



## Monte Tavor Newsletter

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The months of April, May and June have brought a lot of excitement for toddlers and preschoolers. The visit to Wildcare where children had an up close encounter with many raptors such as a Peregrine Falcon, an American Kestrel, Red Tail Hawks, Red Shoulder Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Turkey Vultures, and Ravens. Children watched pool bird feeding of sardines to a Pelican, a Double Crested Cormorant, and Ducks. The small museum had an array of exhibits from live reptiles, a desiccated polar bear, a golden eagle, and many other wonders of the wild. The most exciting part of this field trip was watching the tortoise getting fed lettuce, meeting a white opossum after coming out of surgery, and the most thrilling part was seeing a grey horn owl getting fed his mid-morning meal "mice". Also, learning about how it can turn its head 270 degree because their eyes do not move!

After visiting Wilcare families headed to The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito for self-guided tours where they were able to watch Sea Lions and Seals being taking care by the hospital personnel. Many visited the museum and exhibits where they touched the silky and rough skins. They also learned the difference between a sea lion and a seal, which mostly you can tell apart by looking at their flippers and ears. This visit was not as long as the kiddos were getting ready for lunch or for their naps. A few families headed to the beach to have a relaxing lunch and played at the beach for a while.

The Oakland Zoo Mobile brought four of their ambassadors to a classroom experience, where children were able to learn about these creatures and handle them with care: a turtle, a blue-tongued lizard, a ferret and a snake. Children and parents touched and felt the animals' skins. It was a true wild experience!

Ardenwood Picnic was another fun day where families joined Monte Tavor Providers for a BBQ over at this fun farm. Children visited the pigs, the cows, a chicken coop, chick hatch, the tractor shed and museum, visited exhibits on how life used to be in the late 1800's.

Children would not let go off simulating how to milk cows. It was a true water exploration. Afterward children headed to help make ice cream the old fashion way. Many waited patiently in line to turn the handle to give it some human power to make the ice cream. The farm had many places to hang out at, things to learn and do, but it was impossible to do it all in one day.

All these events will continue to be part of the curriculum as opportunities to connect with families, nature and science. We hope more families can joined us next year!

We would like to thank all the families who participated and helped during all these events. Especial thanks to the following families for helping carry back to the parking lot the items from the BBQ. Without you we would not have done it.

Iyengar, Medeiros, Bryce, O'Connell, Bair, and Hunter families.

### Preschool Dance Event and Graduation

We would like to invite all families to join us in the continued celebration. The Preschool Dance Event and Graduation of the class of 2015.

This dance event year after year brings a wonderful feeling of accomplishment of another year that has gone by at Monte Tavor. The performers along with Liz put together different rhythms of music. From Merengue, Cumbias, Ballet, Hip Hop, Calypso, Indigenous music and African folklore. The performers have been working hard for a few months now to put together this grand event.

Saturday July 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM

RSVP to this Event by Thursday July 16.

Performers and Graduates need to arrive by 10:00 AM

## Summer 2015

### Graduates Congratulations!!!

Monte Tavor feels very proud of the graduating class of 2015 for their last year of hard work and learning challenges that were seen as opportunities for growth. This class worked very diligently on sharing, conflict resolution, emotional self-managed control, being patient, expressing their feelings freely, waiting their turn, working with a classmate they have never worked before or even thought about choosing to work with before, learning about team efforts, and being respectful and sensitive toward others. By mid-year both classes merged to create a feeling of a bigger classroom environment. Children worked on their advanced Spanish Journal, Advanced English Journal, Calendar, Addition, Letter Recognition, Science Experiment, Writing, Translation, looking up words on a dictionary, Art activities, a 3d animal theme, and finally putting together a dance performance.

We would like to thank all these children and their families for being part of the Monte Tavor community for the many years and for the love and trust with our program.

Monte Tavor hopes your child enjoyed their time while growing up and building new friendships.

Muchas Gracias! Y Felicidades!!!

### DAYS CLOSED and Events

#### CLOSED

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of July 4<sup>th</sup>

#### PRESCHOOL DANCE EVENT AND GRADUATION

- July 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM

#### CLOSED

- July 27-31 for Summer Break

### Have a great break!!!

### **START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AUGUST 3, 2015-JULY29, 2016**

#### OPEN

- **AUGUST 3,2015**

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### **Thank You Families!**

Thank You for allowing us to be part of your child's life and discovery years and we thank you for the continued support of our programs.