

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT** 1

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

February 1, 2020

Dear Families,

The start of the 2020 has been great. We all explored different sensory sensations including the cold ice and snow outside. Not everyone was thrilled with the cold but most of us had a great time. **Eleanor** would take off her gloves, touch the snow and say "Cold." We asked g them to keep their gloves on or their hands would get super cold. They are learning.



January's theme was sensory. Everyone enjoyed playing with the touch boards that Ms. Elizabeth made. **Teddy** would put them all together so that they made a big square on the floor. When he was done, he would say "See what I did."

Circle time we sang songs about getting sticky stuff on our hands and about all our senses. **Saylor** enjoyed shaking her hands all around while we sang and **Aubree** would say "Ticky. Ticky." **Aubree** really enjoyed singing the songs at circle time. After each song we sang she would clap and say "Yeah!"

Art time we made lots of tactile art projects. We washed toys, mixed colors with our hands and squished different types of playdough. **Izzy** really had fun mixing the red and yellow paint together with her hands. While she was mixing the paint together, she told us "I do it!"



In the classroom we had all kinds of sensory materials that they could play with. We had glittery pillows, wood pieces and oatmeal in the sensory bin.

Clover and **Quinn's** first month was super. **Quinn** really enjoyed taking the little spikey balls and squishing them in his hands. As he was squishing them would smile and laugh. **Clover** really enjoyed playing with the food in the kitchen area. She would take the food, put it on the plate and smile.



Archer had fun with the phones this month. He would put the phone up to his ear, say "Yeah. Yeah" and then pull it off his ear, look at the phone and shake his head no. He is so silly.

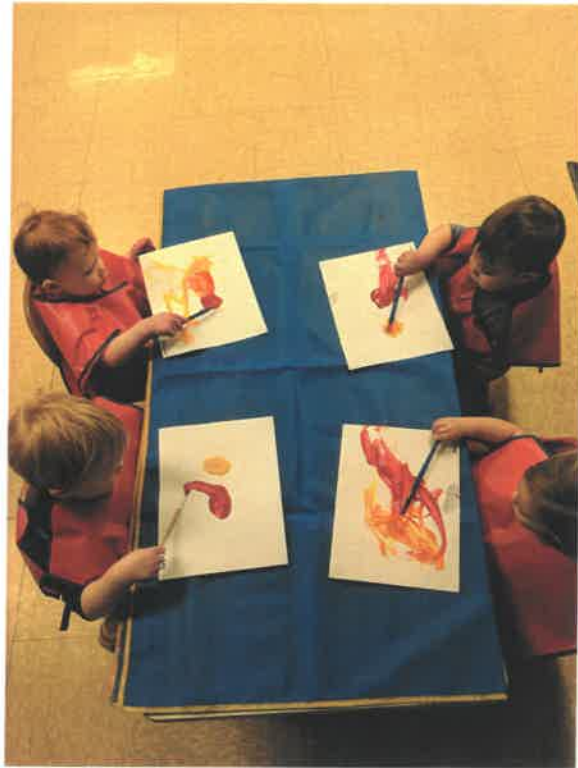


Outside time we got to feel the cold snow and ice. Everyone thought it was so much fun to shovel the snow and go down the slide in their snowsuits. The snowsuits gave them an extra slippery slide. When they would get to the bottom of the slide they would laugh and clap. They had a super time outside.



It was a very sensory fun month and we can't wait to see what fun adventure we will have next month. February we will be **Going to the zoo**. At circle time we will be reading books about animals that are at the zoo and singing lots of animal songs. Art time we will be making animal crafts and exploring different things that are on the animals. Throughout the room we will have animal activities and zoo animals they can play with. In the dress-up area will be stuffy zoo animals to cuddle and hats to wear. It's going to be a very zootastic month.

In February a new sprout will be joining our room. We would like to welcome **Elise** and her parents **Melanie** and **Mark**. We can't wait to get to know you.



Just a few reminders for the month:

February 14th we will be having a Valentine card exchange. As the date gets closer, we will post a note to remind you.

Monday February 17th we will be closed.

Could you please make sure your sprout has weather appropriate extra clothing. We do get wet and dirty sometimes.

Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come talk to us. Have a great Valentine's Day and February.

Teresa, Elizabeth and Nana Julie



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Take me to the Zoo

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Take me to the Zoo</i>
<i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i>
<i>Elephant Stamp</i>
This Month's Songs:
5 Little Monkeys
<i>Willaby Wallaby Woo</i>
<i>If you're an Elephant</i>
This Month's Sign:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Zoo Keeper Hat	4 Stripes Collage	5 Spotty Art	6 Tiger Whiskers	7 Elephant
10 Animal Tracks Painting	11 Finger Print Giraffe	12 Artic Playdough	13 Heart Envelope	14 Polar Bear Coloring
17 CLOSED	18 Paper Plate Tiger	19 Messy Hair Lion	20 Zoo Animal Stripes	21 Glowing Lion Eyes
24 Hippo	25 Feather Painting	26 Zebra	27 Coloring	28 Monkey

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