

# September Branch News

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Becoming a Brancher is a big deal, and we are eager to get this school year started. I have a feeling it is going to be an AMAZING year!

I would first off like to say that McKenzie and I feel honored to be a part of such a wonderful, caring and nurturing establishment such as The Growing Tree! It is our job to provide a warm, inviting, exciting and fun learning environment for our students. We will excel at getting to know each student individually and embrace that everyone is different...and that is what makes each and every one of us awesome! With that said, please allow us to introduce ourselves....

My name is Ms. Heather. I just recently moved back to Bend. While away, I spent much of my time working for both the Roseburg Public Schools and South Umpqua School District. As some of you may know, I had the pleasure of working for The Growing Tree from 2007-2010. Not only did I work in the Blossom room, but I was the first head teacher at the Tree House! Working for The Growing Tree was and still is such an honor and I am beyond thrilled to be back! I have been teaching and working with children in preschool and elementary school setting since 2001. Teaching is such a rewarding feeling, and having an assistant or team teacher is just an added bonus!

My name is Ms. McKenzie. I am thrilled to start working with your kids! I have already met many of the children and they seem so wonderful and creative. This will be my first year teaching after receiving Bachelors in Human Development & Family Science with a focus on Child Development through Oregon State University. I am eager to start teaching and putting my education to work! Thank you all so much for the opportunity to work alongside you and your children. I look forward to a fun year ahead!

As we begin a new school year, our main focus for the month of September is to get to know each student and build friendships and learn about one another. As a class, we will discuss not only classroom rules and safety, but playground rules and safety as well. We will focus on germs and cleanliness, manners (of all types) and even our 5 senses! We will implement our circle time, manipulatives, hands on activities, art, science, dramatic play, movement & music with each area of our study!

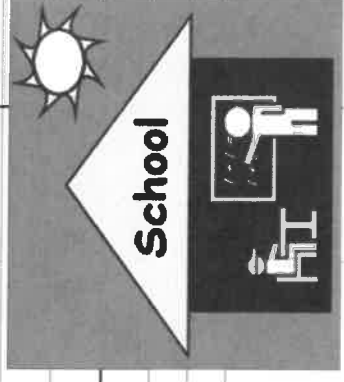
This is just the beginning to what will be an incredible school year! Remember that not only are we here for the children, we are here for you as well! When we communicate, maintaining a relationship on the same page comes with ease! I encourage you to stop on in and say hello!

Ms. Heather & Ms. McKenzie

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# OUR BRANCH COMMUNITY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Notes:	4	5	6	7	8
Please make sure your child has the following at school:	Closed	First Day	In the Classroom...	Name	I Spy!
Extra clothes	Labor Day	Jitters!	Classroom...	Game	Classroom Awareness
Blanket	11	12	13	14	15
Stuffy	This is Me!	What I like about Me!	People Patterns	Inside Out	Student Graphing
	18	19	20	21	22
	Finger Prints	Glitter Handshake	Pom Pom Sneeze	Sherm the germ	Handwash Awards
	25	26	27	28	29
	My 5 Senses	Taste Test	Hot & Cold	Do you Hear? What I Hear?	Scented Playdough



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