

Tender Learning Care

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Coral Room Activities

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Summer is almost over and September brings the beginning of a fresh new school year, along with great joy in seeing children grow day by day. We have a rich and exciting program of activities scheduled for the children in the Coral Room, designed to develop motor skills, curiosity, wonder and creativity and to prepare the children for their future in the public schools.

Upcoming Activities:

- Phonograms, reading, and writing the alphabet and numbers.
- Conceptual Math terms through Free exploration (patterns, measuring, classifying, sorting, counting, comparing)
- Science; Baking; Arts and crafts; Songs, games and dances from around the world; Spanish; Yoga.
- Music using a variety of instruments; Movement to music (exercise and dance)
- Interacting and socializing with others; Blocks, puppets, home area

Early comers at TLC start the day in the Blue Room at 6:45 am. Later, the children go to their respective rooms

and by 8:30 AM all of the classrooms are fully engaged in their day's activities.

I will be including a brief bio for each of our teachers during the next few newsletters, starting with me. In following newsletters I will discuss Kathleen and Carrie, my wonderful teachers and tremendously helpful associates.

Background and Training:

I have been at Tender Learning Care for the last two years and an educator for more than 30 years. I graduated with a degree in education from the Austral University in Chile. I have taught at pre-school, elementary, secondary, and college level. In the U.S. I have owned and operated my own pre-school, and worked for others as a teacher and director. Along the way I became certified in "Kindermusik" (a special music program for very young children) and "Brain Gym" (a program of activities for brain development). I also get some of my ideas for the classroom from my participation in the Davis International Folk Dance Group, nature groups, yoga courses, Davis Latino Club, Taiko Drum group and most of all, from raising my own three kids.

Suggestions:

Please bring a set of clothing for your child and a labeled towel for Yoga. Also, please check the art file regularly and take home your child's "masterpieces". They are very proud of their work, as are we.

Special dates to remember:

Thursday, October 9:

Welcome back, dessert potluck (6:30 pm). More info to follow.

Monday, October 13:

School closed for Columbus Day.

Wednesday, October 15:

"Picture Day".

"Show and Tell" activity will happen every Friday. We suggest that your children bring a special object related to the letter of the week, to help reinforce what they are learning. For our "Getting to know you" activity we would like you to bring photos of your child and family.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or "compliments", please feel free to talk with me or with any of our teachers; all of us are looking forward to getting to know you and your family. We are eagerly anticipating a rewarding new school year with you and your children.