

# THE MONTHLY SPROUT 1

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

December 1, 2019

Dear Families,

Can you believe it one more month and it will be 2020? Wow the year just flew by. All the Sprouts have been very busy learning about feelings, safety and voice volume. Still working on all three but getting better.

In November we were exploring our feelings and getting to know our friends. At circle time we read books about feelings, a splendid friend and Thanksgiving. **Teddy** would smile as we read each book. When we were done reading each book he would clap. Everyone did a great job with the hand motions while we sang our circle time songs. **Izzy** and **Saylor** both loved the "Happy and you know it" song. **Izzy** would put her fingers on her cheeks every time we sang "Your face will surely show it." **Saylor** also loved that part of the song. She would move her head around, put her fingers on her cheeks and say "Happy!"

At art time we made many crafts that had to do with feelings and our friends. Everyone enjoyed all the happy, sad and mad pictures we colored. They all are becoming inspiring artists.

Thru out the room we had different feeling activities and toys we could play with that had the pictures of different feelings. On the shelves and doors there were pictures of feeling faces and a voice chart to help us with how loud our voices should be. **Archer** loved to show his friends how loud his voice could get and what a great runner and climber he was. He was such a busy guy that his friends had to remind him to be safe. **Aubree** liked to go to the feeling's charts, point to the faces and say "Eyes." She was very aware of the different eye shapes.

**Miles** and **J.J.** were great about telling their friends to be safe and asking them about their feelings. **Miles** would say to a friend that was a little upset "You ok. You sad?" The friend would usually look at him and say "No." **J.J.** was into reminding his friends about

being safe. He would tell all his friends "Ms. Teresa say not safe." What a great helper he was. It was a very friendly feeling month. Can't wait to see what great things December will bring us.

In December we will be exploring **Holiday Magic** time. At circle time we will be reading about holiday activities and singing some magical holiday songs. Art time will be filled with many holiday crafts and a special ornament they will make for the tree at home. In the room we will be putting puzzles together, playing with gingerbread people and building houses with blocks. We will also have holiday books in the library area and holiday dress-up and instruments in the dramatic play area. It ought to be a very magical month and we can't wait for it to begin.

Also, in December our good friend **Miles** will be moving over to the Bud room and we will be having two new friends coming into the sprout room. Welcome to **Eleanor** and **Nicholas** "Nico". We can't wait to get to know you.

Thank you once again for coming to conferences and letting us know how we are doing. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come talk to us.

#### A few reminders for you this month-

- Holiday Sing-along December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30
- Christmas Eve the center will be closing at 3:00
- The center will be closed December 25 and 26
- Also make sure your Sprout has winter warm gear for these cold days ahead.

Thank you and have a great month and a very Merry Christmas and New Year's.

Teresa, Elizabeth and Nana Julie

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# Holiday Magic

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	Let it Snow	3 Fake Snow	4 Paper Plate Ornament	5 Peppermint Art	6 Sticky Collage
9	Christmas Tree	10 Toddler Candy Cane	11 Ribbon Collage	12 Reindeer	13 Markers
16	Wreath	17 Wrapping Paper Ripping	18 Stuff the Stocking	19 Wrapping Paper Collage	20 Dot Sticker Tree
23	Red and Green Coloring	24 Starry Sky	25 Merry Christmas	26 CLOSED	27 Snowman Craft
30	Green Playdough	31 Coloring			

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Merry Christmas Big hungry bear.</i>
<i>Little Blue Trucks Christmas</i>
<i>Magical Christmas</i>
This Month's Songs:
Let it Snow
5 Little Bells
5 Little Stockings
This Month's Sign:

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