



# Monthly Parent Newsletter

## Discovery Isle-La Costa



### Our Mission & Goal

*We have an obligation to provide care and education in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment. Furthermore, we are responsible for communicating, collaborating and cooperating with each family to bring home and school together to foster each child's development. To meet the diverse needs of individual families, we cooperate with agencies responsible for child welfare and we assist families in gaining access to allied professionals.*



We are glad to announce our renewal curriculum will be focusing on seven components for your child's developmental milestones & growth, and early education to prepare your child for school readiness and for their future lives. The seven components include: Language & Literacy, Mathematical Thinking, Social-Emotional Learning, Wellness, Creative Expression, Scientific Explorations, and Citizens of the World. Finally, we would like to share with you the good news about our team, please read the attached article and STEM activities you can try at home.

### Events for this month:

**11/1/22**-Represent your favorite sport team

**11/4/22**-Virtual Literacy Night CR2,6-9 @ 5:30pm-6:00pm  
**(link will be provided)**

**11/8/22**-Autumn Apparel Day

**11/10/22**-Virtual Literacy Night CR 3-5 @5:30pm-6:00pm

**11/11/22**-Staff Development Day- **Non Student Day**

**11/24/22-11/25/22**- Thanksgiving Break- **School Closed**

### A Note From Our Principal:

We had so much fun last month engaging in fall lessons, pumpkin themed activities, and classroom celebrations. We also loved seeing so many of you at our Fall Festival! This month, we are focusing on gratitude, connecting with others, and sharing family traditions. Thank you for allowing us to teach and care for your children.

Sincerely,

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### Friendly Reminders:

- Illness Policy (*Parent Handbook pg. 17*)- Families must keep sick Children at home until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, with the following symptoms: fever, diarrhea, vomiting, heavy nasal discharge, sore throat, skin rash, lice, pink eye, measles, chicken pox, mumps, strep throat, and/or chest congestion. Please refer to page 17 in your parent handbook for more information.
- Please contact the front office when your child is going to be absent for the day, running late or departing early.
- The "For Parents" section of our website also includes links to our menu, monthly calendar, and school year calendar.



# Discovery Isle-La Costa Team



Hello Families,

We would like to share with you, we have expanded our team by bringing on board teachers who are nurturing, passionate, love to work with children, enjoying being a role model, as well as qualified team players.

Our teachers in our Infant Center are *Miss Lupe*, *Miss Valencia*, *Miss Leanne*, and *Miss Evelyn*. Miss Evelyn has recently joined our team and enjoys working in our Infant Center. Our little ones have adapted to her already by requesting to be held by her. Every time I walk into this classroom, I see positive teacher-child engagement, teachers reading and singing, and lastly teachers complementing on children that are striving to crawl, walk, sit and or stand.

Miss Alyssa grew a big heart for working with toddlers. She will be transferring into our Toddler classroom with Miss Michelle starting mid-November.

Mrs. Melissa loves to work with younger children and requested to work with two-year olds. She has joined our Beginner's classroom with Miss Sioney in classroom 4. Children have adapted to her presence.

We will continue to hire qualified, passionate and great teachers who LOVE working with children!

Thank you for allowing us to nurture, care, and help your child grow.

## 5 Easy STEM Activities to Try This Month at Home

Did you know... National STEM/STEAM Day is November 8th! We believe that introducing these concepts in preschool is important to help children build problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking skills, as well as self-confidence and self-direction.

All year long, our students work collaboratively to create vehicles using cardboard boxes, make containers to grow plants, and build cities out of blocks. They use hands-on materials to explore and understand math concepts such as pattern, size, and shape. They even become mini scientists by making predictions, experimenting, and charting their results.



Below are a few ways to continue STEM/STEAM education at home.

### 1. Chia Seed Jar

Gather a mason jar, a cup of water, and a teaspoon of chia seeds. Ask your child to place the chia seeds into the jar and pour the water on top. Assist if needed. Cover the top of the jar with a cheesecloth and secure with a rubber band. Let the jar sit overnight. The next day, drain the water. The chia seeds should begin sprouting in a few days. Ask your child to predict how tall the seeds will grow and record the results.

### 2. Baking Soda Art

Cover the bottom of a tray with baking soda. In a separate bowl, add vinegar and food coloring. Using a dropper, ask your child to pick up the vinegar and drop it into the baking soda. They'll love watching the fizzy experiment. Use different shades of food coloring and encourage your child to create unique art in the tray.

### 3. Sink or Float Experiment

Fill a large bin or bathtub with water. Provide your child with various seasonal items, such as pinecones, leaves, and mini pumpkins. Ask them to predict whether each object would sink or float. Conduct the experiment to see if their hypotheses were correct.

### 4. Unique Creations

No need to go shopping! Use materials found around your home to design and build unique creations. Some easy ideas include making binoculars with toilet paper tubes and tape, building a fort using pillows, assembling a tower from magazines, and creating a necklace using macaroni and string.

### 5. Ice Melting Activity

Conduct an experiment to see where ice would melt the fastest inside your home. Place ice cubes in bowls in different rooms, such as a bedroom, the kitchen, and garage. Ask your child to predict which bowl of ice would melt the fastest.