

# Tree House News

## January 2012

Ring in the New Year but never forget the old! Speaking of last year, we ended it in a really fun way by traveling along the Oregon Trail and learning about the pioneers' journey. We learned it wasn't a Sunday drive! It was a winding 2,000 mile trail that took six months from Independence Missouri to the base of the Blue Mountains in Eastern Oregon. It was a dusty journey in a covered wagon over prairies, deserts, across raging rivers and steep mountains!

We made a covered wagon in our adventure room out of straw connectors which made our journey so real to us! We learned that a major landmark for the pioneers to know they made it to Oregon was a lone pine tree at the base of the Blue Mountains in NE Oregon. Tree House friends made so many ornaments to decorate our lone pine for Christmas!

Tree House friends also got into a giving spirit and held a food drive spearheaded by Miranda and her mom Michelle. They collected enough food to help several families during these tough times. Thanks everyone and way to go Tree House!!!

The Holiday Sing-a-Long was fun. The Tree House kids were amazing!

We are going to start the New Year off with exploring our Pacific Northwest and find out why those pioneers wanted to come to Oregon!

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful families!!!

Miss Angel & Miss Jessica

Jan-12



# "The Pacific Northwest"

Notes:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CLOSED	3 Colored Sand- Painted Hills	4 Crater Lake's Wizard Island	5 John Day Fossil Bed Art	6 Shap Space Needle
9 Hells Canyon	10 Mount St. Helen's	11 Sand & Sea Scraped Scape	12 Oregon Cave Art	13 Water Color High Desert
16 Tent Camp Art	17 Fishing Shape Scene	18 Stick Man Skier	19 Spokes on a Bike	20 Horse Back Riding
23 Woodland Animal Stenciling	24 Red Tail Hawk	25 Paint a Sea Lion & Salmon	26 Porcupine Quills	27 Mustangs in the Desert
30 Great Horned Owl Faces	31 Beaver Tail			



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