



# The Learningden Preschool September Newsletter

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## Blue Dolphins

The Blue Dolphins are off to a great start this year! September is a time for getting to know each other, learning the expectations and routines of the classroom, and discovering our varied areas of strength, goal areas, and interests. In group time we are talking about making good friend choices, practicing our letters, spelling our names, and exploring calendar concepts (Months, Days, Years, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow).

This month the Blue Dolphins are all about Dinosaurs! We are working on individual and group dinosaur themed art projects, learning about dinosaurs and fossils, dinosaur themed science projects (like volcanoes!), and

incorporating paleontological dramatic play.

Please continue the conversation of healthy eating at home with your children,



**Welcome Blue Dolphins !!**

and help get them involved in making their lunches! Show them healthy lunch choices and try to limit the amount of lunchables and desserts.

Also, please help your children remember that we don't bring toys to school. Toys from home often get broken, lost, and are sources of conflict between the children. We are truly excited about Fall being right around the corner and we are looking forward to fall happenings and exciting fall cooking & art related projects.

Ms. Jessica & Ms. Michelle



## Purple Sharks

The Purple sharks are having fun getting to know our new friends this month, cooking and getting ready to celebrate fall with many fun projects, This month and Sept we will be putting together a cook book to share and try with our friends. We ask that each child provide a recipe of

their favorite fall food and we will spotlight each recipe and child making whatever recipe the child brings in. At the end of the projects we will compile and make our own cook books which will go home as a Fall fun cook-book made by :The Purple Sharks: "We hope that you have

enjoyed the monthly updates and look forward to them continuing in the future. We will also begin our class contribution for the Fall festival happening in Oct, We are looking forward to a fun Fall with memories, fun, learning, togetherness and sharing.



## Rainbow Fish



We are looking forward to learning more about our new Rainbow Fish's!! We will be finishing our birdhouses, and guitars this month as well as exploring different musical instruments with the return of Music Molly this month as well as playing with a variety of instruments in our outdoor dramatic play and music canopy.

Our birdhouses will hang in our windows for most of the month, but we will be sending

them home towards early Oct to make way for our Fall projects which will adorn the walls of the classroom.

In Oct look forward to a fun field trip to Santa Barbara Convalescent to do projects with the seniors, and we will be visiting Lane farms. We will also be making Pumpkin Bread as well as pumpkin seeds and pumpkin soup. If any family has a recipe they would like to share please send it with your child this month. The holidays

are a special time at the Learningden Preschool and we look forward to a special time full of togetherness and special memories in the Rainbow Fish room! Welcome Harvey, Jojo, Keoni, Ivar and all of our other new Rainbow Fish in Sept.

Love Ms. June and Ms Jeanette

## Green Turtles

Summer has ended so quickly and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year in the green turtle class! This month we will be working on some zoo animal activities as we have noticed such a big interest in these animals from the class. We are going to be working on zoo animal crafts, fun cooking activities, and a field trip to the Santa Barbara

Zoo. We will let you know the date of the field trip as soon as possible! We would love to make a big zoo in our class if anyone can donate one or two large cardboard boxes it would be greatly appreciated! Towards the end of September and into October we will start a Fall / Halloween theme that we are very excited about! We would like to also welcome

our new students Leah, Kyra and Lucas. We are all so happy to have you in the green turtle class!

Love  
Jennifer + Brandi

## Fall Festival and PTA News

After many discussions with the PTA and the teachers at the school we have decided to host a Fall festival this year at the school instead of our normal Halloween party on the Friday before Halloween. We are in the need for parents to help with

coordination, planning and implementation of the festival. So, if you can at all help please contact. Mandy Burgess, Megan Moya, or Aimee Zygmonski .

If you are interested in joining the PTA this year we always welcome more parents to join in on the fun!! The Learningden PTA is fun and in full swing

helping create the best school for every child. We meet one Thursday a month and we are looking for all types of parent support. If you wish to join ask for the PTA Sign-Up sheet and return it to the school by Sept 14th. There will also be a copy of the sign-up on your child's clip.

