



The Learningden May Newsletter

Blue Dolphins

Well graduation time is finally upon us!! For most of your blue dolphins it is a time of great excitement to move on to the next step of kindergarten and for most parents it is a bitter-sweet time because your child is really growing up.

We are offering a guest speaker this month who will be talking about how to make the transition easy for the whole family. Beth Kanne- Castleman will be speaking Wed May 12th from 5:30-6:30. Child care will be provided and the talk is open to Learningden parents, friends and family who are interested.

This month the blue dolphins are fine tuning their skills for Kindergarten as well as working with Ms. Molly to prepare a song to sing at graduation. It will be so much fun and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The children had so much fun showing their parents the art work during the art show. There was so much to see and it was great watching the children show their parents with such excitement.

We look forward to a great month and we are going to have so much fun doing art, working on our projects and

preparing for summer and graduation. If you are interested in doing something fun with the pre-K please let Ms. Viviene know we welcome all parents who want to participate in the class and do a special project.

Graduation is scheduled for May 26th at 5:00 we will be closing at 3:00.



Purple Sharks

The Purple sharks will be hosting a mothers day and family tea this wed at 10:00 Am in the purple sharks room. We hope that you can make it and join in the celebration.

On another note Ms

Amalie, was included in SBParents teacher of the year nominations. It is not to late to log on and say something to support her! Way to go Amalie, you are a great teacher and you deserve the recognition. We

are looking forward to our tea and the summer potluck. On Wed this month the children will be working on music with Ms. Molly to prepare for the potluck. We will be closing at 3:00 Wed the 26th and the potluck begins at 5:00.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Summer Potluck
- ☺ Rummage Sale
- ☺ Transition to Kindergarten talk
- ☺ Happy mothers day
- ☺ Calendar
- ☺ Wish list
- ☺ Thank you

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Rainbow Fish

We are so excited about our new Rainbow Fish Friends. Our class is growing and we are learning so much about one another. The art show was a great success we had a great turnout and everyone had a great time. This month we will be making mothers day gifts, practicing our song for graduations, working with clay and continuing to work in our garden taking care of the plants. The children love our new indoor soil exploration station and this will stay until the end of May when we transform that area into something else. It was great to be able to incorporate our plants

from outside and use them indoors in our exploration area. The children added frogs and lizards and it really made the area a fun place to explore and spend time.

We would like to wish all mothers a wonderful mothers day and to remind you of how special everything you do is to your children. Some of our Rainbow fish are just potty training and we want to make sure that you let us know if there is any special routine you do at home which will help us to support your children while they are at school.



Green Turtles

Well our green turtles will be making projects for their moms this week as well as continuing to explore our sensory station we have set up in the room. They really enjoy scooping rocks and putting different materials in the sensory tub. They have also really started to take an interest in painting so we will continue to make flowers for our lights in the class-

room. If you have not seen all of the work it is something not to be missed. Our new friends are settling in so well and we love having them so much. This is a great class and it is fun to see everyday what funny, and inquisitive conversations and experiences they have on this journey to get to know each other better. The children have also really started to enjoy our group

time where they read stories and sing songs and it is also a time for them to connect with one another and a great time to transition from outside to inside time.

Summer Potluck and Graduation

We will be having our summer potluck and graduation Wed May 26th at 5:00-7:30. It will be a fun night full of trains, bouncers, performances, by the kids, a potluck and a special graduation for our pre-k class. Elings park Godric grove has become tradition for this event and this year is no exception!! There will be signs leading you to the area and



the children will be having their performance in the Wells Fargo amp theater. For new parents this is a special event that is one of the best all year. We look forward

to a special night with friends, food, sharing, fun, and celebration. Please let us know if you can not attend. The Learningden will be closing at 3:00 that day to prepare for the potluck sorry for any inconvenience.

*Please bring picnic Blankets this year they no longer provide tables and chairs.

Calendar and Wish List

May—12th special guest speaker :
Topic Transitioning to Kindergarten
how to ensure your Childs success.
Talk will be given by Beth Castleman
MFT, Come and ask questions and
learn valuable information. Child care
provided community welcome.5:30-
6:30

May14th Rummage sale items due by
2:00pm

May15th Rummage sale- 9-1 at the
school .

May15- Spring Fling at Padero Grill 11
-1 Benefits the Teddy Bear Cancer
Foundation. If you are out that way
stop and say hi to Karin!

May24th Cabi party for
Moms Come enjoy, food
drinks, fashion and fun!!
6:30pm

May26th-Summer Pot-
luck and Graduation-
5:00 School closes at
3:00 potluck at Elings
park. Bring a picnic
Blanket because they
no longer provide ta-
bles.

Wish List

Nothing!! Thank you for all



Caption describing picture or graphic.

the wonderful do-
nations in the last
few months we
now have tools fo
our garden,
plants, seeds,
and cleaning
wipes. We appre-
ciate all the par-
ents who donated
and as of now we
do not have a big
need for anything!

Kindergarten Transition Talk

The transition from preschool to kin-
dergarten is invariably an exciting,
wonderful time, and can be somewhat
stressful for youngsters and their
families as well. As thrilling as it is to
support your child in making this im-
portant shift, the transition can be
accompanied by considerable anxiety.
This practical discussion lets parents
know what to expect in terms of their

children's reactions and the actual
daily experience of kindergarten. The
talk will include suggestions for sum-
mer activities and routines that will
prepare children for their adjust-
ment. Preparing and paving the way
assures that the move from the secu-
rity of the home or preschool "home"
to the larger world of kindergarten
and elementary school will go

smoothly for children and families
alike.

Beth Kanne-Casselmann, MEd, MFT, has
a private psychotherapy practice serving
families with young children, individuals,
and couples.

May12th 530-630 Community, family and
friends welcome. Child care provided with
advance notice. Please let Karin or Erika k
now if you will be needing child care.

Cabi Party MAY 24th 6:30

Hello Hot Mamas

We thought it is time for us Mom's
to have some fun. So, this May our
Learning Den Mom's and your girl-
friends are invited to indulge in fabu-
lous fashion, tasty food and wine .
We are going to be treated to a
unique girls' night, the CAbi way. A
fashion "style show" will set the tone
for a spectacular evening. If you are

not familiar with
CAbi, we are all about
women, fashion, phi-
lanthropy and fun. I
will fill you in on the
details at the show.
For now, mark your
calendars for May
24th, 6:30 p.m. and
get the kids covered.



There is no pressure to buy,
but I must warn you, Carol's
clothes are hard to resist.
Keep an eye out for your invi-
tation via email and mail.

Oh, did I mention, we will
hold a drawing for an item at
50% off...

Location: 3205 Lucinda Lane,
Sb. Ca 93105

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

Rummage Sale May15th 9-1

Attn All parents: It is that time again for The Learningden Preschool 5th annual Rummage Sale!!

We are still accepting donations and will continue to accept donations until Friday afternoon at 2:00. If you are interested in helping this is what we need.

A set up crew who will be pricing and helping to move all of the stuff to the Rummage sale building, A crew to help run the sale on Sat May 15th from 8:00-1:00 the sale starts at 9:00. And a Clean up crew to help put back and make sure we leave the building as it looked when we got there. If you want to do any of this please sign up ASAP on the parents sign in board located on the Patio.

If you can't make it to the sale go through your closets and see if there might be a gently loved item you might be able to donate. This is going to be a great sale and we look forward to your participation.

We will also be having a bake sale so if you cook a baked donated item is always appreciated.

We are going to use the funds for the summer potluck and to save towards a loft for one of the classrooms.
