

# Learningden Preschool June Newsletter

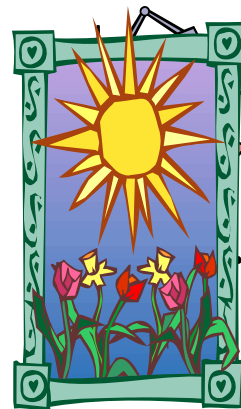
## Blue Dolphins

Well graduation is over and all of your blue dolphins are awaiting the transition to kindergarten. It has been a great year and as summer approaches the Blue dolphins will be excited about going to a new school. Ms. Viviene, as many of you know has decided to pursue her schooling and so Ms Jessica has been hired to take her place. Ms. Jessica is a recent graduate of the SBCC early childhood education program and has spent the last few years student teaching at Kinko's early childhood center at City college. Pre- K is her calling she has done exten-

sive work with this age group and can not wait to jump in and get working with the Blue dolphins. She will continue to work with your children this summer on their academic skills so that nothing will be lost for them over the summer.

Aside from their normal routine we will begin our summer program on Monday where the children after group and small activities will be able to choose between cooking, science, art, gardening and sensory stations which will all be facilitated by different teachers and the children will be able to do activities which

interest them. It is going to be a fun filled summer we also have some great field trips planned. This Thursday the fire department will be visiting the school which is always a lot of fun!! Please let Ms. Jessica know if you have any questions or would like to do something special in the class with the blue dolphins.



## Purple Sharks

We have had a great month and it is just going to be more fun going into summer. We are looking forward to our stations of summer camp which will include daily choices of art, science, sensory, gardening,

cooking, and outdoor classroom play. We will still have all of our specialty classes offered but we have also expanded to allow all the children to be together in the summer and choose from art, science, sensory,

and gardening activities. We look forward to the visit of the fire truck and the police. And we also look forward to the upcoming Landshark field trip which is always a hit.

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Classroom updates
- ☺ Field trip Schedule
- ☺ Thank you
- ☺ Wish list
- ☺ Calendar of events
- ☺ Farmers Market
- ☺ Land Shark

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## Rainbow Fish

Well we are adding several new rainbow fish next month and we are looking forward to spending the summer getting to know our new friends and participating in the outdoor stations with the rest of the school. Our summer is going to be filled with art, exploration and field trips getting out the community and celebrating living in Santa Barbara. Many of our Rainbow fish are potty training and that is going really well. Some of us continue to work on it and we have embraced and supported children at all levels as a classroom. We look forward to everyone joining us on the Landshark it is

a great field trip for the whole family and we hope that you will come. We will also be having a visit from Marborg, the dentist, police and firemen, as well as we are going to take great field trips to the grocery store, the museum, and much more. We are excited to have the summer together and we look forward to meeting our new friends and growing as a classroom.



## 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

Well it is that time again and the Summer field trip schedule is posted on the parent board. As we add trips we will add them to the board. Some of the upcoming trips include the Land Shark, The Canary hotel, the Museum of natural history, Ralphs, and much more. Please look at the parent board and sign your child up for things that you believe are age

appropriate and will be interesting to your child. Also if you are able to drive on the field trips that would be a big help so that the children who want to go will be able to get a ride from parents who might be available. We really want to make sure all children are included. Also a reminder list of field trips and visits will be sent out by e-mail to make sure that Par-

ents who are off for the summer can join us with their children.



## Upcoming events and wish list

June-10th- Fire truck visit to the school

June 18th—Pizza Friday 3.00

June 25th—Parents night Out 5:30-9:00

June21st- Canary Field Trip

June28th- Last day to sign up for Land shark Field Trip

Wish List

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

Block of Clay

Snacks

Drivers for field trips

Shaving Cream

Food coloring

Big batch of homemade play doe for each class.

## Thank you

All of the staff at the Learningden Preschool would like to extend a special thank you to several of our families that made all of the events last month a huge success. First I would like to thank the Fiscalini family and the Anderson family for providing and cooking all of the meat for our summer potluck and graduation. It was very special and it really made the

event wonderful. I would also like to thank the Fiscalini, Anderson, Hemman and Ramsey family for all their contributions to the staff dinner. It was wonderful and you all made us feel appreciated and we had a great time at the dinner. I know that many families contributed to the dinner financially and with contributions. We love your children so much and all of

our families mean so much to us. We would also like to thank the Burkholder family for the wonderful gift for the staff they are great and you make our job comfortable.

"gratitude is the best attitude"

## Land Shark

Climb aboard Santa Barbara's original amphibious tour vehicle for a personally narrated 90 minute land and sea adventure. The adventure continues as we splash into the blue Pacific waters of the Santa Barbara harbor. See luxurious private yachts and commercial fishing boats. Hear maritime legends of Stearns Wharf and discover the abundant marine mammals

and sea life that inhabit our ocean. We may even encounter dolphins or a whale! Enjoy exquisite views of the Santa Barbara coastline, the Riviera, and the Santa Ynez mountains as seen only from our boat at sea. Don't miss this exciting and entertaining Land and Sea adventure to experience Santa Barbara as never before!

The Learningden will be going on The

Land Shark July 7th and 8th. We will depart at 9:30 sharp from the school. This is one of the most popular and fun trips all year. Siblings, and the whole family are invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00 per person and we need everyone to sign up by June 28th. Please do not forget!! We look forward to another fabulous trip aboard The Land Shark.



"Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water.

Through an active, reciprocal exchange, teaching can strengthen learning how to learn"

Loris Malaguzzi



## Farmers Market

There is very exciting news for the Children of The Learningden. Pre-school. We have been growing herbs vegetables and sunflowers in our garden all year. The children have watched the seedlings grow into plants and now produce food for the community. As part of our community outreach we have been in contact with the Santa Barbara farmers market and they have invited us to come and set up a booth for 1 day to sell the items from our garden. We have used many of the items in the classroom and in cooking projects but now we will be showing the children how you can grow food and benefit the whole community. The first step in this process is the Dept of Agricul-

ture will be coming out to speak to the children and issue us a permit to take our good to the farmers market. One we have their OK, we will be setting up a booth at the Goleta farmers market to share our food and to inform the community about our garden curriculum and education. The children and parent volunteers as well as teachers will help the children run the booth so they learn the whole process, we will also be visiting other booths to learn about what they grow, and we will buy all of our cooking supplies for the following week projects. If you or your child would like to be a part of this wonderful community experience please let Karin or Erika know. It will be in July. The Farmers

Market is really exciting to be teaming up with us on this educational and wonderful learning experience for all.

