



TRUE SUNSHINE

- PRESCHOOL CENTER -

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Children's Observational Drawing of "New Beginning"

Dear True Sunshine Community,

As children continue on discovering the "New Beginning", they had field trips to different places. Children used their senses to identify what spring means to them.

Happy Mother's Day!! On May 11th, we would like to invite mothers to come to school to have a heartfelt breakfast serving by your child. Please come and join the fun. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 am. Although we would like to invite all moms from each family to join us, but considering our little ones would be too overwhelmed in serving, so we will only invite either mom or grandma to come. Please RSVP.

May is an exciting month for us. Besides celebrating Mother's Day, we are also running our first TSPC Spring Carnival fundraising event. It will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2108, starting from 11 am to 3 pm. The location of the carnival is at Gordon J. Lau Elementary School, located on 950 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA. There will be bounce house, balloon twist, face paint, games, food and mini book fair. Most of the games will be prepared by our children along with our staff. We have many raffling prizes, such as YMCA 3-month gym membership, \$50 Nordstrom gift card, \$25 Safeway cash card and many other attractive items. We also have auction items prepared for you, such as pizza/movie night with teachers, children's product, and many other more. Each raffling ticket is \$5 dollars. The more you get the higher chance you win. Please purchase your tickets in advance from Teacher Wendy/Diana or any staff. The ticket for the games is \$1 per ticket and \$10 for 12 tickets. Bring your friends and family; we can't wait to see you there!

To ensure we meet the goal for this carnival event, we would appreciate very much if parents can help donating more raffle prizes or even cash. You can also help by getting sponsorship. Please see the contribution form in your folder/email. You can bring your gift/donation to the school. We also need your help at the carnival. We have many games and need volunteers to supervise the booth. If you can help out to supervise a booth, please put your name down by the door on the sign-up sheet. Each shift is two hours long. Your time and help are highly appreciated!! The time you helped can be counted as part of your volunteering hours. We will double the time count towards to the volunteering hours. If

you have any questions, please check with any of the staff you see in school.

Parent and Teacher's Conference will take in place from May 21 to May 25. Please see sign up sheet for a time slot that is convenience for you to meet with your child's teachers. It is a great way to find out the progress of your child in all different areas.

After graduation in June, we are going to run "summer camp" like programs in our regular days. Every two or three weeks, we will do something different. It includes cooking, yoga, music movement, singing, and so on. The final activities will be announced in June newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Diana  
Executive Director

#### Special Requests and Announcements (please read)

- Diana will be off the school from 5/4-5/13. If you have any immediate questions or request, please check with Teacher Wendy. Diana will periodically check emails while she is not around.
- We still need more parents to help at the Spring Carnival Fundraiser. Please check the sign up sheet by the door and see what you can help. The hours you spent for this event will be double counted towards to your volunteering hours.
- You can purchase the raffle tickets and tickets to the carnival games in advance to avoid waiting in line on the day of the event. Please contact Wendy/Diana for the tickets.
- If any parents are interested in taking care of the bunny on weekends, please contact Teacher Wendy. You still have two weekends to do it before it is being adopted on the day of carnival.
- 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 for three days or more, please return with a doctor note.
- Upon arrival to the school, please walk your child to the bath and have him/her to wash his/her hands
- 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.



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- Please remind your child that toys can only be brought to school on Fridays, and children will have the opportunity to share their toys during Show and Tell.
- Please check with your child about their day at school (what they learned, what their teachers said, the stories they heard, what they ate and etc.)
- 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.
- Please check children's fingernails for cleanliness on a weekly basis

## Important Dates

### **Birthday:**

05/14 Zi Yang  
05/19 Vicky L.  
05/20 Emily  
05/25 Sarita  
05/31 Jamy

### **Others:**

5/10 Library  
5/11 Mother's Day Celebration (Breakfast)  
5/19 TSPC Spring Carnival  
Other Local Field Trips (TBA)  
5/21-5/25 Parent and Teacher's Conference

## Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to the parents who took the bunny home on weekends and added more necessities for the bunny
- Thank you to 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 to parents who had chaperoned to Japanese Tea Garden
- Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to help at the Spring Carnival (We still need more parents to sign up to help)
- Thank you to all the parents who have donated craft materials for the classroom



## The Dragonflies

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

In the month of April, the children learned to make play dough in order to use the play dough to create different stretching poses and/or exercise movements.

In the beginning, the teacher went over the step of making play dough with the children, then the children kneaded their own dough. Children used measuring cup to measure out the exact amount of salt, water and flour. Some children concluded that when not enough of water was used, the dough becomes flicky and scattered. However, when too much water was added, the dough would turn into the shape like a pizza. Finally with guidance on the proper amount of ingredients that should be used, and thorough explanation from the teachers, children discovered how to create a non-sticky batch of dough. On the following day, children used the dough they made to create/shape out the poses of their desired exercise movement.

Although there were difficulties and challenges that needed to be dealt during this activity, children were very persistence on wanting to make a batch of dough successfully for themselves to use. Children learned to use different sizes of measuring cups to make the dough, such as: adding more or pouring less from one cup. half of a cup, quarter of a cup and three-quarter of a cup. Most importantly, the children gained social interactions with their peers. They also learned how to cooperate and collaborate as a team.



## The Butterflies:

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

In April, the children drew what they would see, hear, smell, and feel during spring. The children used various art materials to create their spring artwork, such as glitter glue, roll-on paint, markers and colored pencils. Children used colors to expressed their five senses relating to spring. They mixed colors using markers, glitter glue, and roll-on paint. The purpose of



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creating the artwork is to demonstrate how children can sense spring by using their five senses. And, with all the artwork that children created, a book of “Butterfly Class in Spring Time” will be created and auctioned off at the Spring Carnival on May 19th. The book consists of a cover, back, authors and illustrators, just like any children’s book you see outside. Get ready to bid on your child’s creation.

During this activity, children had an opportunity to recall some of the five senses as they used their eyes to see, nose to smell, ears to hear, and heart to feel the season of spring. They also learned how to mix colors using various art material, such as roll on paint, glitter glue, markers and colored pencil. They learned that spring is different from other seasons, such as fall, winter and summer. They learned spring is the season where things grow so many of the children drew pictures of trees and flowers. Through their artwork, we can see what the child's interpretation of Spring is.

### **Fundraising**

#### **Schoola**

- Check out our new Schoola storefront where you can shop to earn funds for True Sunshine!  
**[truesunshinepreschool.ashopz.com](http://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.

#### **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.