



# Learningden Preschool April Newsletter

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## Blue Dolphins



Welcome back, Spring break was wonderful for the Blue Dolphin class. We got organized, cleaned and got a new couch in the class which will serve as another comfy workspace for the children. This month we will be preparing for graduation, working on our cityscape because we now have enough boxes, and continuing to learn about the ocean and penguins. We will be making our igloos this month because we ran out of time last month with Spring Break.

Please let me know if you are not planning on being

here for the summer, we are fast approaching summer and we are trying to get a feel for what it looks like for this year. We will be making spring bouquets for our families this month that can be used as decoration or a table centerpiece if your family celebrates Easter. We will also be making funky hats and having a funky hat day. Please bring a hat for your child to decorate by next Friday.

Our pajama day was a huge success the children had a great time. Please make sure you look at the monthly calendar for the

classroom as well as the weekly class calendar posted on the door every week. It is important so that you can constantly be updated on the classroom special days and events.

We are really looking forward to a great month and we hope you enjoy the changes we made to the classroom. This month we will be having an egg hunt and coloring eggs. We will be also doing spring centerpieces and doing fun spring cooking projects.

Ms. Jessica and Ms Karlie

"Our Greatest Natural resource is the minds of our children.



-Alphie Kohn

## Purple Sharks



The Purple shark classroom is in the process of having a facelift. We have received all new materials and after the conference Ms. Amalie and Ms. Jessica went to they have been inspired to create new fun areas in their classrooms. If you have not already seen it there is a loft addition in the purple shark room. We

will use the top as a quiet reading space for the children only allowing 3 at a time. We will be using the under space for dramatic play. We are also in the process of creating a bigger block area and we are working to display our art supplies and natural materials in a way that it is easily accessed at all times

by the children. We are looking for donations of glass jars and baskets if you have any that are not being used at home. Please bring them in.

We hope that you stop in the classroom and see all of the great changes!

Thank you Ms. Amalie And Ms. Jenna

### Save the Date

May—Graduation and Summer Potluck. More details to come !!



## Rainbow Fish

This month will be filled with spring time fun. We will be decorating eggs, doing spring colored collage and painting activities, as well as doing some fun crafts to go home this month. Our beading project in the classroom is really coming along, the kids are so proud and we are excited to see how it evolves. The children have also really enjoyed our water color station. We are going to need parents help this month if you can. We are looking for egg shells for a project, so if you make eggs remember us and bring the shells.

As you know we have explored in the

past the best way for the children to nap in the afternoon. We have decided to have the toddlers and rainbow fish nap together in the rainbow fish room it is darker and easier to change diapers and help them transition from nap to outside.

In the coming weeks we might make small modifications to this but so far it is working great. Please do not forget to take your children's nap



Egg decorating and egg hunt later this month!!

stuff home to wash on the weekends. It is really important that your children nap on clean fresh items.

We look forward to doing projects for spring this month. We will be decorating eggs, doing activities with the egg shells, and having a spring celebration with a visit from a bunny and an egg hunt.

Thanks, Ms. June and Ms Mali

## Green Turtles

We are really excited about Ms. Jennifer transitioning into the role of Lead Toddler Facilitator. She is doing great so far and we hope that you enjoy all of the changes that Jennifer and Brandi have made to create a truly special environment for your children.

This month we will be decorating eggs, doing a spring centerpiece and

making other spring related projects we might even make some yummy springtime treats for us to enjoy. Please let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do for you. Please remember to get your daily sheets everyday and please remember that you are always welcome to attend special events even when it is a day that is not normally a

day your child comes. We will be having our annual spring celebration Friday the 22nd lunch and egg hunt and a special bunny visit will be provided.

Ms. Jennifer and

**It is better to bind children to you by a feeling of respect and gentleness , then by fear.**

**-Terrance**

## Our New Atelierista

Ms. Jenna who has been with our program for awhile has recently switched positions to become our new Atelierista. Her job will be to work with all of your children in small groups outside in our Art Studio. She will take groups of 4 children and work on specialized art projects. Her role is to support the use of materials and media as languages for expression and learning by the children. our outdoor atelier, like the classroom

also supports the process of documentation, of making the learning and relationships, of the children, facilitators, and parents visible.

Ms. Jenna has a background in fine art and music and is thrilled to put her talents and enthusiasm for facilitating, and learning from all of your children to take on this new role at our school. Ms. Jenna will be onsite Monday, Wed and Friday and the children will have the

opportunity to come and work in the art studio when she is there. Look for pictures and documentation soon.

-Ms. Jenna



## Calendar and Wish List

April 8th- Yoga returns to The Learningden!! Welcome Ms. Katie

April 15th- Pizza Friday

April 16th and 17th-Earthday come by the Learningden booth we are proud to have sponsored and coordinated the Children's Enchanted Forest event this year!! Volunteers to run the booth still needed so if you have any free time please contact Ms. Erika or Ms Brandi!!

April 22nd- Spring Celebration, Lunch, egg hunt and a special visit from the spring bunny will be at the Learningden come join us in the fun!! 10-11:45

April 22nd-Musical Minds with Ms. Molly Begins!! 48.00 for the session runs through May 13th. Infant-K

Please look at your Childs class calendar for additional activities and special events specific to that class!!

### Wish list!!

Pants

Art Supplies

Beads

Wire

Fishing line

Staple Gun

Concrete Blocks for Ms. Amalies Gar-

den project

Acrylic non washable paint

Starch

Donations of food for our spring lunch

**Thank you to Megan Moya for organizing the rummage sale!!** Also thanks to Kristine, Mcelroy, Angie Wallace, Crista Torres, Mandy Burgess, Leanne Duffy, Maggie Bahnsen, and everyone else that helped make the rummage sale a huge success.



## Musical Minds With Ms. Molly

Come spend Friday afternoons with Ms. Molly at the Learningden Preschool. Children and parents are welcome to come and join in on the fun. We have had such a great response from our class that Molly does during the week we wanted to offer the opportunity to share Molly's class with the community and share the class with Learningden families at a low

cost. The class will be centered around music from around the world, and tools for parents. It is a great opportunity to come and participate with your children. If you can not make the class but would like your child to participate just let Ms. Erika know prior to April 22nd. All payments need to be made to Molly directly.

Info:

April 22-May 13th

When: Infants 4:00

Preschool 5:00

Where: The Learningden Preschool

Please contact Ms. Erika or Ms. June for enrollment information!



## Community Parent Networking, Support Group, and Playground Update

Please join us in a fun casual informative group led by the Learningden staff and a professional therapist to inform, socialize, and have fun as a group. Learn, explore and empower yourselves to be the parents you have always wanted to be. Parenting is one of the toughest challenges you can face, whether you have infants or preschool children every age presents it's own challenges and so we are offering a support and networking group led by professionals in the child de-

velopment field. Come learn from others and have a great time sharing experiences. Learn how to do enriching activities with your infants and preschoolers and most of all connecting to new friends. If you or someone in your community of friends might be interested in this, the first group will be held on April 22nd 5-7pm following Musical Minds with Ms. Molly. It is free and we hope for a good turn out. We will provide light snacks and plenty of fun activities for the kids.

We hope to see you there!! Please call ahead to reserve a spot.

### Playground Update

Over the break we did many things to the yard with the money that we made with the rummage sale. Here are the highlights:

New Canopy for outdoor art studio, New Swing set, new triangle canopies, replaced bamboo over sandbox, we hope to get more sand in the coming weeks.