



# The Tree House Tid Bits

May 2017 Newsletter

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing the September newsletter at the beginning of the year. The school year goes by so fast but when we look back there has been so much growth and development you can't help but smile.

End of the year **preschool party** - We will be having an end of the year celebration for all preschoolers and their families on May 18th from 7-8 PM. We will have cookies and milk for everyone and the preschool classes will have a little performance for everyone.

**Summer fun** for all- We still have spots in most of our summer programs. We have summer preschool for children four and under and summer enrichment for children going into kinder through entering 6th grade. Please fill out the summer registration form if you are interested in our summer programs.

**Fall registration** for school age children for the 2017/18 school year - It is hard to believe but we have to start thinking about next year. Registration for our afterschool program has started. We will fill. So reserve your spot now if interested.

We are excited to bring to the community a new program called the **Club House**. We are in the process of purchasing the house across the street. We will be adding full time childcare for preschool aged children with integrated preschool starting in August (we hope). All Tree House programs will continue unchanged.

**2 Day** - When we think back 9 months, these children were so little when they started. They came in wide eyed, and not so sure of what their mom had signed them up for. Now they come in confident, ready to play and are making social connections they will keep for years. The kids still love to paint and glue and it's fun to see how the children express their individuality in their art. Some insist on covering the entire paper and others are minimalists and are very happy with just a few marks on their paper. We are excited to see this class back together next fall as they become Toucans. They are ready!

**3 Day** - This class came in a bit more comfortable at the beginning of the year and have grown from there. In the last month or so you can see that they are starting to outgrow the Toucan class and becoming Monkeys right before our eyes. Being 4 is all about being the biggest, fastest and best at everything. So get ready as your 4 year olds will beat you at everything you do! The favorite book this month was *Jack's House*. We talked a lot about building and different types of trucks to get us ready for our truck and music family night. The kids loved telling us all about how different trucks work. What a great night when it all came together to see and climb on the different trucks and dance to our favorite songs!

**PreK** - This group of Monkeys are ready to move onto the next step! They started the year as friends but are leaving the school year great buddies! They keep busy with lots of imaginary games, building with the magnet blocks, playing in the dollhouse area and running and chasing each other outside. Our favorite book was *Goodnight Construction Site*. The class had a great time getting ready for our fun family night with trucks and music. The children were so interested in learning about Wiley, the singer for the night and had lots of questions about what trucks were going to be at the event. It was fun to watch it all come alive for them and see their excitement at the event itself. For those moving onto kinder do not be strangers, we love to have you stop by for a visit. For those staying with us for a bonus year we look forward to watching the growth and confidence this next year will bring.

**Enrichment** - This class has had so much growth. They know the expectation is to be kind and show it all over the school. Outside they say, "nice try" after someone gets out at a ball game. Inside we hear kids saying, "you can have a turn when I am done". Children play with kids of all ages and we see lots of children playing with friends they normally would not connect with. It is so rewarding to see the growth and hear them learning the skills needed to be successful in social situations. We look forward to a fun summer with lots of these kids and another great year starting next fall.

**Thank you** to all for your continued support. We value facilitating being kind to each other and helping the kids learn the value of conflict resolution. Janet and Cheryl love what they do and have a great staff to support them. We all feel a lot of pride when the kids have success at The Tree House. We are looking forward to another great summer program and kicking off our 9th year in August.