



The Tree House

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The March 2018 Newsletter

We are starting to see and feel signs of spring. Spring is a time of huge growth in children of all ages. It is amazing to watch each age grow, explore and develop!

Spring Break is March 26 to March 30 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). We will automatically be enrolling your child in the next preschool program. If you have different plans for your child please let us know so we can open up a spot for a new family. You will be billed \$75 registration fee in a few weeks and asked to fill out an application. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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 3 days a week from 9:00 - 12:00 with the ability to extend 30 minutes on each side of the day. 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.

Leprechaun magic starts to happen around The Tree House a week or so before St. Patrick's day on March 17th. We grow leprechaun eggs and the older children make lots and lots of leprechaun traps. On Friday the eggs hatch and the baby leprechauns leave footprints and glitter throughout our school. If you want to continue the fun at home you can put green coloring in your toilet (kids love that the leprechaun peed in the toilet), leave a gold coin, sprinkle glitter around. Please let us know if your child is worried about the leprechauns. We want it to be fun for everyone.

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 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 *Pancakes for Breakfast*. 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 *Pancakes*. 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 look for bugs, make homes for the bugs and talk about what the bugs like to eat. If you are fortunate to be a bug at The Tree House you will be well loved and cared for!

Boost: In February we talked all about Body in the Group. We teach the concept of body in the group to help children realize the importance of physical proximity. Keeping your body in the group means we are keeping a socially acceptable distance between ourselves and our friends - not too close and not too far away. When your bodies are in the group it sends a nonverbal message to those around us that we are engaged and interested in what is happening. When our bodies travel too far away from the group it also sends a message that we are not interested in what is happening in the group. The children use so much of the Boost vocabulary at school while playing in group settings. We hope you are hearing it at home as well and find it as helpful as we do.

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 during ball games on the turf. 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 and are motivated to keep working on it! 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 9th 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!