



Learningden Preschool August Newsletter

Blue Dolphins

Well summer is quickly coming to an end and many of our Blue Dolphins are heading off to Kindergarten this month! We can not believe how quick the summer has flown by! It is a bitter-sweet time for our blue dolphin teachers and the rest of the staff at the school, we are proud of our dolphins but will miss them very much when they embark on the new part of their school journey.

This month we will continue to work with our tadpoles observing and documenting their growth as well as getting ready to release them into the creek

when they are ready and outgrow our little fish tank. The kids will also help to finish the story of our mighty dinosaur as well as continue to work on decorating it and getting it ready to be displayed in the yard for fall Learningden students to enjoy.

The blue dolphins and the purple sharks will also be preparing for our annual fiesta Party to take place August 6th at 10:30 in the Blue Dolphin room. They will display their fiesta art work on the walls and their decorative piñatas will be on display for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to

the next several weeks to be filled with fun, happiness, and memories of our time together and we wish the Blue Dolphins success at their new schools and know they are prepared to have a great first year in a big school!!! Thank you families for all your support and we will miss the parents as much as the children. We are always here and love a visit.



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Purple Sharks

Many of our children have been able to visit the Blue Dolphin classroom in July and August which will be great because after break many of our Purple Sharks will join the Blue Dolphin Pre-K class. We will be pre-

paring the kids to transition after the break. When children return from summer break the cubbies and sign in will be at the Blue Shark sign in. This is only for our older purple sharks who will be entering Kinder-

garten next year. This month we will be having a great time and getting to know our new friends. We will also be looking forward to moving the room around and preparing for fall during the break.

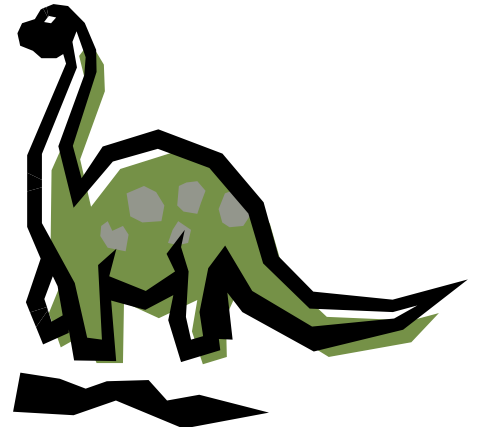
Rainbow Fish

The Rainbow Fish are looking forward to our fiesta party this month. We will be doing lots of projects with tissue paper and helping to finish our dinosaur in the yard. The Dinosaur has been really fun for all of the children and it was fun to see the Rainbow Fish help to paper Mache and paint our new friend. The Rainbow fish also really enjoyed our trip to the Por La Mar nursery and enjoyed the beautiful Rose plants we were able to bring home.

We are working on planning a trip to the airport this month and have the possibility of sitting on a

private charter plane flown by one of our parents. Details will follow in the next couple of weeks. Just a reminder to all parents some of the Rainbow Fish will be moving up at the end of the month so if your child is 3.5 or close to it we will be moving up their stuff to Ms Amalie's room and the children will begin visiting all month to get them ready for the transition. For all of the new students coming into the Rainbow Fish class we welcome you and your families and look forward to spending time with you! It is going to be a great year full of learning, fun and friendship and Ms.

June is looking forward to having a whole year with your children.



Green Turtles

It has been a busy month in the Green Turtle class! We are really enjoying the new loft and getting to know our new teacher Ms. Magaly. It has been really fun to watch the children blossom and grow as they worked together on the Dinosaur, the parasols which have colorfully decorated our ceiling, and the beautiful fans which have aligned our classroom

walls. This month we will be working with the children on gluing and painting with 2 colors in our art station. It is going to be really fun for them to continue to work on these important skills. We would like to personally thank Austin's Mom Lisa for making our class the play doe we have really been enjoying it has provided lots of entertainment and creation from the

toddler class. They have really enjoyed cutting, squishing, and using the cookie cutters we have in the classroom. It was a great donation and thanks so much!!

"Making Learning Visible"

Parent Corner

How to Have a Happy Marriage When You're Busy Being Parents

By Elizabeth Pantley, Author of Kid Coopera-



tion, Perfect Parenting and Hidden Messages

Is your marriage everything you ever hoped it could be? Or has it been pushed down your list of pri-

orities since having children? Let's face it, parenthood is a full-time job, and it dramatically changes your marriage relationship. But marriage is the foundation upon which your entire family is structured. If your marriage is strong, your whole family will be strong; your life will be more peaceful, you'll be a better parent, and you'll, quite simply, have more fun in

Calendar and wish list

August-6th: Fiesta Party- 10am-12:00pm

August13th—Pizza Friday \$3.00

August 16-20—school closed for summer cleaning and teacher training.

August23rd- school resumes children get new fall class assignments.

August27th- 1st PTA meting of the year 4:30-5:30 everyone welcome

- Money for playground
- Food for fiesta party
- Help cleaning up the garden over break
- Sheers
- Light box
- Projector
- Green cleaner



Playground Fundraiser

As many of you know it has been the wish of the parents for a long time to separate the bike area for the children. Because of cost ad other factors we have decided have a fundraiser to make a few improvements to the playground which will include: a temporary fence system for the bike area which will go into the parking lot. We are planning on fixing our play-

ground shade canopy, and we are going to fill the sandbox with sand again. his is where you come in., We are in need of funds from the parents to help pay for these improvements. It is going to cost around \$1500.00 for the fences and shipping as well as planters and additional; materials need to make the bike track. If there is any way you can give us a few dol-

lars towards this goal it would be appreciated, The children will really benefit from the expanded space. Please give donations to Karin or Erika.

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to it's old dimensions."

Meet our Dino

If you haven't noticed our huge dinosaur in the garden I encourage all of you to stop and take a look. He is the creation of the pre-K class as well as the purple sharks. All of the children participated in his creation. The toddlers helped paint and put decorations on him, the Rainbow Fish helped also to paint and they helped paper-mache some of him, the Purple sharks

and the Blue dolphins helped to stuff the inside of the chicken wire with recycled bags that we got from Ms. Megan who works at Whole Foods, the Santa Barbara News press gave us recycled paper and news print which we used to wrap him and paper—Mache his body, then all of the children added paint, wall paper, handprints and other recycled mate-

rial to him. 90% of him was made from recycled material and we are all really proud of him. If you have net see the documentation for him it is up in the hallway and definitely worth a look.



Need A babysitter over the break?

Many of you might be struggling with child care for the week that we are closed just to let you know, the following teacher are available for babysitting that week so if you are interested just let them know and they will see if they can help you out that week.

Ms. Annie

Ms. Katie

Ms. Mali

Ms. Brandi

Ms. June

Ms. Amalie

Have a happy marriage Con't

your life.

Make a commitment

Look for the good, overlook the bad

Give two compliments every day

Play nice

Pick your battles

The 60 second cuddle

Spend more time talking to and listening to your partner.

Spend time with your spouse

When you and your spouse regularly connect in a way that nurtures your relationship, you may find a renewed love between you, as well as a refreshed vigor that will allow you to be a better, more

loving parent. You owe it to yourself — and to your kids — to nurture your relationship.

So take my challenge and use these ideas for the next 30 days. And watch your marriage take on a whole new glow.

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Kid Cooperation: How to Stop Yelling, Nagging and Pleading Hidden Messages: What Our Words and Actions are Really Telling Our Children, New Harbinger Publications, Inc. and by McGraw-Hill/Contemporary

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