



# Teddy Bear Preschool LLC

GAZETTE

May/June 2019

## Teddy Bear Preschool – 20 Years!

It was on May 19, 1999 that Jana and Karen opened the doors of Teddy Bear Preschool at this site. It has been a tremendous honor to serve the families of our local communities and to offer high-quality early childhood education to the children we have known and loved. We want to thank all of our families, past and present, for being our most vocal cheerleaders and for being an important part of our team.

Together, we are giving our smallest citizens an enriched childhood full of adventure, learning, growth, and love. We love what we do and we thank you for being in our lives.

A special note to our teachers: Ashni (15 years), Connie (13 years), Kathy (6 years), Frannie (2 years), Franchesca (2 years), and Nancee (7 months). Each and every one of you are so appreciated for your nurturing care, your intelligent and thoughtful planning for children, and your dedication to the emotional and cognitive growth of every child under your kind and loving care. You are truly the best group of teachers we have ever known.



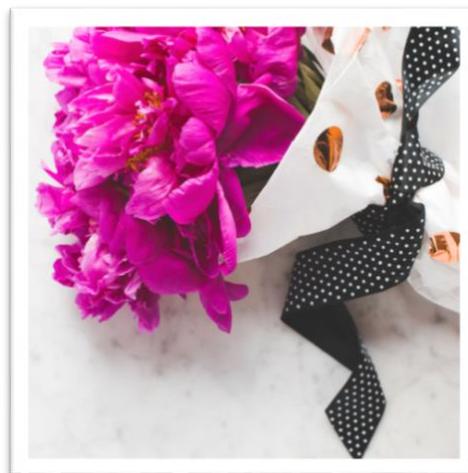
Shout-out to our awesome substitute teachers – Mattie, Jane, Giovanna, and LaVonna. You are all amazingly adept at fitting in where needed and the children are so comfortable with each of you. We are so lucky to have you on our team. Thank you for all that you do!

With full hearts, as we head into our 21<sup>st</sup> year, we look forward to creating a myriad of opportunities for your children to experience all the joys of being happy learners. We are very grateful for your trust and support.

~Jana and Karen

## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Our Mother's Day Luncheon will take place at the school on Friday, May 10, at 12:00. We provide lunch for all moms and significant ladies, along with a raffle for prizes! We appreciate YOU!



## FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

On Thursday, June 13, at 12:00, it's our annual Father's Day Hot Dog Lunch. Come and enjoy a meal on us, dads and significant men. Maybe it's your lucky day and you'll win a raffle prize!



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photo packages which you ordered should arrive for pickup within the next few weeks. Miss Ashni will distribute them to you when they are delivered.

## PARKS TO EXPLORE

This link provides a comprehensive list of the area's county, state, and federal parks. It's the perfect time of year to spend some time outside! Any collections of shells, stones, pine cones, and natural items are gladly accepted at Teddy Bear Preschool – whether to share for the day or forever! Time to go hunting! Enjoy all that the beautiful natural settings of our area have to offer.

[www.co.monterey.ca.us/visitors/things-to-do/parks](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/visitors/things-to-do/parks)



## HAPPY SPRING



Happy Spring to our Teddy Bear families! It's time to explore outdoors and enjoy the dramatic displays of our local wildflowers. The lupines and poppies are showing off their colors in swaths along Highways 1 and 68 and it's breathtaking! We hope you can head out along the hiking trails in local parks to see for yourselves the more than 25 species of wildflowers currently blossoming in our area.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4

Labor Day – Monday, September 2



## CHECK IT OUT!

Our Chinese Maple tree is right on schedule for it's annual transformation into a habitat for ladybugs. Every year, we are fortunate enough to watch the laying of eggs, hatching of nymphs, foraging and growth of nymphs, and then the quiet time of turning into adult ladybugs. At this time, the eggs have mostly hatched and the nymphs are growing. The children enjoy observing the ladybug life cycle occurring right here in our playground. Come and take a look!