Please return  
PTA interest  
sheets by  
Sept9th!!



# Calendar and Wish list



**Welcome  
Back to  
Fall at The  
Learning-  
den!!**

## Wish List

Musical instruments for outdoor music canopy

Beads

Block of 25 Pound Clay

Plants

Trees

Sept 13th Putnee Concert 9:30 @ The Learningden

Sept 15th PTA Meeting 4:30-5:30pm

Sept 21st and 22nd—8:00am Picture Day!!!

Sept 23rd—Cookie Dough fundraiser order forms due back at the Learningden!!

Sept 29th 4:30-5:30 Fall Carnival Planning Meeting

## Cookie Dough Fundraiser & Picture Day

We will be sending information home about our cookie dough fall fundraiser which will be this month. We are happy to be getting the cookie dough from the local company Simply Pies which is committed to using local ingredients from other Santa Barbara businesses. Local is the best!! Fundraising is very important because all money that is received will help pay for

specialty classes, art supplies, guest performances and special events. Your support is greatly appreciated. We will be sending order forms home next week and they will need to be back to The Learningden on Sept 23rd. Thank you to Hana Miller, Kaya's mom and owner of Simply Pies for helping get this fundraiser together!! We know it is a lot of work but it is greatly appre-

ciated!

Picture Day— Sept 21 & 22 at 8:00 am. They will be here for 2 days and will take photos of younger siblings as well as siblings together if desired. Please let your Child's teacher know if you have any special requests.



## What is Growing in our outdoor Classroom??

The outdoor classroom is a new program taught by Miss Ildi. The outdoor classroom is open 9:30-11:30a Monday-Thursday. Children from each of the classrooms have the opportunity to participate in the projects and activities Ildi has set up each day. The curriculum coordinates with the regular

classrooms' curriculum and incorporates arts, cooking, gardening and games! In the last couple of weeks we've made play-doh, painted big dinosaur posters, stamped dinosaur footprints, used lacing cards and string to work on fine motor skills, played with magnetic letters and much more!

I Look forward to continuing to work with all of your children!  
Miss Ildi



**We are excited to offer our Outdoor Classroom a teacher to further enhance our outdoor program!!**

## Learningden Preschool Is Proud to Be teaming up with Sally Quinlan to offer GUPPY GOLF!!!

Where: Santa Barbara Community Golf Course For children Ages 3-6  
When : Every 2 weeks for 90 min  
Cost: 10.00 Per Month

The Learning Den will soon be hanging up a sign on the front door: "Gone Golfing !"

Twice per month Guppy Golf field trip classes for Learning Den students ages 3 -4 will be hosted at Santa Barbara Golf Club for 90 fun filled minutes. The starting date is Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> !

Every other week, twelve students will be traveling to the Golf Club, just off Las Positas Road, to participate in Guppy Golf classes that will be hosted by LPGA Teaching Professional Sally Quinlan, and PGA Professional Doug Crane.

These new class/field trips promises to be well structured for safety, and to provide visually stimulating activities that guarantee fun !!

Each student will engage themselves at the following three stations with real clubs and real golf balls: (1) full shots on the driving range, (2) putting to holes on the practice putting green, and (3) chipping short shots into large buckets with all kinds of bells and whistles to acknowledge good shots !

**C.H.I.P.** Life Skills will also be introduced to the whole class and stickers will be provided to all students who will demonstrate the following: **C** = Complimenting Others... **H** = Honesty.... **I** = Introducing Yourself .... **P** = Patiently Waiting Your Turn

This is not a competitive sports class, but rather a safe athletic environment for kids of all abilities to immerse themselves in play and to have fun experiencing the outdoor atmosphere and social camaraderie that a game of golf provides.

**In Guppy Golf, everybody wins !!!!**

Sally Quinlan, LPGA providing guppy golfers with a few techniques to get the golf ball to fly in the air !!

