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# The Learningden Preschool

## August Newsletter

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### Blue Dolphins

August is a very exciting time for the Blue Dolphins as many of our friends are leaving for Kindergarten and we will be adding some new friends to our class for the Fall.

The first week of August we will be preparing for and celebrating Fiesta with cooking and art projects. We will be taking a field trip to Santa Barbara Convalescent hospital where we will be doing fiesta projects with seniors on August 2nd. We will be having a special fiesta lunch Friday August 5th at 11:00am. We will be making food, listening to music and celebrating together as a whole school. Parents as always are invited to attend. We will also be participating in the chil-

dren's fiesta parade August 6th and everyone is encouraged and invited to wear their fiesta gear and spend the morning with us.



**Good luck to all Blue Dolphins leaving for Kindergarten this month!**

After the Fiesta festivities we will transition into a short unit all about the beach and our local coastal habitats culminating in a beach field trip

on Friday August 12. We would really like for as many children as possible to attend this trip so please sign up early and let us know if you can come help with the driving and supervision.

When we return to school after break we will spend two weeks learning about classroom rules and roles, deciding what we'd like to learn about next, and beginning our academic curriculum for the year which will start off with Calendar, Alphabet, Colors, and Names.

Ms. Jessica & Ms. Michelle

### Purple Sharks



This month the Purple Sharks are doing a unit on sea creatures. So far we have learned the Fish live under water and in the coming weeks we will learn about why fish live under water. We are also still doing our weekly rotation physical activity,

gardening, cooking and science.

Fiesta is coming up and with it we are doing a few activities. On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August we will be having a Fiesta party here, at Learningden around 11:00am. It will be a lunch party with the kids

assembling their own burritos! All parents are invited. The next day, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting downtown at 9:30 am to participate in the Fiesta Parade. Parents are also encouraged to come to that. Ms. Amalie and Ms. Jasmine



Fiesta is here come celebrate with us August 5th @ I I am!!

We will be walking as a group in the children's fiesta parade this year! We hope you will come and join us at 9:30am Sat Aug 6th near the Arlington theater!!

Learningden Preschool will be closed August 15th -19th have a great summer break and we look forward to a fun kick off to fall!!!

## Rainbow Fish



This month will be full of fun in the Rainbow Fish Classroom. We will be making guacamole for our special fiesta party on August, 5th and, continuing to make our collective classroom piñatas. In the classroom the children have been enjoying and will continue to explore with clay, cut and eat their own vegetables, and continue painting on our wall canvas.

We will be taking a field trip August 2nd to Santa Barbara convalescent hospital to do

fiesta projects with seniors. Please let us know if you would like to help drive. Sign ups are on the parent board and in front of the classroom. We will be working over the break on adding fun and engaging new centers and classroom spaces for the fall. Look forward to many great surprises after the break,

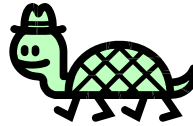
We will be celebrating a fiesta lunch Friday August 5th. Feel free to join us at 11:00a for Learningden's "Viva la Fiesta"

Santa Barbara style. The children will be making food and assembling their own burritos and quesadillas.

Also with summer time being in full swing please check your Childs cubbies for an adequate supply of summer wear, and a bathing suit for under the misty mist. Our new sprinkling misting system that cools us down on hot days.

-Ms. June and Ms. Jeanette

## Green Turtles



The green turtle class has been having such a great time celebrating diversity and creating lots of fun fiesta crafts. We are so excited for our field trip on the 2nd to the Santa Barbara Convalescent to spread some fiesta fun to the senior residents there. We are also very excited for our fiesta at the Learningden on Friday the 5th as well as the children's parade

on Saturday the 6th. We hope to see many Learningden families there to join us in the fiesta! This month we will be doing a few more multicultural activities and we hope that if any families would like to share anything from their cultures it would be a great addition. Don't forget that school is closed the week of the 15th thru the 19th. We are looking

forward to the start of a wonderful school year in the green turtle class.

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Brandi



## Thank you to all families

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who came out and helped at the parent work day. It was so much fun hearing your ideas, and getting to know all of you better. The Learningden is greatly supported by all of the time and donations given by parents and we wanted to recognize all of the generous help and support

all of you have given during the year. Our school is your child's second family and we love and cherish your children so much it is nice when you all turn out to help support the staff and the school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Harvey Gilman's family for their gener-

ous contribution of \$1000.00 for our wish list items. Look forward to some great things coming after summer break!

Thank you to everyone who makes the Learningden such a special place for our children!!



# Calendar and Wish List



August 2nd– Field trip to Santa Barbara Convalescent to do Fiesta crafts with Seniors 9:30-11:30am

August 5th– Fiesta Lunch– Families Welcome fiesta celebration 11am

August 6th– Children's Fiesta Pa-

**Fiesta Party 11am Friday August 5th**

rade The Learningden will walk as a group all families invited fiesta attire encouraged.

