



Turtle Rock Preschool

August 2010



Welcome to Turtle Rock Preschool!


A warm welcome to all of our newly-enrolled families! We are excited that you have chosen our program to care for and nurture your child, and we look forward to guiding your family as you begin your experience here at Turtle Rock Preschool. Listed below are a few suggestions to help you in becoming familiar with our day-to-day routine:

- **Sunscreen:** We encourage you to provide sunscreen for your child to keep in his or her classroom. Please apply it before your child comes to school. Your child's teachers will re-apply it as needed during the day. We require a Sunscreen Permission form to be filled out in order to apply it to your child. Please see the office to pick up this form.
- **Close-toed shoes/tennis shoes:** Please dress your child in these types of shoes for safety purposes. Children enjoy running and climbing, and these shoes will help to keep them from slipping or falling.
- **Signing in and out:** It is required by Licensing that your child be signed in and out every day. Thank you for adhering to this policy.

Tuition Rates for 2010-2011

Adjusted tuition rates for the coming school year will be available next week. These rates will be effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- ~ Friday, August 20: Kids' Night Out 
- ~ **Closed for Staff Development Days: Thursday & Friday, September 2 & 3**
- ~ **Closed for Labor Day: Monday, September 6**
- ~ Monday, September 27: Back-to-School Night - 6:30pm-7:30pm

New Classroom Door Numbers

As you may have noticed, our preschool and pre-kindergarten room numbers have recently changed. We transitioned Room 7A into Room 7, thus changing the numbers of the subsequent classrooms to Rooms 8 through 11. Please rest assured that your child's classroom assignment or program group has not changed, and your child will continue on with his or her current teachers, unless a previous room change has been made.



Out Our Website!
www.turtlerockpreschool.com

There, you can find our monthly newsletter, curriculum, snack, and lunch menus, as well as information about our programs and a link to our photo gallery.

Jump Start to Kindergarten!

In August, we will be offering a two-week, four-day Kindergarten preparation program with our Kindergarten teacher, Sandra Huff. Your child will get a "jump start" by learning the basics of Kindergarten. Some highlights include attention span-building, enhancing listening, social and self-help skills, counting, confidence-building and phonemic awareness, which is the basis for emergent reading. Children will also receive an extra boost in fine motor development skills, which are the foundation for writing.

Give your pre-k child a taste of what Kindergarten has to offer as well as a "jump" ahead by enrolling him or her in this four-session class. Stop by the office to complete the registration form and submit your payment.

Dates: August 17, 19, 24 & 26
Time: 9:00-11:00 am
Cost: \$80



Staff Member of the Month ~ Alicia Arvizu



Alicia is our Summer Camp Coordinator, and she has worked very hard to create an exciting, organized summer camp program for our children. She is very creative in that she is always coming up with new and exciting activities and ways to enhance the program. Alicia is punctual, maintains regular attendance and communicates well with parents, children and her staff. She provides thorough information regarding upcoming excursions and events, and is consistently available to the families the program serves. We appreciate Alicia's hard work, dedication and commitment to the families at Turtle Rock Preschool!

Did You Know...The Benefits of Music in Children's Lives

(corresponds with August's monthly curriculum theme)



"Music is a magical gift we must nourish and cultivate in our children, especially now as scientific evidence proves that an education in the arts makes better math and science students, and enhances spatial intelligence in newborns" - quoted by Michael Greene, Recording Academy President.

"Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience that broadens students' understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized that the arts contribute significantly to children's intellectual development" - quoted from the U.S. Department of Education.

(courtesy of www.ohmimusic.com)

Classroom Connection—Summer Camp

Throughout the month of August, Summer Camp will continue their fun-filled summer program as they participate in many exciting, challenging and unique experiences. In June and July, they:

- went rock-climbing at Rockreation
- attended an Angels baseball game
- had lots of fun at Knott's Berry Farm
- experienced a space adventure and drove race cars at Wowsville
- enjoyed a visit from Inside the Outdoors
- splashed around at Wild Rivers
- played games at Nickel Nickel
- had fun participating in recreational swim
- went ice skating at Ice Palace
- kayaked Newport Back Bay
- zip-lined at the Irvine Educational Center
- took a tour of the Queen Mary
- explored the Aquarium of the Pacific
- participated in taking golf lessons
- created their own root beer at Brewbaker's

The Turtle Rock Summer Camp Program has been providing an enjoyable, high-quality summer experience for elementary-aged children since 1979. Our program has consistently provided stimulating and exciting educational and recreational activities for children. One of our major is that, as a school-based program in operation all year, we have the expertise and experience to provide each child with the opportunity to learn and grow at his or her own pace. We are concerned with meeting the needs of each individual child by providing quality education and by allowing the child to learn that "summer camp" and "learning" are both a lot of just plain fun!



Logan holds on tight and flies through the air while on a rope swing at OC Gymnastics. The kids had a great time tumbling, swinging and balancing, and got great exercise, too!



The Summer Camp group kicks back to relax under the cabana amidst their busy day at Wild Rivers. They had fun splashing, sliding and swimming at the famous Orange County water park.



The boys root each other on as they zoom down the race track at Wowsville. The Summer Campers enjoyed the simulated racing room and the fairy tale dress-up room. They look forward to going to Wowsville again next summer!



Could that be a giant dinosaur tail the campers are sitting on? I think it is! They had fun exploring and learning at the Discovery Science Museum with their guide, Professor Lawrence. The kids also enjoyed experiencing "Grossology," the new exhibit at the museum.