



The Tree House Tid Bits

The October 2017 Newsletter

The school year is off to a great start! Hard to believe it is already October. The weather is trying to change to help us feel more like fall!

The Tree House will be **closed** to all regular programs on Monday the 9th. We do provide camp days for school age children at an additional charge. If you need care for Monday please fill out the camp day application and give it to one of our staff.

Preschool **picture day** is coming up. We are excited to have our own Teacher Jillian as our photographer again this year. The Panda class (2 day class) will take pictures on Tuesday October 17th starting at 10:00. The Toucan Class (3 day class) and the Monkey class (Prek) will take pictures on Friday October 20th. Picture forms are going home in cubbies soon. We will be taking individual and class pictures. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Our parent discussion group this month is October 24th from 6-7. Our topic will be, Tools for Understanding Your Unique Child. We hope you can come join us for a casual roundtable discussion. We provide free childcare!

The weather is changing. We donate over 100 jackets a year because we don't know who they belong to. Please label your kids jackets! We do our best to make sure your child brings their jacket from Waggoner to Tree House, but we are not perfect. Please make sure to check at the end of the day that your child takes their jackets home so we don't have a big pile up.

Halloween - The Toucan (3 day class) will celebrate Halloween on Monday the 30th and the Monkey class (Pre K) will celebrate on Tuesday the 31st.. The 2 year olds are too little so we just skip it for their class. Kids are welcome to come in costume. We do a walk around the block, a circle time fashion show, play a few games and have a halloween themed snack. Then we change back into our regular clothes and finish the day as a regular day. Parents are welcome to join in the fun. We do not celebrate with sweet treats and ask that you not bring cubby treats for the class. If you have any questions feel to talk to Cheryl or Janet. Enrichment kids can come in their costume as long as they are not too scary and don't have weapons. We will have fun games and activities for them to play.

2 Day class (Pandas) – The Panda class is working on settling in, separation is getting easier and we are having less and less tears each day. These children are doing an amazing job following the routine. They love to come together to sing songs, it is adorable to watch them sing Slipper Fish! We look forward to watching these children grow and develop throughout the year.

3 Day class (Toucans) - The Toucans are having a lot of fun together. It has been fun watching them build their friendships and become more and more confident in the school routine. Their favorite book in September was *Pet The Cats New White Shoes*. They had fun finger painting a shoe with “strawberries”, “blueberries”, and “mud”. You can see their art displayed around the room before it is filed for their special portfolios that they will get at the end of the year. Outside they have been enjoying sifting in the sand and looking for jewels as well as going to work with our play tools and dump trucks on the tree house.

Pre K class (Monkeys) – This class comes in ready to play. They are happy to see each other and get right to work figuring out what to play. This class loves to expand on the story we are reading each week. Our favorite book this month was *I went walking*. The kids made each animal and then we went for a walk around the block to see if we could find them. It was a lot of fun spying for the animals, as we walked we also spied Teacher Cheryl’s house!

Enrichment (school age) – Our afterschool group is full every day with 45 kids. This group of children come hungry and ready to get playing! Many come with an idea of what they want to do while others look forward to what the teachers have planned. In September the kids were really into paper airplanes, fuze beads and playing football on the turf and ball tag in the bark. The constant jump rope challenge has also been a really fun part of our days. Currently the new jump rope record is held by Cole Jordling who jumped 1112 jumps this week! It is a stiff competition, there are lots of children wanting to get in on the fun.

If you have any free time this week head out to the park build at Fourth and Main Street and join in the fun of building our new city park!