



# TRUE SUNSHINE

— PRESCHOOL CENTER —

真日光幼童中心

777 Stockton Street. Suite 201. San Francisco. CA 94108



Exploring the Changes of Seeds

Staff Development-Visiting Presidio Knolls

Dear True Sunshine Community,

Spring is here and our children have started exploring spring, plants, and how life starts as a way to learn about “New Beginning”. Children will go on different field trips to observe “spring”. Parents will be notified ahead, so parents can also chaperone, if needed.

On March 30, 2018, teachers at TSPC had an opportunity to visit the preschool at Presidio Knolls School. It was a great experience. Teachers brought back various information that they wanted to use to strengthening their teaching and student learning. Our teachers are excited to try some skills they learned to grow our children.

We have sent home 1. New emergency cards to those who will continue with TSPC this fall; and 2. Program evaluation form for parents to give feedback on the program. Your comments can help grow the program. Therefore, it is very important for you to bring the evaluation back to us at your earliest.

Signs for True Sunshine Spring Carnival Fundraiser have been posted. It is on May 19 at Gordon J. Lau Elementary School. It is our first time running a carnival. There will be games, face paint, balloon twist, bounce house, and food (also icicles). Please bring your family and friends to the event. Tickets can be bought at the school (TSPC) before the event, please check with Wendy, or at the door on the day of the event (Gordon J Lau Elementary School). Your help and participation are very important to make this a successful event for your child and TSPC. Please check out the sign-up sheet by the door and see what you can help/contribute to make this a memorable, fun event for your child/children. Also, on April 30th, we have a Parent Advocacy (PAC) meeting. It is a very important meeting for parents before the carnival. You will find out everything that puts the carnival in place and how you can help. We will need as many as you to take part and offer help at the carnival. Please reserve the night for TSPC. Light dinner and child care will be provided. If you plan on attending the meeting, please sign up at the door, so we can provide the right amount of teachers and food for the night.

True Sunshine Preschool Center has a new look (Logo) and website. It took many months in revamping the website. Now,

it is officially alive. Please check out our new website at <http://www.truesunshinepreschool.org>

Sincerely,  
Diana  
Executive Director

## Special Requests and Announcements (please read)

- We need parents to contribute or help for the Spring Carnival Fundraiser. Please check the sign up sheet by the door.
- You can purchase the tickets to the carnival games ahead of the time. Please contact Wendy/Diana for the tickets.
- If any parents are interested in taking care of the bunny during the weekends please contact Teacher Wendy
- If you want to order your child’s whole class picture, please see Teacher Wendy to pre-order as the last day to order will on Friday, 04/13/2018.
- Please keep your child home when he/she has a severe cough, fever (100 and above), running nose with green discharge, and diarrhea. If your child is out three days or more, please return with a doctor note.
- Please continue with both electronic and paper sign-in and -out.
- Please sit down with your children as they sign their name
- On Thursdays, please bring back the green bag with books to children’s cubby. A different set of books will be taken home on Fridays.
- Please make sure your child does not come to school with any sweets or unhealthy snacks.
- Please remember children can only bring toys to school on Fridays for Show and Tell.
- On Fridays, please bring your child’s knapsack home to wash.
- On Fridays, please check your child’s binder. Parents can either take the binder home and talk about it with your child or look at it at school. If taking the binder home, please remember to bring it back on the following Monday. Also, please tidy up your child’s cubby by taking home what is in it.
- Gentle Reminder: check children’s fingernails for cleanliness on a weekly basis

## Important Dates

### **Birthday:**

4/19 Sonya

4/25 Zofia

### **Others:**

4/10 Macy’s flower show

4/12 Library



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Other Local Field Trips (TBA)

### Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to the parents who took the bunny home and added more necessities for the bunny
- Thank you for parents who have brought goodies for teachers/staff
- Thank you to Claudia who had washed all the stuffed animals to ensure the cleanliness for our children
- Thank you Jayden Qi's mother for volunteering to wash dramatic play area community helpers clothes



### The Dragonflies

Teacher Julie, Wendy (English sub), Teacher Ming, Teacher Doris

Children have started exploring topics that relates to spring, seeding, and planting as we have started the new theme- "New Beginning". To start, teachers selected four different kinds of beans using four different kinds of liquids. The children planted yellow beans, green beans, red beans and lima beans into either tap water, milk, sugar water or salt water, and then placed the beans either near the window, inside the refrigerator, in test tubes with a cork stopper at the openings, and/or in a covered paper box.

Children selected their favorite beans and planted the beans in a long test tube using one of the liquids mentioned above. They had to predict how their beans would grow in the next days. After a few days of observing, children explained to the teachers about how the beans had turned out under different given condition. They concluded that the sunlight helped the beans by the window grow. The beans that did not grow well were either placed in the refrigerator where it was too cold; or in a box where there was no light. The children also found when beans were placed in milk, it was too murky to observe any growth; when beans were planted in sugar water or salt water, they did not grow as well. It could be due to the sweet water was too sweet and salted water was too salty.

Through the experiment of planting beans under different given condition, such as the liquids and environment, the children were able to understand the concept that plants need sunlight, water and air to grow. Children were able to observe, make predictions about casual relationships, and make documentations through communicating with other peers and their teachers.



### The Butterflies:

Teacher Mei Yi, Teacher Amy, Teacher BaoWen, Teacher Amy Li

Butterfly's Zoo

In March, the children and the teachers created a zoo on the Butterfly class bulletin board. The zoo was put together over the course of a few weeks. First, the children created a giant rainbow fish with various art materials. Then the teacher helped the children staple the fish on the bulletin board with a pond and some rocks around it. The children also made a fish tank by hanging fish down from the top of the box to show fish are swimming. Then the children made a giant carrot stuffed with newspaper and hung it on the board. To create the bunny, children used cotton balls to make the body, a plate for the face, and newspapers for the ears; it was stapled on the board. Also, the children went to the zoo, and they drew what they saw at the zoo and teachers taped their work to the board. Lastly, they created a fence using popsicle sticks. Each child had 4 sticks that they decorated, then put them together as a fence. For the final touch, the teacher placed the fence around animals and the zoo was finished.

During the theme of "animals are special", children learned in depth about fish and rabbits by having them in our classroom. Children learned fish needs water to survive and rabbits eat carrots as one source of their food. After being to the zoo, children observed and learned that animals need to be separated by species; it led to the making of fences in our zoo which was posted at the bulletin board. These art activities also helped children to foster their imagination and creativities, as well as their fine motor skills.

### Fundraising

#### **Schoola**

- Check out our new Schoola storefront where you can shop to earn funds for True Sunshine!  
**truesunshinepreschool.ashopz.com**

#### **Amazon**

- When making Amazon purchases use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2242733>. True Sunshine will receive 0.5% of all of your purchase.



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#### Food4Less

- Do you shop at Food4Less? If so, please visit [www.food4less.com](http://www.food4less.com). There you may register to donate a portion of your purchases under the community rewards tab.