

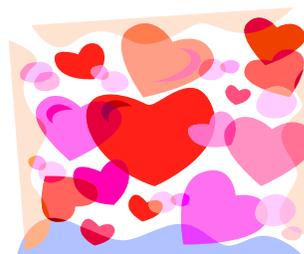
- The Learningden is Closed Friday Feb 17th and Mon Feb 20th.
- Field trip to the Butterfly Preserve. Tuesday Feb 7th.
- To enroll in Kindergarten for Fall all children must be 4yrs old prior to Nov1st

## Blue Dolphins

We've had a great start to the New Year in the Blue Dolphin Classroom! I've really enjoyed meeting with many of you one-on-one for our Kindergarten readiness conferences. Its been a great experience to focus on each Child's individual strengths and interests and the process has given us some great ideas for new projects, explorations, and areas of focus. We will continue these next couple weeks to finish up conferences and begin really working on those goal areas.

February provides a great opportunity to explore the concept of love. We will be exploring the themes of love and friendship through art projects, dramatic play, group time discussions, and

many collaborative activities. In P.E. this month the Blue Dolphins are learning about their heart muscle, how to



**Please bring a red food to share Monday Feb 13th for valentines celebration.**

keep their hearts strong with exercise, and that eating red foods is heart healthy. We will expand on this idea in the classroom with some red

themed food exploration and cooking projects.

We will have a class Valentine's Day Party on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>. Encourage your child to wear red and bring a yummy red food to share (tomatoes, cherries, red beans, red peppers, strawberries, etc). If your child would like to bring Valentines, please make sure there is one for everyone in the class and try not to include sweets.

Thank you,  
Ms. Jessica and Ms Michelle

## Purple Sharks

We have begun to transform the dramatic play area to an outdoor picnic. Going along with the outdoor theme we will be learning about insects. Group time has been going great. Every day the children have been learning about patience and listening to friends. We have been working more on Spanish during group time. The children have caught on

to some Spanish words. This month we will be learning more commands in Spanish as well as refreshing our colors and body parts. The children have also shown a great interest in Art. We have been doing many different art techniques and we will continue to explore more Art and creativity in the classroom. We have truly enjoyed watching the

children grow in the classroom and we look forward to allowing them to become more creative. We will be having a valentines celebration Monday Feb 13th. Please bring a red food to share.  
Thank you,  
Ms, Jeanette, Ms Stephanie, and Ms. Lauren



Rainbow Fish will be celebrating Valentine's day Monday Feb 13th. Please bring a red food to share.

## Rainbow Fish

This month the Rainbow fish enjoyed all of the new Montessori materials that we got for our class. The children have really grasped on to the new materials and concepts. The children have also really enjoyed the new costumes that have been donated to our class.

This love month, we will be celebrating diversity through foods. There will be a sign up this month if there is a special

food from your culture which you would like to share or prepare for rainbow fish a.m. snack. Everything is coming up hearts, heart counting 1-20, abc's... disguised in Hearts. We will be having a valentines day celebration Monday Feb 13th and encourage your child to bring something red to share for snack. No candy or sweet s please. Valentine's day cards reminder, just sign the back with your Child's

name. As usual, rainbow fish art work can be picked up in front of the classroom on the bookshelf. Please check this area often for your Child's work. All of the children are growing and collaborating on many projects and social relationship building in the classroom. We look forward to continuing our multicultural theme and getting to know more about one another. Ms. June and Ms. Brittney



## Green Turtles

We are so excited for the month of February! Now that all of our new students are adjusted and happy in our classroom we can start some really fun projects. This month is going to be all about Valentine's Day and Teddy bears. To celebrate Valentine's day we will be making pink play-doh, red goop, marble painting hearts, flower hand prints and much more. On Valentine's Day we will have a celebration, look for a sign up to bring special snacks on this day. After Valentine's Day we will

be focusing on Teddy bears! We will be making Teddy Bear crafts, reading lots of teddy bear books and songs. We will finish off our Teddy Bear unit with a Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come to the picnic. If Friday is not your scheduled day you may come and stay with your child for the picnic. For our Teddy Bear picnic we will be asking for your Child to bring a teddy bear that day and make sure your Child's name is on the label. We will also have extra teddy bears if they

are needed. At the end of February we will be working on a collaborative canvas art project for our classroom. This will be a fun activity for the students to work on together as a class. Don't forget to check the board by the green turtle door for important dates and our special activities.

Love,

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Brandi



## What is growing in our outdoor classroom??

In January the children enjoyed learning about butterfly metamorphosis, hibernation and woodland animals. They loved the bear cave set up on the patio and "Going on a Bear Hunt" - a group song/game for which we had many repeated requests.

They also had a great time taking turns playing different parts in The Three Bears play. Our arctic animals curriculum was canceled with the record break-

ing high temperatures we had that week! Instead we had some good water play which is great for spatial ability, motor skills, social development, and creativity. We also created our dragon and instruments for the Chinese New Year parade.

In February we're looking at planets, constellations, and of course robots for interstellar travel and exploration. Some activities planned include a stars in a box" craft and a "Saturn

ring toss" game. We will have some fun and get creative designing robots to do tasks the children come up with! I will be setting up a planetarium visit mid-month so please join us if you're interested. We won't forget our littlest NASA hopefuls in the Green Turtle room with all these advanced ideas- I have thumbprint constellations planned and a space shuttle for them to help paint and use for imaginative play.

Ms.Ildi

# Calendar and Wish list

## Calendar:

Feb 7th - Butterfly field trip  
9:30am

Feb 13th- Valentines party

Feb 17th and 20th -Learningden  
Closed for holiday

Feb 23rd- PTA meeting 4:30-  
5:30

## Wish List

Instruments  
Wipes  
Snacks  
Clay  
Glitter



## Credit Card Payments

For all of you who use our credit card services to process payments we will no longer be accepting payments by credit card as of March 1st. Due to the increased fees associated with processing credit

cards we have decided to just go back to accepting cash or checks for payment. We hope that this will not be too difficult for you and please let us know if you have any questions about this.

Thanks, Erika and Martin



## Learningden Rummage Sale coming soon!!

Our annual rummage sale will take place in March. Date TBD this year. We hope to break our \$700.00 goal from last year!! You can all help make it a success in the following ways: Contrib-

ute old items, donate a bake sale item, put up flyers, help set up and clean up, help run the sale, and tell your friends. There will be a pre planning PTA meeting on Feb 23rd for anyone interested in help-

ing out or taking on a more active role in this year's sale.

If you need more info or want to help please let MS. Erika know!



**Come Join in on the fun for The Learningden Rummage sale!!**