August 7th– PTA Meeting 4:30pm

August 8th– Parent support group 4:30-6:00 pm activities for the kids and refreshments for the parents will be provided. Children must attend with a parent.

August 15th-19th– Learningden closed for summer improvements

and staff development. We will reopen as usual Monday August 25th.

August 25th-Emergeny Kits Due!

Co-op parent night out a benefit for the Learningden Preschool –August 29th 6:00-8:30pm

## Wish List

Dramatic play clothes

Music instruments

Kitchen items

Bamboo poles for outdoor tee-pee building.

Anything from nature explore.org

**Save the date!!**

**Meet other families, let your children play and do activities and**

**Grow with the Learningden Family! Parent support group**

**August 8th 4:30-6:00 Pm**

## Co-op parent night and Parent support group

We have not had parents night out in a while and we have come up with the idea of including parents in the fun. This is the idea, a couple of parents are needed to host the evening. It will still be \$10.00 per child and include dinner. It will be facilitated by a Learningden staff and activities will be provided. The difference is all the proceeds will benefit The Learningden preschool

and ensure that parent night out will continue to benefit all who attend and we will get the funds needed to continue to improve our school without raising tuition costs.

We are also happy to announce the return of the Learningden support group. The first one of the year will be held August 8th and is also open to the community families if you have friends that

would like to attend. We will just host this one with Learningden staff and we will provide activities for the children. If there is a good turn out we will find out at that time what you need from us as far as if you would like to get a MFCC to facilitate or if an informal gathering is better. We look forward to a fun time where parents can come and meet one another .

## Food Program Snack Menu

**The Learningden Preschool has a new snack menu. We will have the following menu changing slightly for variety every week. Here is the three week menu, for your information.**

**Monday Week 1** Quinoa, Tofu, Broccoli-Am Snack Celery, Raisins, Almond Butter-PM

Tuesday-Noodles & Cheese, Snap Peas-Am Carrots, Pretzel Sticks, Ranch Pm

Wed-Bagels, Cream Cheese, Apples-Am Hummus, Pitas, Snap Peas-Pm

Thursday-Cereal, Blueberries-am Refried Beans, Tortillas, Cheese-PM Friday-Yogurt, Berries, Granola-Am

Brown Rice with Cut Carrots-Pm

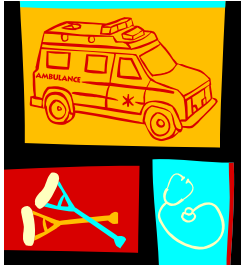
**Week 2**-Monday Oatmeal, Raisins, Sunflower Seeds AM S pinach leaves, Strawberries, Cheddar Cubes Pm

Tuesday-Banana & Almond Butter on Whole Wheat Bread-Am Brown Rice, Tomatoes, Pine nuts PM

Wed-Whole Wheat Toast, Boiled Eggs-Am Whole Wheat Pretzels, Carrots, Ranch Pm

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## Emergency Kits

Fall is fast approaching and it is time to refill the Emergency kits for the year. Please gather the following items and return them to the Learningden in a ziplock bag no later than Friday August 26th.

We greatly appreciate your support and want to be prepared in the case of an emergency. Please let your Child's teacher know if you have any questions,

### What to put in Emergency kits:

Contact information on an index card, include e-mail, phone and address.

Snacks non perishable

Diapers if applicable

Wipes If applicable

Letter to your child

Picture of your child and family

Change of clothes

Bottle of water

**\* All of this must fit in a large Zip lock bag to pack light!!**



## Snack Menu Cont-

Thursday-Cus Cus, Cucumbers, Romaine Lettuce-AM (Brown) Rice Cakes, Cream Cheese, Snap Peas-PM

Friday-Noodles & Cheese, Snap Peas-AM Grapes, Cucumbers, Crackers-PM

### Week 3

Monday- Oatmeal, Raisins, Sunflower seeds-AM Spinach leaves, Strawberries, Cheddar Cubes-PM

Tuesday-Banana & Almond Butter on Whole Wheat Bread AM Brown Rice, Tomatoes, Pinenuts PM

Wed- Whole Wheat Toast, Boiled Eggs AM Whole Wheat Pretzels, Carrots, Ranch PM

Thursday-Cus Cus, Cucumbers, Romaine Lettuce-AM (Brown) Rice Cakes, Cream Cheese, Snap Peas-PM

Friday-Grapes, Cucumbers, Crackers-AM Noodles & Cheese, Snap Peas-PM

We hope that you enjoy the positive changes that we are making to our snack menu. The new menu will fully take place in August and we will notify you of any adjustments throughout the year.

Please let us know if your child has any food allergies that might be effected by our new food menu. Also we welcome any feedback of suggestions at any time! If you would like to contribute any of the snacks listed on this menu or would like to donate surplus of fruits or vegetables at any time we will always warmly accept and use your donations!



**The New Food menu is exciting and will benefit all of your children starting August 22nd!!**