



The Learningden Preschool April Newsletter

***Remember to bring extra clothes for your child! Warm weather is approaching and it is important with to bring extra clothes so your children can get, wet, muddy, artistically messy and have enough clothes to stay dry and healthy.**



Blue Dolphins

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a nice Spring Break and is as glad to be back at school as we are. We worked hard over spring break setting up new areas, bringing in new materials, and getting ready for all the exciting events coming up during the rest of the year. We're starting off the month of April with some fun Spring time activities; making flowers, decorating eggs, and working in the garden.. On Friday, April 6th we will have an Easter egg hunt and special lunch. As always, families are welcome to attend.

The Blue Dolphins are getting very interested in gardening, and we have taken up the task of restarting The Learning-

den's large gardening boxes, as well as starting a few smaller garden projects of our own. We love digging for worms and caring for plants. We are currently learning about composting, seeds, and transplanting.

Graduation is just around the corner for many of our Blue Dolphin friends. This is an exciting time, but can also be a little bit scary, just like any big change in your child's life, if you notice any changes in your child's behavior, they may be having anxiety about the changes involved with starting Kindergarten. Let's all remember to be extra loving and supportive during this transition.

Ms. Jessica &
Ms. Michelle



Purple Sharks

We have done some changes to the classroom including new centers in the classroom. The children have already been exploring the classroom and the centers. This month we will be adjusting to the new changes in the classroom. Along with the exploring the classroom we will be

doing a lot of sensory exploring. Some of the sensory activities we will have is digging in the garden, corn starch experiments, water play and mixing colors with shaving cream. One of the activities that we will be doing that the children love is finger painting on Plexiglas, ce-

ment blocks and canvas. We will also be working on fine motors skills, some tracing and drawings that will also help with hand-eye coordination. We are excited for the new changes in the classroom.

Ms. Jeanette

Rainbow Fish

Welcome Back Rainbow Fish families and a welcome to our new Rainbow Fish students! Spring break was filled with cleaning, organizing, and planning the rest of the year for the Rainbow Fish.

Potty training is in full swing in the Rainbow Fish room. The children are excited, motivated and most of all feeling a great amount of accomplishment with their progress. Please make sure your child has lots of easy clothes to take on and off and please understand that accidents will happen more at school than at home because they are so busy and distracted. Diapers at nap are also really important.

The Rainbow fish really love a new month because they love counting the numbers as we put up the days for the new month. This month we will continue with our cutting and clay station. Bell pepper cutting has become a very popular station and the children love being able to prepare food and talk with one another. We will be adding a train table later in the month which is sure to be a big hit with many of them.

Our annual rummage sale is coming up on May 5th, so if you have anything to donate please bring it in prior to May 2nd.

And as always if you have any

comments or want to talk about anything specific in regards to your Child's needs We are here.

Thank you,

Ms. June and Ms. Brittney



Green Turtles

Spring is in the air and we have many fun activities planned this month in the green turtle class. On Friday April 6 at 9:30 we will be having our egg hunt and a visit from a bunny, this should be a very fun and exciting day for the children. The first week of April we will be busy working on our spring collage, painting the sun, beautiful eggs, bunnies and flowers. We will

also be working on painting a few more canvases which will soon be displayed in the classroom as a Green Turtle Art Show. We will have our art show throughout the month of April where we will have all of the canvases up for bid in a silent auction. The last day of the auction will be on April 30th! We hope to make this a fun activity for parents to bring home a great piece of art and raise funds for our classroom

for some new materials. Look for more info on the green turtle silent auction on the board in front of the classroom. Don't forget to clean out your closets and bring your donations by as we will be preparing for our annual rummage sale in May!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Brandi

Science lab coming!!!

Science and discovery has been all the talk with many of the children lately. How things work, why things happen and learning how to guess possible outcomes in a collaborative way. We have taken the children cues and this month we will be setting up a science lab.

The Lab will include a tornado in a bottle, a wave bottle, goop, goo, insects, magnifying glasses, plants, and we

will even be making a large Volcano for us to erupt at school.

Parents, the fun of the Learning-den Science lab will not stop there, you will have your role to play in this as well. Your children will also be spending the month modeling out of clay and painting their own mini volcanoes. These will be sent home as well as materials to make the mini volcanoes come to life. Your

children will have already done the big volcano at school so it is important that you work together and allow your child to teach you about what they have learned this month. It is a great way to do an easy project with the family.



Calendar and wish list

April 13th- PTA Meeting 4:30-5:30

Agenda-Rummage sale, Earth day, mothers day lunch, and Graduation!!

April 21st and 22nd- Earth day- Learningden is sponsoring the Kids Zone again at Earth day. We really would love parent volunteers to come and help at our booth. If you can not volunteer hopefully you will come and enjoy this wonderful free family event.

April 30th- Final day for community rummage sale donations, Learningden Parents have till May 2nd

May5th - Learningden Rummage Sale !!!
9-1pm This year is going to be huge!

Save the Date!!!

May5th- Rummage Sale

May11th- Mothers Day Lunch- 11:30-12:15

May30th - Summer Potluck and Graduation @ Elings Park Details to come in May newsletter

*Also we will be holding a CPR class in the evening for anyone who would like to be certified or recertified. It is \$50.00. There will be a sign up sheet the last week of April. Child care will be provided. Community welcome!

Wish List

Science materials

Paint- non toxic

Glitter

Canvas

Air Dry Clay

Snacks-Fruit Veggies, Milk etc

Paper towels

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for the following Learningden events. If you can help or wish to contribute that would be great.

Earth Day April 21 and 22nd- Need help working the Learningden booth. Talking to prospective parents, helping with art stations, and Helping do line control for

Sunday when we will have Maria's face painting at our booth.

Rummage and Bake sale-

Need: pricing and sorting starts Tuesday May1st , Set up Friday May 4th

Sale help- May 5th 9-1

*Lots of opportunities to help and support The Learningden !!
Find out how you can help.*

Bake Sale donations

Sale Clean up Sat May 5th 1-3

We will also be needing help organizing and planning our annual summer potluck and graduation. If

you can make it to the PTA meeting we would love to have your input!!

What's New at the Learningden ??

As many of you know we have many new additions since spring break including a Purple Shark facelift. The children are responding to the new classroom set up really well. We have enhanced security in our side yard, and hung some new canopies for extra shade. The tent and the wood working station outside have been a big hit. The children love it and we hope that they will continue to enjoy all of the new things including the addition of the train table outside and enhanced sensory areas.

I would like to take a moment to thank Susan

and Mark Bible. They generously donated many drums and musical instruments for the children. We have decided to add a music room to the glow room so the children have a special place to play and explore their musical talents. Thank you Mark and Susan we really love our new musical set up.

The staff has been busy attending Outdoor Classroom workshops, as well as having a staff training about grief counseling for families and children to help us be better equipped to handle talking about illness, death, divorce and other

family concerns. Susan Lange, MFT and university educator, gave an informative and an educational training. Staff development and continuing education is a very important part of working at the Learningden and we wanted to share our staff development with our families. If you ever have a family issue that you need to speak with us about we are here for all of you.

Thank you,

Ms. Erika