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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

# The Learningden Preschool

## Blue Dolphins

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The Blue Dolphins had a really fun and successful October with The Fall Potluck, pumpkin patch field trip, and all of the Halloween activities and projects. This month we will continue with many Fall themed projects as well as a celebration of Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving activities will include many fun projects like turkey and harvest themed art as well as a focus on families, traditions, and what it means to be thankful.

I would really like to involve parents and relatives in our discussions about family, food, traditions, and holidays. There will be opportunities for you to come and share some of

your family's traditions, help us cook one of your family's favorite recipes, or assist with some of our bigger art projects.

The Blue Dolphins have been expressing more interest in letters, numbers, reading and writing. Several children have even begun to sound out words during group time and solve simple addition and subtraction problems in cooking activities.

Although these activities are more academically focused, we will always remember to make them age appropriate and most importantly, fun! In addition to the Fall and Thanksgiving themes and an increase in academic activities, we plan on continuing to work on

all of our favorite classroom activities like beading, painting, cooking, gardening, building with blocks, and of course Messy Day!

We will also continue to combine with the Purple Sharks for special projects and fun play days. Thank you so much for all your contributions, feedback, and communication. Please let me know if there is anything you would like to participate in during the holidays!

Thank you, Ms Jessica

## Purple Sharks

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This month the Purple Sharks are continuing to work on and learn how to take care of their classroom. We have been working on not only working in groups to pick up toys but to also know how to properly take care of our art supplies. The children have been washing paint brushes and cleaning up all art material when they are done

using it. We will also be working on taking care of our classroom plants. This is a great lesson in science and gardening as well as taking good care of our materials.

We will also be making some thanksgiving projects and getting ready to celebrate Hanukkah the first week of December. If you

would like to help with any of the activities for the holidays please let me know. We always encourage parent participation in the classroom. I am so excited about celebrating the holidays with your children, and if there is any special celebrations you do at home I welcome your ideas.

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## Rainbow Fish

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Dear Rainbow Fish Parents,

We would like to welcome our newest rainbow fish friends, Jacob, Kieara, Rohan, and Dakota. We are happy to have them as part of our Rainbow Fish Class.

For November we will be doing turkey art projects, as well as working on some fall centerpieces which we can take home to our family. The holidays are a very special time for families and we welcome you to provide any feedback or ideas about customs or things you do in your home that we could share with the rest of the class. If there is any special cooking or art project you would like to come and do with the class for the holidays please let us know. We always welcome and enjoy parent participation. For the month of November we will also be continuing

letter recognition. During group time the children get excitement from taking turns going to our letter board and picking out the first letter in their name. They also really enjoy learning about shapes and colors through interactive fun group times and individual time with the teachers. In stations the children have been and will continue working on fine motor skills such as using our cutting station, and our beading station. The stations allow children to explore at their own pace and practice honing these skills.

We will continue to practice these skills throughout the year and we look forward to sending home holiday art, as well as representations of what the children work so hard on. We love working with your children and each one of

them is so special to us. We look forward to a rich, joyful, fun, holiday season.

Thank you, Ms. June and Ms Schauna



## Green Turtles

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The month of November will be a very busy one for the Green Turtles. With the holidays fast approaching we will begin to work on thanksgiving projects this month. Some of the fun things we have planned include: Pine cone Turkeys, fall centerpieces and much more. If there is anything that you would like to do with the children or help with for the holidays please let us know, we welcome parent

participation. We are really excited about celebrating the holidays with our class.

This month we will also be talking about our feelings. The children will learn about feelings and recognize and identify feelings in books and pictures. This month we are also making a family collage for each child

*Please bring pictures of your family, pets etc. for your child's family collage!!*

so they can talk to us about their family. If you could bring pictures of family members, pets, etc for the children to make into a collage that would be great. We will hang the collages low so the children can look at each others family.

## The not so elusive Ms. Karin

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As we are sure you have noticed, Ms. Karin has been reluctant to take her maternity leave and has been working most days until early afternoon. Despite our best beseeches for Karin to take her leave; we have enjoyed and appreciated her dedication to the children and families of the Learningden. Even more so in light of Erika's placement on bed rest with her own pregnancy. For those who are wondering what the plan is for next

couple of months we want to assure you that we are going to continue to do our best to stay on top of operating the school. We fully trust our staff and their ability to perform their duties and resolve most issues which could arise. Martin, Erika's husband and usually behind the scenes performing office duties, has been going to school everyday from morning drop-off to about 11am. He is usually upstairs in the office, but feel free to

come up and talk with him if you have any questions or concerns. Erika could be back as early as after Thanksgiving if the doctor gives the okay, or worst case scenario, shortly after her due date of Dec. 22. Either way Erika is in contact with the teachers and aides on a daily basis and can be contacted by phone if necessary. We have also asked Jessica to step up and be a sort of liaison for the time being as well as being our eyes and ears.

## Calendar and Wish List

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November 5th Pizza Day \$3.00

November 11th—School Closed  
Veterans Day

November 24-26th School  
closed for thanksgiving break,  
Have a great Holiday !! We will  
return on the 29th



### Wish List

Feathers

Pine Cones

Artificial fall flowers

Small baskets for centerpieces

Floral Blocks to stick flowers in or Styro-foam.

Beads

Holiday projects for a whole class 10-13 children.

## Pumpkins, Parades and Axxess

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We had a great time at Lane Farms once again this year and we would like to thank all of the Parents that helped with field trip. If it weren't for parent involvement these types of field trips just wouldn't be possible.

The Costume Parade and Halloween party went great as well and the children really seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope that everyone had a safe

a fun Halloween night with lots of Tricker Treating and naughty candy.

We would also like to thank Angie Wallace for basically taking charge of the Axxess book sales. She made this one of the easiest and most profitable fundraisers we have had to date with around \$600 raised in total. We have yet to decide specifically on what to spend the funds on, but for sure it will be

on the outside and play areas. We are thinking a new swing set and art canopy are needed, but are also trying to figure out the woodchip situation and any alternatives which would not be cost prohibitive as a long term solution for the play area.

## Holidays Keep Coming...

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This is our favorite time of the year with all the Holidays and fun projects the children get to participate in. Expect to see lots of fun things coming home over the next two months. We are also planning lots of cooking projects which are always a hit with the children and staff since the end result is usually a tasty treat. In the past we have cooked a turkey to celebrate Thanksgiving and we are planning the same for this year. If

your family is vegetarian or vegan please let us know so that we can come up with an alternative for that classroom.

Also remember that the school will be closed November 11th for Veteran's day and November 24th-26th for Thanksgiving. We hope that you all have a great Holiday filled laughter and family.

