



## Tree House Tid Bits November 2017

I think fall has finally arrived. The leaves are falling from the trees and the air is starting to feel chilly. It is still a good idea to dress your kids in layers. In the middle of the day they are often too hot to be wearing long sleeves or a sweater. Remember kids run around a lot more than we do.

After a lot of sweat, love and laughter The Clubhouse will be opening on December 4th. We are so excited to open and offer full time preschool (starting at age 2) to the families of Winters.

Take and Bake fundraiser - We are having a fundraiser to support the finishing touches at The Clubhouse. Tree House is making a delicious, ready to bake pasta dinner with rolls, salad and brownies. The cost is \$40 for a hearty serving for 4. We are taking orders until November 14th by text to the Tree House phone (530-400-7226). Pick up will be at The Tree House on Friday the 17th from 4:30-6:30PM. Please let us know if you have any questions. This is open to everyone so please help us get the information out and share this information with your friends and family.

Preschool pictures were taken and will be delivered soon. If you have any questions please let us know.

Tree House will be closed on November 10<sup>th</sup> for all regular programs for Veterans Day and November 20-24<sup>th</sup> for all regular programs. We will be offering camp days for our school aged children on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Camp day forms are on the sign in table. Please turn one in to secure your spot. Remember if you sign up you are committing to that spot and will be billed whether you come or not.

The November preschool feast is a fun Tree House tradition. The children from the 3 Day Toucan class each bring their favorite food to school on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Pre K Monkey class will bring their food on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Then we all sit down as a class and enjoy our feast together. Families are welcome to join us. The 3 Day feast will begin at 10 and PreK will begin at 10:30. More information will be sent out as we get closer.

We are ordering Tree House hoodies. Please let us know if you are interested. We have youth xs through Adult XXL. The cost is \$25 per hoodie. There is a signup sheet on the sign in door.

As the weather turns, we often have parents tell us they want their children to wear their jacket outside or keep their shoes on. We want to honor your wishes but first let us give you a bit of information from our side. When children go outside, most are running around the whole time and get hot if they are in a winter jacket. If you go workout would you put



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on a winter jacket? What we encourage the children to do is listen to their bodies. If they feel cold put on their jacket, if they feel hot then take it off. We believe the best way to dress your children is in layers, then they can take off and add as needed. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have further questions about this.

**Two Day:** Separation has become a lot easier with this class. The kids are exploring the class more and finding their favorite toys to play with. Art is always fun with 2 year olds! They have been having fun exploring paint, glue and even glitter. Some kids go all in and don't worry about getting messy, while others keep a rag close by to wipe any paint off as soon as it gets on them!

**Three Day:** The Toucan class is full of so much energy! They come ready to play and don't stop until we sing the goodbye song! October was fun with Halloween and pumpkins. The kids loved the story *5 Little Pumpkins*. They loved singing the song during circle time and outside while they pretended to be the pumpkins. They hammered, rolled and dissected pumpkins. It was really fun to dissect the pumpkin, pull the seeds out to roast and then bake the pumpkin to make homemade muffins. The kids loved each step, especially eating the muffins at the end of it all.

**PreK:** It is so fun being a monkey! Four and 5 year olds love being the biggest, best and fastest in everything they do. So of course if you ask them what is the best class they will say the Monkey class! Their favorite book was *Room on the Broom* (if you haven't read it I would encourage you to pick up a copy). They had fun hammering pumpkins, rolling pumpkins and making a pumpkin farm both inside and out. It was a great week of investigating, problem solving and teamwork!

**Enrichment:** I love to come into the Enrichment program after it has gotten going. There are kids who are chatting while they eat snack, a group of kids working on an art project (all with their own twist on the activity), and a group playing inside with some imaginary game or drama/dance show. Outside the kids have ball games going on, more imaginary play around the tree house and lots of digging in the sand box. The staff is there to help kids solve conflicts or to help kids gather materials to make something they want. The energy is happy and you can hear lots of fun chatter between the kids and teachers. At the end of the day everyone works together to clean up the giant mess we make and then we all work together to get our homework done.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let us know if you ever have problems or questions for us. Janet and Cheryl are always available to help you all in any way we can.