



The Tree House

Tid Bits

February 2018

We have passed the 100th day of school ... the rest of the school year goes by in a snap so hang on and enjoy the ride!

Presidents Day is February 19th The Tree House will be closed to all programs. Enjoy the long weekend!

We will be having a **Preschool Pancakes for Parents**. The **Toucan, 3 day class** will be Wednesday February the 7th from 9:00-9:30. Please note the date for the Toucan class was changed. The **Monkey, Pre class** will be Friday the 9th from 8:30-9:00. Come join us for a pancake breakfast before you have to start your day. Your kids love to have you visit their school. Did you know that parents who show an interest in their child's school have children who are more successful in school? We do not do this in our **2 Day, Panda class** because it is too hard on the kids to change up their routine at this point in the year. It is something to look forward to next year. You are always welcome to stay for a visit if you would like to see what they are doing during the day.

Summer registration started February 1st. We have summer programs for all ages. If you are looking for a summer art camp, or cooking camp, or science camp, The Tree House offers all of that all summer long!! Our website at WintersTreeHouse.com has all the info and we also have applications and flyers about our programs on the front desk. Ask Cheryl and Janet for details.

Preschool registration will start March 1st for next fall. Pandas and Toucans will automatically be enrolled into the next class. If you are not interested in continuing with us next year, just let us know and we will take the registration off your invoice. If your child is a **Monkey** who needs after school care next year please let us know so we can get them enrolled into our after school program starting May 1st.

Warmer spring days are coming. Many of your children come to us very warm after being bundled up in the morning. Please help your children wear layers or send a short sleeved shirt in their backpack.

Two Day: From August to February is such a drastic change. When we look back at the pictures from the beginning months, the kids look so little and a bit wide eyed. But now they come in confident and ready to play. It is truly amazing how much growth you can see in such a short time! The class has been enjoying finger painting, shaving cream fun and crazy glue and glitter creations. You should take a peek at our circle time. This group of Panda's is truly amazing in their ability to participate in this group time. FYI, we do not do

Valentines for this class because it is not meaningful for this age. We will do an art project and have a special snack for the week.

Three Day: The Toucans have also grown so much this year. You can tell that they are starting to turn 4! Get ready for your kids thinking they are the strongest, fastest, best people on the planet. Oh, and their dads are stronger than any other dad out there! The favorite book last month was *Little Raindrop*. They had fun painting raindrops and using sponge's to suck the water up and squeeze it into the containers. Such a great activity for fine motor development. We will be having a Valentine's Day celebration on Wednesday the 14th. Please bring a valentine for everyone in the class. Class lists will be in cubbies to help you with labeling valentines. Please keep them simple. We work hard to teach the kids that we can celebrate holidays without lots of sugary treats. Please support our views and stay away from gift bags.

PreK: The Monkey class loves coming to school! They are so happy to see each other each day and are really sad when one of their friends is not at school. Our favorite book last month was *The Biggest Snowball Ever*. They thought the book was really funny and had a blast having snowball fights during circle time. We will have a Valentine's Day celebration on Tuesday the 13th. Please bring a valentine for everyone in the class. Class lists will go out next week to help you with labeling valentines. Please keep them simple. We work hard to teach the kids that we can celebrate holidays without lots of sugary treats. Please support our views and stay away from gift bags.

Boost: The children in all classes have grown so much in their social skills. We talk a lot about thoughts, feelings and the group plan. We work daily at being kind to everyone in the class and asking to join the play. We see all ages using the Boost vocabulary to help meet their social needs. Asking for a turn, asking friends to join the group plan, using timers to wait for turns and a general kindness throughout the whole class!

Enrichment: There is so much going on around the Tree House it is hard to keep up. Inside there is a group of children who love fuse beads. They have become very creative in what they make and many have games that go along with their designs. There is also a group who enjoys making up new ball and chase games outside. The rules are always changing so it is the teacher's role to help the children negotiate the conflict. Sand has been a great adventure lately with the sand having the perfect moisture content. You know if your child is into the sandbox because they probably come home with lots of extra sand in shoes and pockets. Sorry in advance if your child is one who likes to get buried! You will also find a group of children hanging out in the tree house or around the lego table chatting with a teacher about silly things. It is so fun to talk with children and see the world from their perspective.

If you missed it the first time, The Tree House is making a change for the 2018-19 school year and will no longer be taking children after third grade. The new age will be TK through third grade. Sorry for the inconvenience this will cause any families.

Congratulations on making it through the first 100 days, we make a good team!