

Tree House Happenings!

Greetings from the TreeHouse version of the Pacific Northwest! We've had a great time exploring our big backyard of Oregon and Washington.

Cool Oregon facts:

- Crater Lake was formed over 6000 years ago when Mt Mazama erupted.
- The Painted Hills were once part of a sub tropical forest.
- The Oregon Caves are between three and five million years old
- In the John Day Fossil Beds, the kids were especially intrigued to find out that the Mammoths and Sabertooth dinosaurs were discovered there.

Cool places to visit in Washington:

- Mt St Helens (another volcano)
- Seattle's Space Needle
- The Olympic National Forest
- San Juan Islands

Don't be surprised if you child suggests a family vacation to see these wondrous sights up close!

Next month we will be venturing farther north to explore the vast wilderness of Canada. Did you know: Canada is the coldest country in the world and the 2nd largest country? Brrr it will be cold but we do have our parkas, boots, and mittens.

Typical development with this age group is figuring out who are friends with whom? Sometimes their friend's words can be hurtful when they have decided to play with another friend. In an effort to give the children an opportunity to understand that just because they are playing with someone new doesn't mean that they are not friends, we will be exploring "Partner Play". Twice a week, for approximately 20 minutes, the children will be partnered with a new friend. Together they will problem solve and work as a team to decide how they will use this Center time.

Our hope is that they become acquainted with new friends and will be able to share their old friends. We have already heard a lot of encouraging conversations:

"So what are your favorite things?"

"Hey, I didn't know girls like cars!"

"Where is your house?"

"Do you like dinosaurs?"

"This is nice because I don't get to play with that friend much"

It has been awesome to hear and watch them growing in their friendship skills!

In March, four new friends from the Blossom room will be moving over to the TreeHouse. We are looking forward to Nathan, Laird, Alexander, and Lauren joining us.

Hope your New Year is going great!

Ms Angel

Miss Jessica

PS: If you would like to bring Valentines to share, we are requesting that:

1. Please do not include candy
2. Please do not address them. Please only sign From:(childs name)

Class List:

AVA

FINN

SONORA

BRIE

GABBY

WYATT

BRIANNE

KLYE

EVERETT

BRIANNA

LUCAS

HAYDEN

CARLY

MIRANDA

CONNER

NORAH

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Oh Canada, Oh Canada...



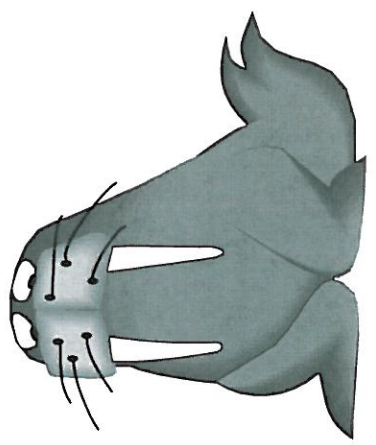
Notes:

14TH VALENTINES

Hand-drawn red heart on lined paper.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CANADIAN GEESE	2 LYNX CRAYON RESIST	3 MUNCHING MOOSE		
6 BLACK BEAR UP A TREE	8 GREAT GRIZZLY	9 GRIZZLY'S TUNDRA	10 3 BEAR COLLAGE	
13 POLAR BEAR CAMO ART	14 POLAR BEAR GREEN? <i>HUGS!</i>	15 SNOWY OWLS	16 ARTIC SPOTTED SEAL	17 WALRUS TUSKS
20 CLOSED	21 ICE FISHING	22 IGLOO BLOCKS	23 INTUIT TOTEM POLE	24 AUROA BORIALIS
27 TUNDRA CHALK	28 BABY BEUGA	29 ARTIC HARE		



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