

September 2017 Newsletter

Sept. 11 11 11-15 18-22 25-29

Oct. 2-6

Fall session begins **PAYMENT #1 DUE** School Unit- Life Skills Unit Self and Family Unit & cont. with Life Skills Johnny Appleseed Unit Health Unit



<u>Learning Tree T-shirt Days for September</u>: 15, 21, 29 & Oct.5 <u>Share Days for September</u>: 22 (Self & Family)

Looking ahead...

Oct. 4

Oct. 9

Back to School Night- at 6:30 PM (Adults only) PAYMENT #2 DUE

We welcome all our new and returning students and we look forward to a wonderful and exciting year! We have many amazing things planned and can't wait to experience them with our students. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to come to the office and speak to someone; we're always here for you. Also make sure to visit our website <u>www.LearningTreeLomita.com</u>, for helpful information, reminders and links to the newsletters.

A FEW REMINDERS TO HELP THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY

When dropping off or picking up children, park only in designated parking spaces. Hold hands with your child and walk on the sidewalk. Always wear seatbelts and use car seats. Never leave children unattended in the parking lot. Remember that the speed limit in the parking lot is 3 1/2 miles an hour. Also, the parking lot is not a safe place for children to be playing as cars are constantly coming in and out. Our number one concern is the safety of your child. Please help us in keeping them safe by not letting them roam in the parking lot.

***Important Notice---Never leave children in a car unsupervised!!! "**Kaitlyn's Law**," enacted by the California legislature in 2001, prohibits adults from leaving a child age six or younger in a car without the supervision of someone age 12 or older. Even if you think you'll only be gone for a minute, don't leave a child in your car unattended. For more information, visit 4rkidssake.org.

State Law requires that all children be signed in and out daily. The Learning Tree uses a computer system for checking in and out. In the event that the system is down, there will be a paper log available. Both the computer and the paper log are in the foyer area.

Class hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please get your child to class by 9:00 and pick up $\frac{1}{2}$ day students as close to 12:00 noon as possible.

Please remind your child to use walking feet in the halls and throughout the school. Children must remain on the carpeted area in the foyer until you are ready to leave the building. Children must never leave the building unattended and must hold your hand in the parking lot.

Tuition payment options are as follows:

Option 1. Pay full amount first day of scheduled attendance to receive discount. Option 2. Pay weekly on first day of scheduled attendance each week. Any additional charges above your basic rate are to be paid with the first week's payment. *Regardless of option chosen, if payment is not received by the end of the week, your child may not attend the following week until tuition and late fee have been paid.

Medications will not be given unless cleared through the office. Medications must be in prescription containers with written directions along with a completed "Parent Authorization to Administer Medication" form. This can be done with Ms. Stacey Johnson, the opening teacher, or through the office. Medications will not be given

unless these procedures are followed. <u>MEDICATIONS MUST NOT BE PUT IN</u> <u>LUCHBOXES OR BACKPACKS</u>.

As per our Sick Child Policy, if your child is at school and becomes ill, the office will call you to have them picked up. Please make sure to make every effort to arrive in a timely manner.

Please try to pack a nutritious lunch for your child. We do have microwaves for heating up leftovers so feel free to pack food that needs to be heated. No candy or junk food please. Remember to include utensils.

Children who nap should bring a blanket or beach towel to lie on and a blanket to cover up with. All nap items should be contained in a bag and fit neatly in their cubbies. Make sure names are on all items. Please take napping items home at the end of the week to be laundered.

Label ALL items such as lunchboxes, jackets, extra clothes and nap items.

Afternoon snack is available for those children staying beyond naptime.

When dressing your children for school, try to have them wear comfortable play clothes. Children are encouraged to participate in all of the fun sensory motor explorations we have to offer and sometimes end up with paint (or other stuff) on their clothes. Tennis shoes or other closedtoed shoes are required for safety reasons. (CROCS are not allowed)

Share days are the only days that children may bring something from home. Put the share toy in a bag with your child's name on the share item and bag. On share days, place item in the share boxes located in the foyer by the fish tank and take home at the end of the day. Share days are to help with language development and if possible item should pertain to the unit study.

T-shirt day is a designated day usually once a week when students can wear their Learning Tree shirts to school. Learning Tree Pre School, LLC T-shirts (\$10.00) and/or Sweatshirts (\$15.00) can be purchased through the office.

We have a Dance class and a Karate class that are available to children ages 3 and up in our Pre School and Pre-Kindergarten classes. You may register for Dance and/or Karate through the office. Dance fee is \$55.00 and Karate fee is \$36.00, both based on a four-week session. Checks can be made payable to The Learning Tree. Spaces fill up quickly so inquire in the office if interested.

Students arriving at school before 7:45 will be able to eat breakfast with Ms. Stacey Johnson. <u>If arriving after 7:45</u>, please have your child eat before coming to school.

Reminder to parents and any new families that have just started, the Learning Tree discourages the passing out of goodie-bags during holiday parties. The students have such a busy, fun day on these special occasions that they do not need extra "goodies". Also some students do feel left out when they do not have something to pass out to their friends.

Please let the office know ahead of time if you are going to bring in a special snack for your child's birthday so we have the opportunity to check the schedule for that day. Some ideas for a special snack: muffins, cookies, small cupcakes (as many students do not finish large ones) or you may want to try fruit or veggie sticks. © <u>ALL ITEMS MUST BE STORE</u> <u>BOUGHT AND PEANUT FREE</u>.

Thanks for your cooperation! We look forward to a wonderful year!!!!



The Learning Tree staff for the 2017-2018 school year:

Silvia Mason	Director
Kamika Paxton	Assistant Director
Jennifer Johnson	PK Education Teacher & Closing Teacher
Patty Macias	PK Indoor Teacher
Catalina Macias	PK Art Teacher
Silvia Ravelo	PK Yard Teacher & Closing Teacher
Natalee Scott	PS Education Teacher
Aracely Noriega (Chely)	PS Indoor Teacher
Ruth Uribe	PS Art Teacher
Amanda DuPree	PS Yard Teacher
Stacey Johnson	Pre School Tots Teacher & Opening Teacher
Angela Alvarado	Pre School Tots Teacher
Susie Reyes	Roly Poly's Teacher
Jessica Coria	Teacher's Assistant
Rowena Kusumi	Teacher's Assistant