

The Tree House



"Where children learn through discovery and adventure!"

The Tree House Tid Bits

December 2017

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. Our teachers all had a nice break and we are ready to take on December with all the fun and craziness it brings!

Great news! The Club House has passed all inspections and will open its doors on Monday! We are so excited to open another full time preschool to our community. Feel free to stop in and see our new school. The doors are always open!

Our next **Parent Discussion group** will be January 17th, the subject is, New Behaviour Strategy, Time in. It will be a great discussion to start off the new year. As always we meet from 6:00-7:00 and child care will be provided

Hoodie sweatshirts - Last chance to order your sweatshirts. They are \$25 year. We will be putting the order in on Wednesday the 6th.

Holiday Break -We will be offering **camp days** on December 21-22 and 27-29. January 2-5 The sign up forms are on the shelf by the sign out binder soon and we will send out a remind to let you know it is time to sign up..

Parents night out is December 8th from 5:30-8:30. You get to drop of your kids with us and have the night off to shop, have dinner or just enjoy a night at home with no kids. We feed the kids a taco dinner and have lots of fun activities planned. We have a glow in the dark room, Christmas crafts and other fun activities. The cost is \$20 per child and \$15 for each sibling. Sign-ups are necessary so please sign your kids up on the list by the sign in binder. We welcome all Tree House / Club House families aged 2 and up.

It is a The Tree House tradition to **adopt local families** for the holidays. We will have specific items that are needed as well as cash donations for gift cards to Town & Country. There will be a sign up sheet posted soon with the specifics of the items needed. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Two Day: The Panda class is a happy and busy group of kids and teachers. They love to play with the trucks, blocks and babies. Their other interest is putting things into containers and dumping them out over and over again. Many are getting braver with art. Some like to dive right in and others like to wipe their hands as soon as they get any paint or glue on them. We will start using a lot of glitter this month....nothing is more fun than glitter and preschoolers!

Three Day: The Toucan class is a lively group of friends! November was fun with fall and Thanksgiving. The kids loved the story *The Tasty Thanksgiving Feast*. It was really fun to talk to the about what they wanted to bring for their feast and see how excited they were to share the dish with their friends. They also had fun making handprint turkeys and playing in the few fall leaves that fell off the tree. Their favorite song was Ted the turkey. Ask them to sing the song...very cute!

PreK: Ask any one of the Monkey class and they will say their class is the best! They come in ready to see their friends and get started with their play right away. We spent a lot of time talking about our Thanksgiving plans. They really liked to share with everyone what their plans were. We had a lot of fun at our feast with everyone bringing their favorite foods. It was really fun to sit down and eat a feast with our best friends! Our favorite book was *Soup Opera* by Jim Gill. It is an amazing book that I highly recommend. You can listen to the story on Youtube if you search Jim Gill, Soup Opera. All of the children loved the story and we had a great time acting it out after we made our own soup. Pull up the story and listen to it with your children, it will bring a smile to you both!

Boost: In all the classes we have been using a lot of the Boost vocabulary. November we focused a lot on feelings and how they are connected with our thoughts. This month we will be talking a lot about the group plan. The kids use the vocabulary a lot in their play at school. We hope that you find it useful at home as well. We love hearing stories on how you all use it so keep sharing!

Enrichment: The Tree House enrichment program is always busy. Once we get the kids fed it is busy in every area of the school. Today as I look around there is a taste test going on in the Discovery room. Kids are closing their eyes and guessing what they are tasting. In the Adventure room the kids are working with hot glue and making creations that only they could love (parents think, where am I going to put that!). There is also another group who is putting on a dance show. Some of the kids are dancers, some are the judges and others are the audience. Some of our kids are really good on the dance floor! Outside there is a group in the grass playing a tag game called Giants, Wizards and Elf's and another group making a hot tub in the sand box. It is a lot of fun to walk around the school and hear the conversations happening, see the imagination taking place and feel the friendships that are being formed.

Over Thanksgiving we took time to reflect on our appreciation of all of you for entrusting your kids in our care and allowing us to have so much fun each day "playing" with your kids!