

Tam Preschool Newsletter: April 2026

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:

Thank you for making the time to meet with your child's Lead Teacher. Conferences will be in person in Room #2, next to the Creek Room. Sign-ups available on Brightwheel. We look forward to meeting with you.

Creek Room: April 2nd and 3rd

Ocean Room: April 20th and 21st

Garden Room: April 27th and 28th

Photo Day:

We have Photo days scheduled in April with our amazing photographer, Kristin. Please be on time and dress children as you want them to appear in the class photo. I will be helping Kristin, let me know if you have any questions.

-Thursday, 4/16, Creek Room and school sibling Class photo around 10:30 am.

Children who attend on MWF are invited to join the Creek class photo.

-Friday, 4/17, Garden and Ocean Room Class photos around 10:30 am.

Children who attend on T/TH are invited to join the Garden and Ocean class photo.

Graduation and Last Day of School: Tuesday, 6/9, from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

Children will have a regular school day, with Morning and Aftercare open during regular hours on the last day of school. Graduation for all the Garden and Ocean Room students is in the evening inside the Sanctuary. Returning Ocean and Garden students are participating in graduation, to celebrate the end of school with their class. Families and friends are welcome.

The Creek Room students are continuing students, so they don't have a graduation yet. We will plan a fun school day to celebrate the end of the year together.

Waitlist for Fall 2027 and Fall 2028:

Every January I start registration for our Fall program. I expect to have long waitlists for Fall 2027 and 2028. Please add your younger child to our waitlist as soon as possible by messaging me on Brightwheel, so as not to miss information or priority registration.

Waitlist:

- Your child's name and last name
- Gender (used for class balance)
- Birthday -Days needed: T/TH, MWF, or 5Days
- Sibling currently at the school
- Fall Start Year (2027 or 2028)

*Children must be 2 years old to start school in the Fall.

*Mid-year or January start dates are becoming unlikely due to full enrollment in the Fall and long waitlists. If you want your child to start as soon as possible let me know and I can add him/her to multiple waitlist that apply to keep you informed about enrollment.

Specialist Activities:

***Jamaroo with Michi: 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27.**

***Capoeira with Coach Diego: Wednesday 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, and 4/29.** Children should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes for running and climbing on coach days (please avoid boots, sandals, or dresses.)

***Friday, 4/24: Petting Zoo (Students Only)**

We are looking forward to our spring petting zoo visit. The zoo sets up in our outdoor learning lab, and every class will have a scheduled time to visit. More information will be available as we get close to the event.

<https://allaboutafarm.com>

***Friday, May 8: Insect Discovery Lab (Students Only)**

Students get to hold and learn about some amazing insects during this visit. Again, each class will have their own time for this event, so everyone gets a chance to ask questions.

<https://www.savenature.org/insect-discovery-lab>

Thank you for your contributions to our Equipment and Enrichment Fund. The money is used to benefit children directly by purchasing toys, classroom equipment, as well as pay for our weekly and monthly specialist activities.

Dates to Remember:

***Jamaroo Days:** Monday 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27

***Coach Alek:** Wednesday 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, and 4/29

***April 6 to 10:** Spring Recess (NO SCHOOL)

***Friday, 4/24:** Petting Zoo

***Friday, 5/8:** Insect Discovery Lab

***Monday, 5/25:** Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

***Tuesday, 6/9:** Graduation and Last Day of School (School open all day)

***June 10 – 12:** End of Year Teacher In-Service Days (NO SCHOOL)

***Monday, 6/15:** First Day of Camp

Billing:

For billing questions, please message “Administrator” on Brightwheel and Rose will reply.

Tax info can be found on Brightwheel after 1/31/26: Payments >> Statements >> Export >> Family 2025 Payer Tax Statement. You will need to export a separate list for each child. Here is an article also: [How payers can pull year-end tax statements | Brightwheel Help Center](#). If you need help or have any questions, you can always reach out to Rose (under Admin on BW).

Invoices are sent through Brightwheel on the 5th of the month and are due on the 25th, a late fee will apply after that. Please let Rose know if you have any questions or difficulties.

If you have questions about childcare charges, you can view your child’s attendance in Brightwheel. Students entering school from 8:00 to 9:00 am are charged for morning care.

Important Reminders:

*Hope everyone is feeling better now, I know December was rough for many. Please keep your child home if not feeling well. Symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they spread germs, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick and recovery may take longer without proper rest.

*As part of State requirements, if a child starts to show illness symptoms at school, a teacher will isolate with the child away from the rest of the group and contact the family for pick up. Parents must have an emergency plan, that includes people in the emergency list who can come pick up a sick child within a short time. Children who are sent home with a symptom must check with the director to make sure the illness is not contagious. The health department has a list of contagious illness we are required to report.

*We follow a 24-hour health policy: If your child is home sick, or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before he or she can return to school. This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy!

*If your child suffers from allergies, please inform the teacher. Even with allergies, children may not be at school with severely runny nose or cough, as it can bring discomfort to the child. When allergies are acting up and are not under control, children are just not well enough to participate in school activities.

*Students must be lice and nit free to attend our preschool. Lice and nits are not a health risk, but they are highly contagious, especially in preschool where we play close to each other. Lice and nits are hard to get rid of at schools, as well as at home, so we do our best to prevent spreading it. Thank you for your diligence and support as we try to prevent more cases.

Hope you have a wonderful start to the holiday season!
Marcela and the Tam Teachers