



The Tree House

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The March 2017 Newsletter

Spring is starting to warm our town and it brings not only growth in plants, but also huge growth in children of all ages.

This time last year we put in our turf. The staff and kids have been so happy with it through this wet year. We are able to play on it year-round without being muddy or soaking wet. We could not be happier with the outcome!

Minimum days week of March 6-10. Children who do **extended day and kinder only** need to be picked up by 1:00 every day. There is no change for children in our enrichment program. We pick everyone up at 1:00 and keep them until you pick up. There are no changes in billing.

Spring Break is March 27 to March 31 and The Tree House will be closed to all preschool programs and opened for school aged camp days. Applications will be out soon, space is limited so make sure you sign up early.

Preschool registration starts March 1 (Today). Our programs will fill fast so get your registration in right away! School age registration will begin May 1st.

Summer program registration has started. We have both a **school aged** program and a **preschool aged** program. The school aged program is very flexible; you can build it as you need it. The preschool program is 2 days, 3 days or all 5 days. You can find an application on our website (WintersTreeHouse.com) or ask for an application when you are at Tree House.

Make-a-plate - We will be starting make-a-plates soon. Stand by for more information coming your way.

Two Day: From August to March there is such a drastic change. When we look back at the pictures of the beginning months, the kids look so little and a bit wide eyed. But now they come in confident (well most of the time) and ready to play. Watching them play and converse with each other is amazing to watch. When you spend time in the class you see the kids starting to share and seeking out a friend to play with. It is truly amazing how much growth you can see in a year.

Three Day: Toucans have had so much growth too! They have all changed so much and are so happy to come in and start their day. I heard Jodie say, "Wow, they are really starting to turn into Monkeys!". They have gotten really good at listening to their friends at circle

time and working together on group plans. Boost has really helped improve our skills and we are excited to see the continued improvement through the year. Our favorite book was . The kids had so much fun making butter from scratch just like they do in the book. They were all smiles when they came with their family for Pancakes for Parents. It is heartwarming to see their smiles as they sit with their parents eating pancakes. Thanks for joining us, it was a great morning!

PreK: The Monkey kids have turned into the big confident kids of our school. They come in loud and ready to play and leave loud and ready to keep playing. They have grown so much in all areas. Our circle time is spent loving the mystery jar, laughing and asking questions to figure out what is in the jar. The next fun experience is taking home our class pet Banana Muffin. He goes home with all of our friends and comes back to tell of the fun he had! Our favorite book was . The kids loved making their own pancakes, eating pancakes with their families and learning how to flip a pancake without a spatula (we never figured out how to do this). Outside the kids love to dig in the sand box, look for jewels, and chase each other around like crazy.

Pancakes

Boost: In February we talked all about the group plan. The idea we are teaching the kids is when kids play together there is a plan and when we follow the plan it makes everyone happy. We say things like, "The group plan is we are building with the blocks, do you want to join us and help us build the tower?" or "The group plan is we are all cleaning up and going to circle time". Help us at home by using the vocabulary. You can say, "the group plan is we are getting ready for dinner, let's wash our hands and all sit down for dinner." Or "the plan is bath and then story, let's work together to get you into your bath."

Enrichment: This group of kids has also grown so much throughout the school year. They come in confident in what they like to play, who they like to play with and how to negotiate getting a turn with toys. There are less arguments on the ball court, more cooperation in the dollhouse area and more cooperative play on the truck track. Kids need so much repetition on cooperative play and conflict resolution. But the great thing is once they start to do it they see that it works! It is very rewarding to hear kids solve their own conflicts with the strategies they have learned from The Tree House.

In addition to the growth in the kids, we have also seen a lot of growth in our Tree House program and staff. This year marks the 8th year The Tree House has been in business! We are still having a lot of fun and believe everything just keeps getting better and better! We love the support of all of you and look forward to continued growth!