



The Learningden Preschool

OCTOBER 2011

FALL EDITION

Blue Dolphins

October is such an exciting month in the Blue Dolphin Classroom! We are continuing our Fall Recipe Project which is allowing the children to develop math, science, sensory, fine motor, and social skills in an age appropriate and really fun way! The cooking project also helps instill a positive sense of self in that each child gets to be spotlighted and share their own individual recipe. Then they can share the food with friends and see the end result of the collaborative cookbook and view themselves in the larger community of the classroom. Thanks to all the families that are donating



recipes and supplies, your kids are loving it!

October also brings many Fall related activities in our classroom and center



Lane Farms field trip is always a favorite and coming up Oct 13th and 14th !!

wide. The Blue Dolphin classroom will be undergoing

some Fall inspired changes with new long term projects starting, leaf and pumpkin art, and a brand new science center! We will also be going on a field trip to do Fall crafts at the Senior Living Center as well as getting ready for The Learningden's Fall Carnival and costume parade!

Ms. Jessica & Ms. Michelle

*Picture Day make ups will be Oct12th at 9:00am



Purple Sharks

I am very excited to be working in the purple shark classroom we have so many things planned to celebrate Fall. We have started the Fall cookbook which is a cookbook that will be made up of all the recipes brought in by each student.

You will all get a copy of the cookbook with all the recipes made by your children. If you haven't already done so make sure to send in the recipes to me to add to the cookbook. We will also be working on fall projects

like making collages, pumpkins and decorating the classroom with the Children's Fall artwork. There is also a planned fieldtrip to the pumpkin patch so don't forget to look for sign ups. Aside from Fall projects we will also be working on the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors and improving fine motor skills. We will slowly be working on learning Spanish. If you didn't get your photograph taken of your Child, makeup's will be on October 12th at 9 am. I'm looking

forward to teaching the purple sharks. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Ms. Jeanette

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Lane Farms Field trip will be Oct 13th for Rainbow Fish and Green Turtles!!
3.00 Per child

Rainbow Fish

The pumpkins are in the stores, and the Fall and Halloween decorations are everywhere!! Costumes have been purchased... And everyone is eagerly awaiting the arrival of Fall and all that it entails!! This time of the year is a great time for togetherness, friendship, sharing and cozy colder weather. Most children this time of the year, and for most of the children in the rainbow fish room, candy and sweets are more noticeable now and this will be the first year your

children will begin to truly understand the excitement of candy and costumes. Which reminds me to let you know about the Learningden's no candy policy. No sugar = no tears! It is tempting to bring a treat to school this time of year, but we ask that you refrain from sugar. The children in this class are having so many learning experiences and we want them to be able to participate without the physical side affects that sugar has on their little bodies.

We do welcome family recipes, or donations of ingredients for our croc pot. This month we will be focusing on chopping, peeling, pouring and measuring liquid, vegetables, herbs and spices to make some tasty soups and stews. Look forward to some great recipes and pictures of your children really experiencing the joy of Fall cooking! Ms. June, Ms, Brittney and Ms Lauren



Green Turtles

Summer is over and Fall is here, we are so excited to make this a wonderful time of the year! We want to say a big thank you to everyone who was able to come to our zoo trip, this was a great way to end our unit on zoo animals and it was so fun for us to all to spend time together. It was a fantastic trip! The month of October is one of my favorite months of the year as the weather starts to change and

we prepare for all of the holidays ahead. This month we will be making Fall leaves, pumpkin crafts, ghost handprints and much more! We will be taking a trip to the pumpkin patch to Lane Farms, look for sign-ups to be posted by the green turtle sign in. We are also looking forward to our first harvest festival at the Learningden, be on the look out for more information to come! We are having a wonderful

time in the green turtle classroom as we have been working hard on making our classroom a community in which all the children can feel loved and respected! Looking forward to all of the fun that Fall has to offer!

Love
Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Brandi

Song of the month: 5 Little Pumpkins!

Jennifer's Birthday Oct 12th :)

Fall Festival

Save the Date—Oct 29th from 10am-1Pm come and join in the fun at the Learningden Preschool Fall Festival. There will be bouncers, carnival games, a sensory station, hay treasure hunt, obstacle course, food, bake sale, silent auction, raffle, a not so spooky spook house, and a costume parade for the kids. There will truly be

something for everyone!! Please tell you friends and family to come and join in on the fun. The festival is open to everyone. We will also be having Maria's Face Painting, arts and crafts with the Purple Crayon and special music performances.

Admission / suggested donation is \$5.00 per family which

includes bouncer, face painting, and all carnival games.

Look for our event on facebook and we are still in need of volunteers and other items. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Page Shields at paige@pbjworks.com



Calendar and Wish List

Harvest Festival Planning Meeting
Oct 10th 4:30p-5:30p

Picture Day make up– Oct 12th
9:00am

Guppy Golf—Oct 12th 9:30a-11:00a
10.00 per month

Lane Farms Green Turtles and
Rainbow Fish Oct 13th @ 9:30a

3.00 per child includes pumpkin

Lane Farms Purple Sharks and Blue
Dolphins Oct 14th @ 9:30a

3.00 per child includes pumpkin

October 28th– Santa Barbara Con-

valescent Fall cooking decorating
field trip 9:30a -11:00a

Oct 29th – Learningden Fall Festi-
val!! 10a –2:00p. Invite your friends
and family!! Community welcome!



Wish List

Veggies and crock pot recipes for
Rainbow Fish

Used Rubbermaid storage lockers
for outdoor material

Coffee grinder

Beads

Santa Barbara Convalescent Field Trip

October 28th we will be taking a
trip to Santa Barbara Convalescent
Hospital to decorate leaf and scare-
crow cookies with the seniors. The
children and the seniors really en-
joy getting together and learning
and sharing with one another.

We hope that your children and
some moms and dads will join us
and help to brighten the lives of the
seniors who may not get to share

the experience and excitement of
the holidays through the children's
eyes. If you can not make it to this
trip we will be going again in De-
cember.

Sign up sheets will be on the parent
board next week and we look for-
ward to another great packed
house and a morning of sharing and
joy.



What is Growing in the Outdoor Classroom??

In October, the outdoor class-
room curriculum revolves around
trees! The children will be learn-
ing about fall colors, types of
trees, who lives in trees, and
bees. We are looking into a field
trip to somewhere where we can
find some maples and a visit from
a local bee keeper (don't worry-
no bees will be visiting!). Please

feel free to bring in any seedpods
or leaves that you and your little
explorers find outdoors this
month!

We will also be taking a field trip
to the Isla vista food coop to
finish up their exploration and
interest in the grocery store, and
looking forward to visiting the
farm animals at Lane Farms !! Oct

13th and 14th.

We are continuously
growing our outdoor
classroom and we will be
adding more and more
each month. We are
hoping to get our music
canopy up and running
later this month. More
details to come!! Ms. Ildi

