

# NEWBURY OAKS PRESCHOOL



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## March: Lion or Lamb?

During the month of February we learned about keeping our hearts and bodies healthy. In our dramatic play area we set up our own Doctors' Offices. Children also enjoyed exchanging valentines and celebrating with their friends! We met our neighboring dentist as part of Children's Dental Health Month. The children enjoyed their field trip and watching Dr. Chaffee juggle his healthy foods and teaching his stuffed dog to brush his teeth properly!

For the month of March we will be learning about Earth Sciences. Our themes are "Landforms and Minerals". Students will learn about mountains, valleys, volcanoes, and islands among other Earth sciences. We also incorporate dinosaurs into our landform theme to maintain interest.

We will begin scheduling parent-teacher conferences times the week of March 5. In

some cases, conferences might have to be scheduled for the following week due to conflicts. Conferences are scheduled on

a first come first served basis and will last about 20-25 minutes per child.

This month we would like to highlight our school's Assistant Director, Ms. Bonnie!

Ms. Bonnie is a native Californian. She grew up in the San Fernando Valley and moved to Ventura County 50 years ago. She is Mother to four children and Grandmother to five. Ms. Bonnie earned her BA in Early Childhood Education from Pacific Oaks College and has worked in the field of Education for 32 years.

Ms. Bonnie is very passionate about Early Childhood Education and she believes in life long learning. Mentoring adult students and teachers has also been a passion and a joy. Watching children learn and grow is very rewarding. Her wish for all children is to be able to enjoy the outdoors and learn about nature.

Ms. Bonnie loves to play with her family and pets. Some of her hobbies are gardening, reading, learning, and watching her grandchildren grow! Ms. Bonnie is so happy to be working with all the wonderful children, families, and staff at Newbury Oaks Preschool.

## Dates to Remember!

- MARCH 19-23—  
PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES
- MARCH 30 &  
APRIL 2—  
SPRING BREAK
- APRIL 7—  
SPRING FAMILY DAY
- APRIL 25—  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
TEACHER INSERVICE

## Spring Family Day

Please plan on joining us on Saturday, April 7 from 10-11AM at school. We are organizing many fun activities for the morning including crafts, planting flowers for spring, and more. All family members are welcome that day and we look forward to spending the morning with you! Look for more information to come in next month's newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of our Newbury Oaks families on Saturday!





## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences offer a wonderful opportunity for focused communication and information about your child. Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first served basis and will take place in your child's classroom or the Enrichment Center. In order to participate in a Parent Teacher conference, you need to complete an ASQ by March 9. Scheduling forms will be sent to participating families upon receipt of the questionnaire.

Your child's teacher will evaluate your ASQ and share classroom progress with you using work samples from your student. The teacher will offer ways to support your child's development at home. Conferences last 20-25 minutes.

## Opening Circle

The opening circle is one of the **most important** circles of the day. This is the initial greeting time for the children. During this time the teacher discusses some of the activities that will be offered throughout the day. We understand that sometimes morning schedules conflict with our opening time, but please try to have your child at school on time. We like to begin our day together!



## Drive with Caution

Please be careful when driving around our neighborhood and center. We have many children—large and small—in the community. Safety First!



## Yearbook Photos

Do you have fabulous photos from our Farm Filed Trip, Halloween Parade, Family Day, the Holiday Sing Along, or any other exciting school functions? We'd love to share them in our yearbook! Please submit your digital photos to our dropbox at [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com). Our school code is "newbury". Files from a digital camera are preferred as the files from phones tend to have a lower quality resolution.



## PARENT NOTICE:

The State of California Department of Social Services sets certain standards for the safety and well being of all children. The current requirements from this agency refer directly to the Sign-In/Out sheets that are on the clipboards outside each classroom. The state is requiring that the adult signing the child in or out do so by signing their full legal name and enter the time of day the child is accepted into the school and the time of day the child is released from the school.

These sheets are legal documents and are the only required record of the children placed in our care for the day. It is **EXTREMELY** important that you sign your child in and out. In case of an emergency and evacuation, these clipboards are our only means of knowing which children are attending school or if anyone has been picked up early.

The Department of Social Services collects a \$100.00 fine per unsigned child in a facility. In the event that we receive such fines due to lack of signatures, we will have to collect the fine from the appropriate families. Please help us keep our children safe by signing them in an out correctly. Thank you for your continuous help in this matter.