

TreeHouse News

Spring is already right around the corner and we are starting to see some signs of it approaching! Simon noticed that the weather is a little warmer and that sometimes he can take his jacket off outside! Rowan says that the sun is shining more, and Phoebe has been noticing that the trees are starting to **bloom**. Some other changes that occurred this last month was the welcoming of a new TreeHouse friend, **Mason**, who we're so happy to have as a part of our community. We also said goodbye to Ms. Erynn so that she can focus on her classes and research projects. We miss her already, but are excited to see her pursuing her dream.

February was a success with our **Picasso** and Mozart theme! We had the chance to look at different art styles, illustrations, famous paintings, shapes and colors, **instruments**, music styles and more! Our adventure room was an art gallery and theater. It was equipped with famous paintings, our own art, puppets, costumes, masks, theater tickets, a concession stand and lots of musical instruments. Mikaela's favorite thing about the adventure room this month was all the musical instruments that she got to make music with. She explained that her favorite one to play was the drum. Decker, Enakai, Cohen, Jayse, Gus and Bear have started a **marching** band! Owen loved the cash register and passing out and collecting theater tickets.

With the focus on art and music this month, we tried our hands at all sorts of different art projects—clay **sculpting**, still-life drawings, self portraits, splatter painting like Jackson Pollock, and much more. We even made our own instruments: **maracas**, drums and rain-sticks. Our friends were feeling **inspired** by art all around us; we even had a TreeHouser create an art project for the class! Ada noticed that there were **pinecones** of all different sizes falling onto the playground. She picked up enough pinecones for everyone in the class and we used the pinecones as paintbrushes. Thank you, Ada!

The amount of writing and drawing happening in the TreeHouse this month was awesome. Our friends were so creative with their **Valentine** making and adding such thoughtful writing to their cards. We saw valentines being made for parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers and friends! The amount of growth and interest in writing letters, words and even full **sentences** is amazing!

Our three new **focus** letters were: Dd, Ll and Ww. We added these letters to our alphabet journals, made art focusing on the letters, shared words that start with the

letters and sounds, practiced writing them and sorted them into **alphabet** soup!
Please keep talking about these letters and sounds at home, as well as practicing writing them in uppercase and lowercase.

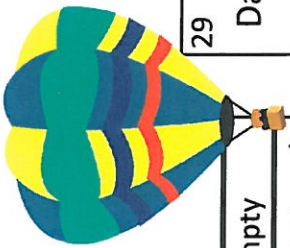
We are excited to delve into **March** as we explore **THINGS THAT GO!** Our daily circle topics and art activities can be found on the whiteboard and on the calendars above the fireplace. The whiteboard also has our focus letter of the week and information about Friday Share Day.

Have a wonderful March!

Ms. Brandi and Ms. Emily

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THINGS THAT GO

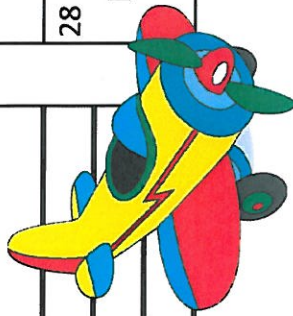


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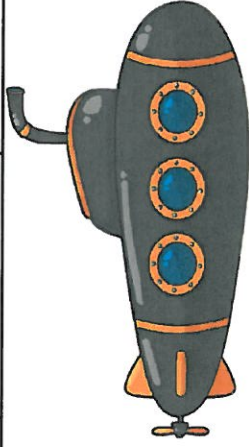
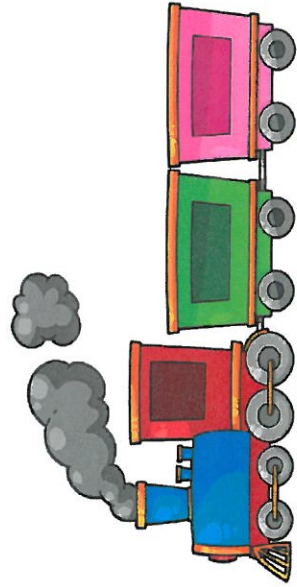
Please send any empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls for an upcoming art project :)

This Month's Books:

The Adventures of Onyx
Fireman Small
 Mo Willems - Pigeon Books
Freight Train
Alphabeep



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	Dance Ribbons	1 Spanish: Songs	2 Paint to Music	3 Cultural Music and Dance	4 Share: Favorite Music Style
7	Letter Ee	8 Spanish: Snow Vehicles	9 Train Names	10 Iditarod Teams and Review	11 Share: Favorite Snow Transportation
14	Buoyancy	15 Spanish: Water Transportation	16 Letter Nn	17 St. Patty's & Submarines	18 Share: Favorite Water Transportation
21	Hot Air Balloons	22 Spanish: Air Transportation	23 Rockets & Air Military	24 Letter Kk	25 Share: Favorite Air Transportation
28	Roll or Slide?	29 Spanish: Land Transportation	30 Animal Transportation	31 License Plates & Land Military	1 Share: Favorite Land Transportation



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