

## Stage 1

**Hello Happy Campers, Stage I is thriving with excitement as each new day brings on a new learning experience for our youngest children. Some are getting around the whole room while others are fascinated with the toys around them! We love seeing them change and grow! We're looking forward to the warm days of August so we can do some water play outside under our big tarp. The babies love it!!! God bless and enjoy the summer!**

Stage I Teachers

### STAGE 2

We want to say thank you to our parents for their understanding through this transition period. We've had a few weeks or rough mornings but with your help and support we are finally well adjusted. As caregivers there is nothing more fulfilling than providing a safe, stable and consistent environment for your children. We also understand that each child is a new beginning and we try to provide an environment where your child is able to get individualized attention by creating enough play and floor time for your child to explore freely using developmentally appropriate toys.

We have weeks of activities, arts, and water play planned for August. Our theme this month is water exploration. So get ready and let's head to the beach!!! Happy birthday to our August babies: Cooper 8/14, Sharohn 8/17 and Riley 8/24.

Thank you from Stage II teachers. Join in and let's make this summer an enjoyable one. Let's partner to teach your children encouragement so they will learn confidence.

Ms. Yvonne, Ms. Rosie, and Ms. Pat

#### Mark Your Calendars!!

- September 3rd-6th—Single Parent Family Camp.
- September 6th—CLOSED for Labor Day
- September 10th—Back to School Luau and Open House
- September 19th—C4C Teacher Appreciation Sunday/BBQ
- October 7th—Back to School Night



# Center for Children News

**Stage 3** *Summer is here!!! We usually have water play days, but due to our changing weather, we have postponed a few of them. As weather permits, we will continue our water play days. To all our families that have vacations scheduled, have a safe and wonderful trip. See you all soon. Miss Lynnette is on vacation until August 4th. This coming month we will be working on our sensory skills and fine motor skills. We are so proud of our toddlers. They are learning how to use their words and how to drink from cups. Don't forget to label all your child's belongings, including your sunscreen. Thank you for being a part of La Tijera Center for Children. PS-Happy Birthday on the 8th, Miss Lynnette!!! Miss Alex and Miss Lynnette*

### Transition 1 & 2

We welcome our new friend Jayden to our exciting environment. We thank his family members for choosing our program. It's going to be another fun month for our children. Please send some extra clothes, a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen. We have thrilling activities— art, lunch picnics, water play, play dough, planting flowers, etc. We thank Ms. Rosa for teaching our children Spanish every Tuesday and Thursday during the summer. It is a great opportunity for our children to learn one more language. We also thank all our parents for their cooperation.

Yours Sincerely, Ms. Mary and Ms. Shay

### Room 5

Each week Room 5 includes fun-filled learning activities. Children will enjoy summer days learning new songs, making crafts, playing games, experimenting with science and more. Allowing children to experiment and explore using a variety of materials and supplies promotes creative thinking and nurtures the imagination.

Ms. Lupe

### Room 3

*"We're Enjoying our Summertime Experiences Together!"*

The Month of July has been so exciting for me and my class. I have enjoyed renewing my learning experiences with my students. Each day has brought us new adventures from the activities in the classroom to our field trips. We are having an exciting journey of summer learning from making volcanoes—to art experiences with Ms. Lynnette—to making music with Ms. Lyda. Our hearts were saddened when Lauren Davis said goodbye to us to head off to Kindergarten and camp, but we are also excited about her new adventure.

♥♥♥ Ms. Mal

### Camp Crossroad

In August our weekly themes will be Crazy Critters, History Buffs, Disney Week, Entertainment Week, and Adventure Week. It will be a fantastic time. We have some great field trips planned. A few of them are the LA Zoo, the Aquarium of the Pacific, Universal City Walk, and Venice Beach. Watch your calendars to make sure you know what is coming up next! Please make sure that you are at the center in enough time so that we can leave on time to get our full experience on each trip! Thank you!

### Music in August

*This month, our preschool classes are going to sing songs about the beach, ocean life, and fun in the sun! Each Friday in August, we will play bells, sticks and shakers as we learn new songs and new rhythms. We will focus on our steady beat and one Friday a month, we will create our very own drum circle using hand drums and gathering drums!*

*The Extended Care Kids will be working on drama games and creative dramatics. We will be working on our mime, improvisational and story telling skills. August is going to be a lot of fun - we can hardly wait!*

Ms. Lyda

### Mayola's Corner

With us a month into our summer camp, we are making new friends, but still missing friends who have left for various reasons. The children are enjoying going on different adventurous trips, art classes, cooking, and water play. It is a hit as always.

Summer is a time when many of us traditionally think about vacation and fun in the sun. Many of us forget about the affect the sun has on us, when we are enjoying lying on the beach, tanning near the pool, or sending our children to school unprotected. Please make sure that you apply sun tan lotion daily to your children. Teachers will reapply as needed before and after water play or going outside.

