



The Tree House

Tid Bits

Newsletter January 2018

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you all had a relaxing break and made a lot of great memories with your family!

Club House - We are so excited to finally say the Club House opened for business last month. The Club House offers full time child care for preschool aged children 2-5. We have openings so help spread the word!

Parent Discussion Night - January 17th from 6-7PM is our next parent discussion night. This month's topic is New Behavior Strategies, Time In. We always have a great discussion; we hope you can join us. As always we provide free child care for the evening and you are welcome to bring friends. It is open to the community.

Label your jackets - During break we cleaned the coat rack off and there were a lot of very nice jackets. We would like to be able to get them back to the right owners. If you label your kids outerwear we can make sure you get them back!

Upcoming School holidays - There is no school on January 15th or 29th and all regular programs will be closed. We will however offer a camp day for school age children on January 29th. Watch for the camp day application on the sign in table in the next week or so.

Summer and Fall Registration - It's hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about registration. The schedule is as follows. **Summer registration** for all classes starts February 1st. **Fall Preschool registration** starts March 1st and **Fall School Age registration** starts May 1st. This year you will automatically be enrolled for the next school year (2018/19). If you want to make changes to your current schedule you will need to turn in an application at the start of registration. However, summer is separate and requires a separate form. So you will likely be filling out two registration forms in the next few months for each child. The other change we are making is, as of the August 2018, we will no longer be taking children beyond third grade. Our afterschool program will be for children TK and kinder through third grade. Please let us know if you have any questions.

2 Day Class - Cars, playdough, painting and the sandbox are all things these guys keep busy with. Separation has become so much easier and they feel more

comfortable to explore the classroom around them. If you walk into the class you see a group sitting at the table playing with playdough, others at the art table painting or gluing and others in the dramatic play area with capes and dresses on, purses, cell phones and babies wrapped in blankets. They all keep really busy and are learning to be a part of group play.

3 Day Class - The Toucans had a lot of fun in December. They did a lot of holiday crafts, sang fun Christmas songs and made special gifts for their parents. Our most favorite book was *Jingle Bells*. We had fun making jingle sticks, putting bells on our shoes and playing with lots of jingle bells. Outside we had fun in our homemade sleigh. They had such big smiles when they rode in the sleigh and pretended to be Santa.

Pre K - December is such a fun time of year with 4 and 5 year olds. Our favorite book was *The Gingerbread Man*. We loved acting out the story and talking about the group plan so everyone got a bite of the gingerbread cookie at the end! We spent lots of time practicing wrapping gifts, making gifts for our friends and family and singing lots of fun Christmas songs. Outside this group loves to chase! They pretend to be wolfs and bad guys and run from one side of the yard to the other...over and over again.

We look forward to 2017 and all the fun it will bring. As always please bring questions or concerns to us and thank you for your continued support!