

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community-based education program, Discovery Gardens pledges to provide a safe, diverse, enthusiastic and inclusive learning environment, where the number one focus is meeting the individual needs of each child, while providing support for our families.



Our Family Garden: Discover the News!

July 2020

Quick Reminders

- **DG parents, please make sure that you keep in contact with your center director, so you may get the most current information available.**
- If at all possible, please bring your children before 10 AM. It helps to keep class disruptions to a minimum.
- **Please remember that warmer weather is upon us and your child(ren) will need sunblock.**
- Friend us on Facebook so that we can get you added to the "Parents of Discovery Gardens" page where you can see daily pictures and updates on what your child is doing!
- Please remember to wash your child(ren)s hands, to keep infection to a minimum.
- **Please don't forget to follow the most current COVID-19 procedures, upon drop off and pick up of your child(ren).**



Tips For You!

Washing Your Hands

Germes are everywhere. Germes cause people to catch colds, infections and the flu. Germes are transmitted when:

1. You rub your eyes or nose, after your hands have been around someone with a cold.
2. You use unclean hands to prepare food.
3. You handle raw, uncooked foods, such as chicken or hamburger.

You can greatly reduce your risk of illness by simply washing your hands. It is the single most effective way to prevent transmitting many diseases.

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/index.html>

Celebrate the Date!

July

Happy Birthday to:
Sheila (3rd), Dharma (13),
Sanita (26th)!

Happy Anniversary to:
Sanita (7th) - 9 years!

August

Happy Birthday to:
Gloria (7th), Alake (10th)
Celeste (23rd)!

Happy Anniversary to:
Rosina (1st) - 1 year,
Yesica (20th) - 2 years!

Save the Date!

Closures:

Training / Holidays:

July 3rd & 17th

August 21st

Discovery Gardens Kenton



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From Kenton:

Hello families!

Our teachers and staff have been working diligently, to provide a "normal" school like setting for your child to come to, each day, but still follow all guidelines to keep the children, staff and all families safe and healthy. We do know, at times, it can be a lot of waiting around the door, to drop-off and pick-up your children and we really appreciate your continued patience.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to stop by and see Alake/Lala (971-400-8813) We are always here to help. Once again, thank you for all you do! We love our Kenton DG families and staff!

Toddler/Wobbler Class

Our Toddler/Wobbler class is back in the Little People Room and seem to be glad to be back in a more spacious environment. We would like to welcome back some of our students, Milo and Hollis, Yay!! We missed your smile and sweet character. It is amazing what a little person can learn in 2-3 month (yes, they are talking and recognizing all kinds of things). Wobblers are learning how to drink out of cups with no lids! (a little messy but that is how we do things here!!)

Preschool A

The Preschool room will be learning lots of fun stuff about camping and creating art projects for the 4th of July, maybe, even some yummy dry combinations of food that you may take on a camping trip. Preschoolers are learning new skills like putting their shoes on the right foot and fun ways to wash their hands (you know you must have fun getting rid of germs). Getting the chance to go outside is great but the free lunch that is offered at the Park, Monday through Thursday, is even better!

Happy 4th of July!

The History of Independence Day

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July, every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

<https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/fourth-of-july/>

Infant Class

Infant room would like to welcome Teachers Kristina, Kayley, and Celeste! They are very enthusiastic ladies that come with many years of experience in infant teaching. This month, the infant classroom will work on their gross motor skills, gentle touches and increasing their sign language skills, to better communicate with both teacher and parents. They are very empowering skill for infants.



Discovery Gardens Columbia Knoll



Happy 4th of July!

Columbia Knoll:

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From Columbia Knoll

Welcome back!

PreK:

This month, we are focusing on, “building”. Projects will include plaster Paris 3D art, construction box, tube buildings, and structures with foam and glue.

Words: Architecture, Engineers, Construction, and Structures.

Toddler:

Toddlers will focus on colors, animals – the names and sounds they make, and potty training.



PreK Room



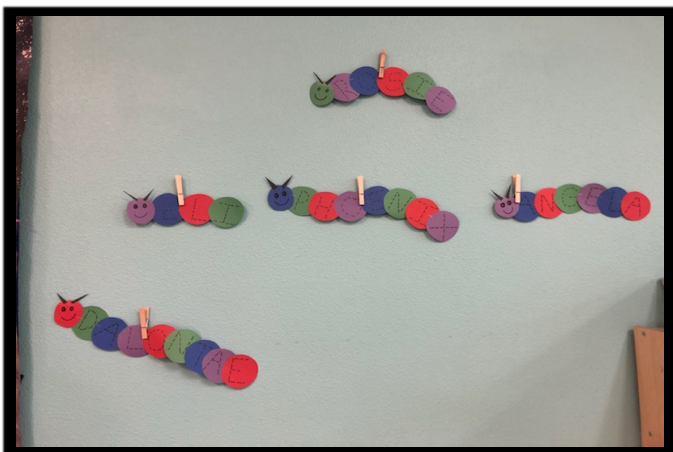
Infant/Wobbler Room

Discovery Gardens Lombard



Infant Room

The Infant classroom is really enjoying singing, right now, especially songs with movement! We also have been working on gross motor skills, fine motor skills and sounds. Picture cards and Picture books have been a favorite for the older babies and Wobblers. One of our favorite games has been "What does this say?" Showing a picture of an animal to them and having them tell us what the animal says. The younger Infants that talk, mimic them!



Toddler Class

"Camping and Picnicking" in July. We, too, will have a special "Camping" day and a special "Picnic" day. I will send the info to you soon about these days. In this classroom, we are focusing on sharing, manners, potty training and cleaning up. They are also working on counting and alphabet skills.

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Happy 4th of July!!!

Hello Families,

Letter from the Director:

My name is Kim Kingsella. I am so excited to come to you from the Kenton school. I started working with Discovery Gardens last October, as the Co-Director at the Kenton school. I have 21 years experience, in childcare, as a Teacher, Program Specialist, Assistant Director and Director. I love working with children, families and staff. I am married and have two children. My daughter is 19 and lives at home and my son is 32 and is on his own. We have a dog, Zoey, who thinks she is another child! We love to travel all over Oregon and explore. My favorite place is the beach. I would go every weekend, if I could! I love coffee, cheese-its, and just about all kinds of food! I am originally from Arkansas and moved here in September of 2004, to be closer to family.

Although I LOVE Southern food, I LOVE Oregon! I look forward getting to know you and your children. Please feel free to email or call me anytime, even if your kiddo is not at school, right now. I would love to chat and get to know you a bit! You can reach me at 971-400-8816 or via email.

Reminders:

Please make sure to wear your mask when dropping your child off. We cannot accept your child if you do not have your masks on. If your child is 3 they MUST wear a mask to school. Even if they are in the Toddler classroom. All walking children need new, unworn shoes to wear inside the school. If we do go outside we will have them wear the shoes they wore to school. Please leave a pair of shoes here at the school for them to change into so they can go outside. If they do not have a pair it keeps the whole class inside.



PreK Class

First, we would like to introduce our new teacher, Ms. Kaela. She will be working from 10am - 6pm. Please stop by and say a quick, "Hi", if you have not met her. One of our focused activities will be a DIY Obstacle Course, that the class will be involved in, making and cleaning up. We will also work on writing our names and counting.