

# Tam Creek Room Newsletter: March 2021

## Celebrating Over 64 Years!

### Theme: Our Senses

We plan to explore the 5 senses over the month of March to help learn about each other's likes and dislikes, work on small and large motor muscles and expand expressive language. We are working on choosing one thing over another, taking turns, and expressing opinions. We plan to have fun baking, doing taste and smell testing, working with clay, painting and playing matching games.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
3/1 - <b>Touch</b> Working with Clay	3/3 Baking with Dough	3/5 Painting Clay Sculptures
3/8 - <b>Hearing</b> Making a Horn	3/10 Decorating the Horn	3/12 Creating a Shaker
3/15 Leprechaun Tracks	3/17 Leprechaun Hat	3/19 <b>Teacher In-service</b> <b>No School</b>
3/22 - <b>Seeing</b> Matching Game	3/24 Kaleidoscope	3/26 Lava Lamp Creations
3/29 - <b>Smell</b> Smell Test	3/31 Baking	

### Summer Camp 2021:

We plan to have camp this summer from June 14<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration and information forms will be available this week. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we plan to have summer cohorts with only a 5 day a week option. Start thinking about your camp needs as we expect spots to be limited and may have a demand this summer.

### Fall Registration:

We are almost done with the first phase of Fall registration. Everyone has paid their registration fee and has let us know their spot preference. In a few weeks, we will ask you to finalize registration by signing the contract and paying the first month deposit. Watch for more information coming soon.

We have a few open spots in the Creek Room class for children two and a half to three years old in September. If you know anyone interested in a spot this Fall, please ask them to contact Marcela.

### Billing:

For billing questions, please contact Rose Lofrano, our Chief Operating Officer. Her contact information is: 415- 246-4941 and [rosersp1@yahoo.com](mailto:rosersp1@yahoo.com).

Tax time is here once again! You can access all invoice and payment information through Curacubby under the 'ledger' tab in invoices. You can set date parameters and download it in either PDF or Excel formats. It will include our preschool information, including our Tax ID. Attached are detailed instructions. Please let Rose know if you need any help or have any questions.

A quick reminder that invoices are sent out on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month and will include this month's tuition and last month's childcare. Payments need to be made by the 25<sup>th</sup>. A late fee will apply if payments are received after the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let Rose know if you have any questions or difficulties.

Morning Care charges are added to anyone entering school before 9:00 am using our automatic Curacubby online sign-in system. If you have any questions regarding billing dates and times you can look in your Curacubby account under "Attendance", and you can email Rose if you have further questions.

### **Donations:**

Tamalpais Preschool is a Non-Profit Corporation. Any donation is tax deductible and is greatly appreciated. Please contact Rose for more information.

### **Travel Safety Information:**

Now that we are in the red/tier 2, we are requiring testing/quarantining for any travel outside of the state of California and any high risk activities. High risk activities include any in-person gatherings that include more than 3 households, if you have attendees from outside the local area, it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, or if you are sharing objects.

Our current testing/quarantining requirements are as follows: after out of state travel or high risk activities, you may either: 1. quarantine for 10 days and if no symptoms, return to school on the 11th, or 2. quarantine for 5 days, test on the 5th day, and if a negative test and no symptoms return on the 7th day. With weather turning nicer and spring break coming up in April, we ask that you keep your preschool family in mind and help us continue our Covid-free environment through the end of the school year.

We are elated that we have had over 100 school days without any covid-19 cases and it's because of everyone's diligence and honesty, despite being inconvenient at times. If you are unsure if an activity is high risk, please let us know and we can discuss and advise. **We ask that you contact us before you travel or attend high risk activities, so we can help plan your safe return to school. Thank you!**

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Rose: [rosetsp1@yahoo.com](mailto:rosetsp1@yahoo.com)

### **Health Reminder:**

We ask that you keep your child home if they are not feeling well or you suspect COVID-19 exposure. If your child looks to be under the weather when they wake up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure they are 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 recovery may take longer without proper rest.

**We now follow a 48-hour health policy. If your child is sick or was sent home due to illness, they need to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 48 hours before they are able to return to school. It is a new guideline to help ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Expect more restrictions with exposure to COVID-19, as we will follow the Health Department guidelines. Thank you for helping to keep our school healthy and helping us stay open.**

Tam will send health notices of reported illnesses present at the school. Due to COVID-19, we have to be extra careful when it comes to illnesses. We need to keep track of any symptom and contact the Health Department if needed, therefore expect more communication and follow up with any illness your child may have.

**If your child suffers from allergies or any chronic illness and is showing symptoms, they will need to have a doctor's note stating they are safe to be at school, in order to be allowed in the classroom. Even with allergies, children may not be at school if having a temperature of 100.4 or higher, as well as with severely runny nose or cough. Children must have their symptoms under control or have things in place to minimize any exposure to others in order to be at school.**

Teachers will monitor children's health throughout the day. Teachers will do a second temperature check mid-morning. If a child starts to show symptoms a teacher will isolate with the child away from the rest of the group and contact the family for pick up. Parents must be able to be at the school right away or have someone on their emergency list who can come pick up a sick child within a short timeframe. We will clean and sanitize the areas where the child has been playing. Children who are sent home with a suspected symptom must check with the director to make sure they are all clear to be at school.

### **Play Dates during CVOVID-19:**

At school, we follow many safety COVID-19 restrictions while children play and interact with each other and our teachers. Playdates organized by the group parent **must** follow school safety rules and we recommend these rules for **all** playdates. We all have to do our part to keep everyone safe and we appreciate all you do at home as well as at school.

Here are some guidelines for small group activities during COVID-19, once it is safe to have playdates:

- **Masks must be worn at all times by children and parents.**
- **Try to gather outdoors whenever possible (avoid high touch public places like playgrounds).**
- **Avoid sharing toys. Instead, have everyone bring their own (kite, bubbles, soccer ball, etc.).**
- **If anyone is not feeling well (any symptoms), please stay home.**
- **Only children within the school cohort (same classroom) should have playdates together, no siblings or children from other classes should have contact during play dates, to help limit exposure.**

If you are unclear whether a specific activity would be appropriate or meet our restrictions, please don't hesitate to ask us. Jamie Johnson, the Board member in charge of social events, can also help. You can reach Jamie, Marcela or Rose at the following email addresses:

Jamie: [jamiej414@me.com](mailto:jamiej414@me.com)

Marcela: [director@tamalpaispreschool.org](mailto:director@tamalpaispreschool.org)

Rose: [rosetsp1@yahoo.com](mailto:rosetsp1@yahoo.com)

### **Amazon Smile:**

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3. For mobile devices: Click here for instructions on setting up AmazonSmile on your **Android** device: <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=15576745011>.

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### **Thank You Notes:**

- Thank you to The Hansen Family for donating shaving cream, water creatures, rescue vehicles, and a boat carrier!
- Thank you to our amazing board members who are working hard to maintain our school and helping us through this year. We appreciate all of their hard work! Our Tam 2020-21 Board Member representatives are Renee Foster and Jamie Johnson!

### **Dates to Remember:**

- **Creek Room Spring Conferences**  
Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Staff In-Service Day (No School)**  
Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Recess (No School)**  
April 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Memorial Day (No School)**  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Last Day of School**  
Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for the MWF classes or Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, for the 5-day classes
- **Camp Start Day**  
Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>