

# Butterfly Garden Preschool



September & October 2012

## Welcome Back!!

Welcome back everyone!!!! We want to extend a warm welcome to our returning and new students and their families. We are thrilled that you are joining our Butterfly Garden Preschool Family. We have many fun and exciting activities and field trips planned for the year. Remember to save the date for our back to school workshop on September 4th from 2-3:30 pm. Everyone is **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend.

## Back to School Potluck & Halloween Party

Both of these school functions will be held at Carlson Park in Culver City. Both events are potluck style. The beginning of the year potluck is on Sat. Sept. 22nd from 10-12pm. Please note that we are having our Halloween Party on Halloween...Wednesday, October 31st from 10am until 1:00pm. Children can come to the Halloween Party in costume. We ask that children not wear their costumes to school so that they do not rip, get dirty, lost, etc. You can stay for the whole party or come and go as you please. Remember to bring a picnic blanket and a dish to share with at least 30 people. A potluck sign up sheet will be placed at the sign in table by the gate the week before each potluck.

## Animal Classifications

This school year, we will be exploring and learning about animal classifications as our science theme. Every two months, we will focus on a different animal class. For example, in Sept. and Oct. the children will learn about mammals. Thanksgiving is known for turkeys, so we will take that opportunity to discuss birds during the months of Nov. and Dec. Most of the year will be spent on discussing vertebrates (mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians). During the summer months, we will focus on invertebrates (crustaceans, mollusks, cnidarians, echinoderms). Children will learn that every animal

belongs to a class. Animals in a class share similar characteristics. Scientists group animals into classes so they can study and understand them better. Most of our field trips this year correspond with the animal class we are studying that month. We will go to the zoo to see mammals, the Eco Station to see amphibians and reptiles, and the aquarium to see fish and invertebrates.

## Calendar

### September

4 Back to School Workshop 2-3:30

5 First day of school for MWF group

Last month tuition deposit due (if you are a new family at BGP-if you are returning, you have already paid this)

6 First day of school for TTH group

12 Scholastic Book Orders due (either place orders online or turn in book orders to me)

22 Back to school potluck 10am-12noon

Location: Carlson Park in Culver City

### October

1 October tuition due

8 No School- Columbus Day

9&10 LA Zoo Field trip- 10am-1pm

10 Scholastic Book Orders due

31 Halloween Costume & Potluck Party 10-1pm

Location: Carlson Park in Culver City

## Scholastic Book Orders

Each month, you will receive scholastic book orders in your child(ren)'s cubby. Scholastic books are usually a lot less expensive than buying books at a bookstore. Shipping is free and no tax is charged on top of the great prices they offer. There is no obligation to purchase books, but if you'd like to you can do so either by returning the forms or by placing your order online (info. for online ordering will be emailed soon). Either way, we receive bonus points for purchases (which can be used to buy books/materials for the classroom). However, if you order online, we not only receive bonus points, but also a free book pick for the classroom every time a parent orders. This year, Scholastic is also giving your family a free book pick every time you place an order!! You can't beat this great deal!!