As fun as the summer is, it's also a good time to think of the months ahead. In a more relaxed atmosphere I have the opportunity to plan for the upcoming fiscal year. My goal is to increase the quality of service we provide you. Our mission is to help your children reach their full potential by supporting our families, maintaining parent/staff alliance, providing professional teacher training, and emphasizing better communication.

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help in their new location in Culver City if you are interested please see me for more details.

Don't forget I will be on vacation July 26-August 6. Pastor Rachel will be around if you have any concerns.

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**Rachel's Ramblings** Camping has been a part of my faith journey and calling from the beginning. I have seen so many children and youth experience God for the first time in such a setting. I know that I accepted Christ for myself at camp going into ninth grade, rather than my faith being merely my parents' faith. Thank you for the opportunity to share in such a great ministry twice this summer. It is an amazing and awe-some thing to see this new awareness take shape in young people. I was moved profoundly when one of the girls in my cabin started talking about the fact that church camp is the place where no one gets more than anyone else and that everyone should have an equal share in all activities just as God gives his Grace. While the world "down the hill" might give things out unequally and sometimes seemingly unfairly, camp is the place where we experience a taste of God's kingdom, where regardless of our accomplishments, our faults, our sins, we are invited and just need to accept the invitation. I hope that we have all experienced a taste of God's Grace and work to help others to experience it as well!

-Pastor Rachel

## Music & Spirit . . . the roads we travel.

—Lyda Eddington

I was invited to facilitate a Health Rhythms drum circle at Didi Hirsch Mental Health Facility for their adult wellness group (next month you will find out just what a Health Rhythms drum circle is!) It was a special day for many of the clients at Didi Hirsch Mental Health – it was a celebration of how far some had come on their road to recovery. One man opened a bank account for the first time; one woman transitioned to independent housing; another had been free from her addiction for 13 years. We drummed together, listening to each other's rhythms, coming together to make music that rose above each person's playing – the music transported us to a place of celebration and unity. As I looked around the room, listening to the music of healing and hope, I looked up and saw a banner that the clients made. It was a painting of a road with the word "Recovery" in large, joyful letters at the end. And I realized that we are all walking on a road . . . our destinations might be different, and our paths may change, but we do not walk alone. And sometimes our roads intersect, and we can choose to make spirit-filled music together.

## Church News

### Prayers for our Church Family:

We continue to pray for healing for **Dottie Keith** that her pelvis might mend well and she may return home when ready. We lift up prayers for **Frieda Muro and family** as they mourn the passing of Ray John, July 3rd. *Services to celebrate his life will be held July 31st at 2 pm.* We lift up those who are struggling to find employment and/or with job satisfaction at the moment. **Veronica Brown's mother** continues to heal well after surgery. We continue to lift up **Pat Harres** in prayer. For all those on vacations and trips, we pray for traveling mercy. Please let us know if we can be lifting you up in prayer.

### FUSE Ministry at Holman UMC

FUSE is the young adult ministry of Holman United Methodist Church. Each Sunday night beginning August 8th at 6 pm, there will be an exciting worship and praise experience aimed at young adults,

college age and above. The service will last one hour, it will feature a very relevant message that will speak to the hearts of young adults. The church is located at 3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018.

### Dodger Night –August 20

United Methodist Family Night at Dodger Stadium is Friday, August 20, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. vs the Cincinnati Reds. It's also 90's Night & Andre Ethier Poster Give-away to the first 20,000 fans. Remember the stadium seats over 50,000 so get there early. Our seats are on the Reserve level behind home plate to third base. Tickets are \$20 each (a \$32 face value). Parking is \$15.00. Tickets available by contacting Joyce Zirkle at [zirkle@calpac.org](mailto:zirkle@calpac.org) or 800-244-8622.

### L.A. Galaxy ML Soccer U M Night

Come watch your L.A. Galaxy Major League Soccer Team play the Kansas City Wizards at Cal-State Dominguez Hills stadium, in Carson, California, August 28th at 7:30 p.m. Ticket only \$20

per person. To order tickets, contact Rachel Valadez at 310-630-2154 or e-mail Rachel at [ravaladez@lagalaxy.com](mailto:ravaladez@lagalaxy.com).

### Single Parent Family Camp

Single Parent Families - Mark your calendars for Single Parent Family Camp, planned for Labor Day Weekend 2010. Our theme this year is "The Care and Feeding of You and Your Family." Our program will center around the physical and spiritual journeys we undertake as Single Parent Families. We have a great time meeting new friends and renewing old friendships each year. Our camp includes programs for Single Parents and their families (including children of all ages) and is open to ALL Single Parent Families - no matter how you arrived into Single Parenthood. Please plan to join us in 2010. For more information contact Cindy Poore, Coordinator of Single Parent Family Camp, and put Single Parent Family Camp in the subject line, [pooregal@aol.com](mailto:pooregal@aol.com).