

Tam Preschool Newsletter: March 2024

Lead Teacher are sending curriculum information via email or in Homeroom. Check in with them at the door or via email if you have any questions.

Zoom Parent Teacher Conferences: The Creek conferences are done. We had to reschedule the Ocean Room conferences this week but will send a new date soon. Garden Room conferences are coming up. Thank you all for making the time to meet with the Lead Teachers. Reach out to them if you have any questions or if you still need to sign up.

Specialist:

We had a great time looking at Insects with the Insect Discovery Lab last Friday. Here are some special dates:

Sonoma Racetrack Tour: Sunday, March 17, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Tour at 11:00 am)

Puppet Art Theater Co: Little Red Riding Hood on 4/19, and The Three Little Pigs on 6/11

***I'm looking for a group who can bring farm animals to the classroom. If you have a contact or lead, please let me know (Marcela).**

*Thank you to Kate and Mitch (Harper's parents) for arranging the Racetrack Tour for our school families, and the astronaut visit for the Garden Room last week!!

Tam's annual Parent Volunteer Day: Sunday, March 24, from 2-4pm

Sign-up link: [Tamalpais Preschool Parent Volunteer Day!](#)

Calling all Painters, Gardeners, and Volunteers! With spring right around the corner (hopefully), it's time for Tam's annual Parent Volunteer Day. Each year, we ask parent volunteers to help out our teachers with small projects around the school that require some extra hands and parent-power. These days were put on hold during the pandemic so the teachers could really use our help! Some projects for this spring include:

- Small paint projects around the classroom
- Waterproofing outdoor furniture
- Cleaning up our garden
- Organizing the emergency closet
- ... and more!

Tam Camp 2024: Open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, June 17 to August 16 (closed 7/4 and 7/5)

You can register by emailing your camp reservation to director@tamalpaispreschool.org or handing your reservation form to our teachers in any of our classrooms. Teachers will have registration forms available at the door and a box in the office to collect them. Payments are made using Curacubby. For assistance reach out to Marcela or Rose.

***The last 3 weeks in July have a couple spots open, and others are filling up. Please turn in your registration form as soon as possible to save your camp dates.**

Camp Weekly Sessions and Themes:

Session 1: June 17 to 21 --- [Bubble Science](#)

Session 2: June 24 to 28 --- [Under the Sea](#)

Session 3: July 1 to 3 (Closed July 4 and 5) --- [Carnaval](#)

Session 4: July 8 to 12 --- [Bugs and Crawlers](#)

Session 5: July 15 to 19 --- [Shark Week](#)

Session 6: July 22 to 26 --- [Cooking Science](#)

Session 7: July 29 to August 2 --- [Enchanted Forest](#)

Session 8: August 5 to 9 --- [Building and Construction](#)

Session 9: August 12 to 16 --- [Fiesta!](#)

Fall 2024 Registration:

I'm saving a Fall spot for families who requested registration back in January and paid the registration fee. At the end of March, families will be asked to finalize their registration by signing the Fall Admissions Agreement, paying the first month deposit, and filling out file forms for new siblings starting school.

[For registration questions please email Marcela at \[director@tamalpaispreschool.org\]\(mailto:director@tamalpaispreschool.org\).](#)

[For billing questions please contact Rose at \[rosesp1@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:rosesp1@yahoo.com\).](#)

End of Year Graduation: Garden and Ocean Room Class 6/10 at 6:00 pm

Save the date for our End of Year Graduation in the Church Sanctuary. More information to come as we get closer to the day. Family and friends are welcome to attend the celebration of our graduates.

Important Reminders:

***Please drop off and pick up your child on time.** Teachers have a scheduled time to be at the door, as other times they are needed in the classroom with the students to continue their daily routine. This has become increasingly important as we added transition times to accommodate the extra aftercare hour. **Please make sure to pick up your child no later than 5:00 pm.**

***We are seeing a lot of rain boots at school, but children struggle to walk, run, and they can pose a hazard at school in the playground structure. Please bring a pair of Velcro shoes to school with your child when they insist on bringing boots. We will change their shoes at school. It is especially important on Wednesdays when coach Allek is at school helping with playground activities and assessing children's large motor growth.**

***We ask that you keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well or you suspect COVID-19 exposure.** If your child looks to be under the weather when he or she wakes up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure he/she is well, as symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they spread germs, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick, and recover may take longer without proper rest. **There are cases of flu, a stomach bug, and we are seeing lots of allergies at school. Please check with your doctor if your child shows symptoms.**

***We follow a 24-hour health policy. If your child is home sick, or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before he or she is able to return to school.** This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy and helping us remain open.

***We have a lice and nit free policy.** Children have to be lice and nit free to attend school. A child with a positive case will be sent home and needs to be rechecked upon returning. Our preschool children work and play in very close contact and limits the spread.

Billing:

For billing questions, **please contact Rose Lofrano**, our Chief Operating Officer. Her contact information is 415-246-4941 and rosetsp1@yahoo.com.

Invoices are sent through Curacubby on the 5th of the month and are due on the 25th, a late fee will apply after that. Please let Rose know if you have any questions or difficulties. You can print receipts and look up tax information in Curacubby.

If you have questions about childcare charges, you can view your child's attendance in Curacubby. Students entering school from 8:00 to 9:00 am are charged for morning care, and those picked up after 1:00 pm or staying in aftercare will be charged for the corresponding aftercare hour(s). **Please make sure you pick up your child on time, as late charges will apply.**

Dates to Remember:

Teacher In Service (NO SCHOOL): March 8

Sonoma Racetrack Tour: Sunday, March 17, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Tour at 11:00 am)

Tam's annual Parent Volunteer Day: Sunday, March 24, from 2-4pm

Spring Recess (NO SCHOOL): April 8 – 12

Puppet Art Theater Co: Little Red Riding Hood on April 19

Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL): May 27

Puppet Art Theater Co: The Three Little Pigs on June 11

Last Day of School: June 11

End of Year Teacher In-Service Days (NO SCHOOL): June 12 – 14

Summer Camp 2024: Starts June 17