

OAK GROVE LEARNING TREE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Happy Spring to all! Flowers are beginning to bloom and trees are budding out. It's a beautiful time in the Northwest but the weather is quite unsettled so be sure to send warm clothes with your child even if the weather forecast calls for warm.

Just a reminder that our annual Mother's Day Luncheon will be Friday May 11th. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can try to arrange your busy schedules to be here.

With the summer rapidly approaching, we would really like to know of your child care plans moving forward, especially parents of Sharks and Dolphins. Please inform Andrea or Laurie at the front desk.

Once again, thank you for trusting us with your children. Happy Spring!

Andrea, Laurie and Scott



Better Behavior Through Loving Discipline

As your children grow up, it's natural for them to want to challenge you. At times it seems easier to just give in and let them have their way but all children need limits and parental guidance. Discipline works best with a balance of love, respect, clearly defined rules and understanding. Here are some important guidelines for effective discipline:

- * ***Make the Rules Clear*** so they know what to expect
- * ***Be Consistent and Firm*** so they learn consequences
- * ***Give Positive Feedback*** as often as possible

GUPPIES



We are so proud of our Guppies! They're so smart and are doing great at memorizing songs, the alphabet and numbers. They're all talking more and more each day! April will be all about Springtime, Easter, Weather, and Animals. Projects will include all kinds of weather related themes. We are sad to say goodbye to Jaya and Torin who move up to the Starfish Room. They have brought warm smiles to our hearts. But we are also very excited to welcome Katherine and Emiko to the Guppy family. Please remember to check your child's cubby for a full set of extra clothes and if you'd like your child's hair put up, please bring hair-ties. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask. Thank you for letting us be an important part of your child's life,

Teachers Aleah, Hayley, Tatyana, Tonya & Lizzie

FROM THE POOL



Swimming is going great! All of the kids who have been in the pool all year can now maintain a back float. In the next month or two, I will be assessing each child in order to give parents some feedback for your son/daughter's swim level heading into the summer. Thank you!

Teacher KJ



STARFISH

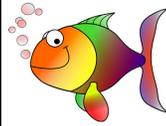
Look What's Happening: This month's themes will be Birds, Bees & Flowers. Our focus will be on the letters, new shapes, and the colors of the rainbow. We will also have the morning circle time, sharing with friends and, as always, Potty Training - which is going great!

Special Students: We would like to welcome Jaya & Torin from the Guppy Room. They are already doing well with the new routine.

Upcoming Events: Mother's Day Party on May 11th.

How Parents Can Help: Please make sure your child has a full set of extra clothes and reminder - no toys from home, unless on the calendar. Thank you

Teacher Kerry



MINNOWS

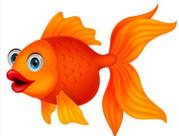
The Minnows are excited that Spring is here! We've been digging for bugs, especially worms. The kids have loved going back outside! Our April themes are Farmers, Nature & Spring Weather. We'll be working on the letters V, W, & X, the number 9, the color purple and the shape of a diamond. Look for many spring related projects!

The Starfish and Minnows are also about to start our gardening projects out back. Be sure to ask your child how his/her plants are growing later in the month.

Please be sure to clean out your child's mailbox each day with all of these projects, and be sure to have extra clothes, especially a jacket! And remember, show and tell is every Friday only.

The Minnows are an amazing bunch and are super excited for April!

Teachers Mindy & Brigette



GOLDFISH

It's hard to believe it is April already, but Spring is in the air and the flowers are beginning to bloom! The Goldfish are really working hard on their letters and numbers. We love keeping the room decorated with fun projects.

April themes will be Gardening, the Zoo, Weather, Birds & Trees. Our focus will be on the letters U, V, W, X, the numbers 21 - 24, and sight words including dad, my, he, and to. Please try and work with your child at home on letters and writing their name.

VIP's this month are Mary & Ayden for the first half and Everest & Davis at the end of the month.

Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes that are the correct size. Also, have your child bring a small toy on Friday for Show & Tell.

Thank you, and remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk to us anytime.

Teachers Kelly & Devin



DOLPHINS

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. Thank you to all the parents who brought goodies for our Easter egg party.

Our themes this month are Nursery Rhymes, Seeds, Plants & Gardening. For curriculum, we are working on reading one Bob book per week. We've begun subtraction in math to go along with addition. Our big science project for April is making rock candy and watching it grow. The kids are excited!

Reminder that we go outside when it is chilly, so please have coats, especially when there is no public school. Be sure to check your weekly folder and take home all projects. Also, kids can bring a toy from home on Fridays.

We are so proud of all the Dolphins and how well they can read their sight words, and now small books. They are doing a great job on their numbers and flashcards as well. Keep up the great work!

Teacher Amanda



SHARKS

Happy April to all! It's hard to believe Spring is finally here and it's nice to get outside more often. We had a lot of fun with the Sharks during Spring Break going to Wonderland. There are lots of projects planned this month around the themes: Birds, Bees, Butterflies, April Showers, and Creepy Crawlers. If your child needs to get dressed down for sports, please let the front desk know. Remember, Fridays (and non-school days) are the only days to bring toys and games and Please put your name on everything, including chargers. if you have any questions or concerns please bring them to our attention. Three more months until summer!

Teachers Mona & Kathryn