

## Event Calendar and Wish List

**July 7th** 9:30-11:30a

Purple Crayon Art  
Studio field trip

**July 14th** Forest Service fire truck visit- Smokey the bear, fire truck and firemen will be coming to the Learningden at 10:00a

**July 20th** -Orella Ranch field trip cancelled.

**July 21-22nd** Land Shark \$10.00 / person



*Clay and Firing at The Purple Crayon*

### Wish List

- 5 ft or taller trees for the playground to add more shade and outdoor classroom appeal.
- Donations to buy new art supplies and art containers for our canopy.
- Musical Instruments
- Fabric from nature explore.org for hammocks in the climbing

dome. Cost 21.99 each

- Natural balance beam crooked natureexplore.org Cost 309.99
- Barkless tree blocks -Set of 36 cost 44.99 natureexplore.org
- Giant tree blocks Natureexplore.org Cost 44.99
- Mini Bricks -Natureexplore.org Cost 74.99
- Pumpkin and Sunflower seeds or plants

All of the above items are to enhance our new outdoor classroom!!

## Land Shark

It is that time of the Year again, we are so excited to be taking the Land Shark for the 5th year in a row. The Land shark has become a Learningden summer tradition and we are so excited for the new families who will be able to join us for the first time. The land Shark is divided into 2 days due to popularity. It is advised that you sign up as soon as possible for this trip. Parents, siblings, grandparents and close friends are

all invited to attend but we will give priority to parents and children of the Learningden first.

**The cost for this trip is \$10.00 per person.**

**We will leave the Learningden at 9:30 am aboard the land shark. You must be at the Learningden at 9:00am in the morning of to be ready to board as soon as it gets to the school.** We will go down to

the beach and go out to sea where we will look at seals, dolphins and the beautiful Santa Barbara coastline. We are not at sea for very long for families who get motion sickness. It is just tons of fun!!

Please contact Erika or your Child's teacher for more information. You will need to pay cash upon boarding the morning of the event so exact change is appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you then!!

## Our New Outdoor Environment

We hope that you all enjoyed our new materials on the playground. We are really forging ahead to make the outdoor classroom an enriching, beautiful, fun and imaginative place where children can freely move, play, create and challenge themselves with a wide variety of materials. This is a work in progress and this is where you come in. We are looking for new things to add to our

playground and our wish list items would really make a difference. We will be accepting donations of money and supplies to add these things to our outdoor area and we will continue to make changes in the coming months. The PTA is also in the planning stages of



a dinner fundraiser at a restaurant, a cookie dough fundraiser and the idea of having a parent workday. We hope that all the children will benefit from our changes and that it will make The Learningden an even more special place for all of our children.



## Fall Enrolment and Schedules

**Fall Enrollment period is fast approaching and we have been very busy lately. If you could please take the time to e-mail me your schedule for fall even if it is not changing that would be great. Also if you are adding a sibling for fall we need their information as well. We are trying to have a fall roster done by July 18th so we can let families on the waiting list know if they will have a spot.**

*Please e-mail [Erika@thelearningden.com](mailto:Erika@thelearningden.com)*

## Sugar and Sweets for special occasions

We at the Learningden love to celebrate every child for birthdays, holidays and special life events. We have been noticing however that these occasions come up quite often because of how many children attend the school. We are participating in the school food program and have decided to make a commitment to the children and ourselves to not give the children excess sweets and sugar. We are asking for all of your support in this and ask that when you think of things for



*School Food Program*

birthdays and special events consider things like muffins instead of cupcakes, fruit smoothies instead of cake. The children also really enjoy special activities for a child's birthday, art, painting, special guest etc. We will continue to celebrate all birthdays and holidays but we are just going to make sure that it is done in a healthy fun way. If you need ideas on what to bring for your Child's special day please let us know. We would be happy to help you. The nutrition and healthy

choices of the children is really important to all of us. And so we have decided that giving children sweets is a family choice and should be made by parents. The staff will also be aware and more careful about sharing our food, eating unhealthy food in front of the children and so we can be the ones who are always setting the example of health and nutrition importance at the school. We appreciate your support and look forward to making the children enjoy food choices that are healthy and last a lifetime.

-Love

The Learningden Staff