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THE LEARNING DEN PRESCHOOL

October Newsletter

Blue Dolphins

Well we had our first Pre-K advisory meeting yesterday and we greatly appreciated you taking the time to come and talk with us. It went really well and we decided that fun and Pre-K preparedness have to go hand in hand in order to be as successful as we have been in the past. It was great meeting with all of you and we will be setting up parent conferences in January after the holiday break and then again in May before graduation. Please make sure to look at the sign ups this week on the parent board. There is a potluck "sign up" as well as a "sign up" for field trips to the airport, and pumpkin patch for this month.

We have been working on getting journals

out to all of you and you can expect to see them coming home in the next week. We request that you take them home on Wed to read and bring them back Friday so we have them to continue corresponding with you the following week.

We are looking forward to turning the classroom into a harvest filled project room this month as getting into the holidays are some of the most fun times for the children. We hope that you will enjoy the projects that will be coming home and that they will fill your home with holiday happiness. It is a great time of the year and we are really looking forward to spending this time with each of your children, document-

ing, exploring and creating some special memories for our classroom scrapbook.

We will be going to the pumpkin patch the Wed before Halloween and we hope all of the Pre-K will come. We are in need of drivers so if that is possible please let us know.

If you have any questions please call us.



Purple Sharks

Fall is here!! We are looking forward to the pumpkin patch this year as well as our harvest potluck. If you have not walked through the classroom lately we encourage you to do so. We have put up many projects and pictures of all the children. In the coming weeks the Fall pictures and projects we are working on will come home as well as being up for display. We have some new purple sharks and we welcome all of them to your classroom.

We will be send-

ing home journals on Wed and if you could have them back be Fri that would be great to make sure we have enough time to write in them for the following week.

You will also notice a new bulletin board outside our classroom. There you will find what the kids are doing and how it helps different stages of development and academic skills. Take a look at it and you will also see what activities the kids will be doing for the following week, based in class dis-

cussions, project planning and conversations that the children are having amongst themselves. Some of the things will not vary much week to week since we base much of what we plan on the kid's interests and sometimes those interests can lead to a project which might take longer to work on. After all that is how our dinosaur was created. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Rainbow Fish

Fall is here and the Rainbow Fish are busy working on independence skills such as serving themselves snack, learning to potty train, working on conflict resolution by using words instead of actions and most of all working in stations sharing and creating wonderful works of art.

In group time the children are learning to sit and listen to a story as well as identifying their names with their pictures as well as their peer's names. The children love dance, P.E and music and are at a point where they all participate.

We look forward to doing fall projects, continuing with our clay and paint station as well as continuing to create documentation for our classroom that shows the children working on their own projects.

We hope that the notes home about the children's day is helpful and please remember at any time if you would like to talk to June or ask questions please do not hesitate.

We hope to see all of you at the open house harvest potluck and hope that all of your children will join us in coming to the pumpkin patch. This is a fun time for all of the children and we hope that you might join us for the pumpkin patch and our Halloween parade and party that we will be having the Friday before Halloween.



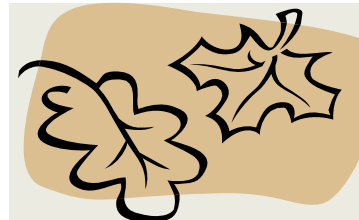
Green Turtles

It has been a busy month for the green turtles, they will continue to work in different art mediums and begin to work collaboratively on some bird houses that they will hang in the beautiful tree they have been working on.

Fall is here and we will also be focusing on Fall projects and beginning to talk and explore colors, weather, and traditions that go along with the holiday

season. We will also continue to build social skills by helping the children learn how to share, resolve conflict using words, and finding a general respect for their peers and teachers. But really most of this happens in day to day classroom interactions and the staff leading the children through posi-

tive feedback and redirection. We hope you are enjoying the notes that are being sent home everyday . We hope it will give you insight into more of what goes on so you feel a part of what your child is doing and learning in the classroom. We look forward to seeing all of you at the potluck.



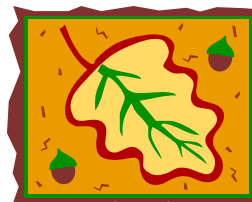
Harvest Potluck

Our harvest Potluck will take place on Oct 8th at 5:30-7:00 at the school. It will be a great chance to walk around your child's class, talk to the teachers, see your children's work, and get to eat and meet other families. So that the Learningden Staff is clearly recognizable for some of you who don't get the opportunity to see all the staff we will all be wearing name-tags and what we do the night of the event. Please feel free to come and talk

with us.

Potluck sign ups are on the board and even though the children will make some food in their class with the teacher we really need you to sign up to bring something to share with other families.

It will still be light outside so the children will be able to



Hope you can all join in the potluck fun!!

play outside and inside. We encourage all of you to come and join in the dinner, it is an easy and special way to feel connected to the Learningden Family and meet other families that you may not know. Potluck sign ups will be available on the parent board until Oct 6th . Hope to see you all there!!!

October Events

October 2nd– Costume Exchange at La Cumbre Plaza, bring old costumes and books to exchange for new, gently used ones. It is a great event and we will be doing art projects with the kids!!

October 6th– Last day to sign up for potluck items

Oct 8th—Harvest Potluck 5:30-7:00
Sign ups on the Parent Board.

Oct15th– Pizza Friday \$3.00

Oct 24th– Pep Halloween party at the stow house

Oct25th—Pumpkin patch field trip to Lane Farms for toddlers and 2-3 yr olds
\$3.00 includes pumpkin

Oct 27th—Pumpkin patch field trip to lane farms for 3-4 and Pre-K \$3.00 includes pumpkin

Oct 29th– Halloween parade and party at the Learningden, please no masked costumes, weapons . Please bring a spare change of clothes for the party so costumes do not get damaged.

Wish List

Food for potluck

A Turkey

Markers

Items for Halloween party,

Rice, spiders, sugar free goodies etc



Halloween Parade and Party

It is time again for The Learningden Pre-school's 5th annual parade and party. The parade will start at 9:30a. Children can come in costume but will need a change of clothes for after the parade. The party will start right after the children change their costume and put on regular clothes. Our party is very sensory intensive and is very messy, so appropriate clothes are necessary. They will need

to bring lunch as usual and Music Molly will have a fun special music class for all of the children to enjoy. If you are interested in participating and helping out it would be great and much appreciated. Please let Erika or Karin know if you would like to help out that day. Also

*The 5th Annual Halloween
Parade and Party will be Oct
29th at 9:30am-11:30am*

parents are encouraged to come and watch the parade!! They are all so cute and they have such a great time. We do want to remind parents that because children vary in age and we have a no violence

school policy, we ask that children have fun costumes with no masks, or weapons to ensure a fun time for all.

Ms. Karin

Just to make all of you aware of what is happening; Ms. Karin will officially be going on maternity leave Oct12th. She will still be in several mornings a week as well as trying to be at all of the functions and field trips for the month of Oct. She needs to cut back because she is due Nov 12th.

We are all very happy for her and look forward to seeing her new baby

girl scheduled to arrive in November. If any of you need to reach her she will still be in and out taking care of operational things and will be available to be contacted through
Karin@thelearningden.com

Ms. Erika will still be in and available every morning to families and please let us know if there is anything that you need or we can do for your family.

We will miss Karin in her short absence and wish her the best with the new addition to her family.!!