

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BUD

December 1, 2020

Dear Families,

In November we focused on Giving Thanks. We read *Bear Says Thanks* and finished the month off reading *Stone Soup*. We compared both of the books and recognized as a class that in both books the community shared their food with each other giving thanks. The children enjoyed hanging out in the bear cave with Bear and all his woodland friends making pies, having tea parties, and roasting marshmallows. During nap time, each day a different child had the opportunity to experience sleeping in the bear cave!

Some more exciting highlights:

- Putting Thankful leaves on our Giving Thanks Tree.
- Pulling friends' paper handprints from a bucket, handing it back to them, and letting them share what they were thankful for.
- Making leaf impressions in play dough.
- Creating Thanksgiving place mats.
- Going on a Bear Hunt!

We are looking forward to December, where we will explore everything about **Boxes**! Our focus book for the month is *What to Do with a Box*. We will use our imaginations to paint, draw and decorate boxes for play in all areas of our classroom. We cannot wait to see the children creation with different sizes and shapes of boxes each day.

Some questions we will ask:

- What is a box?
- What do we use boxes for?
- What do you do at home with boxes?

A Special welcome to our new Bud Room friends Archer, who joined us from the Sprout 1 classroom and Maya, who is new to Growing Tree. We are so excited to have you join us!

Important Dates:

- Dec. 24 & 25 we will be closed

Birthdays:

- Henry 12/13
- Izzy 12/27

Parent Reminders:

- Please continue to take home and wash blankets at the end of the week.
- Please bring a winter coat/jacket.
- Please bring a hat and gloves to keep in your child's cubby.

Thank you and happy holidays!
Ms. Amy, Ms. Brittany, & Ms. Lori



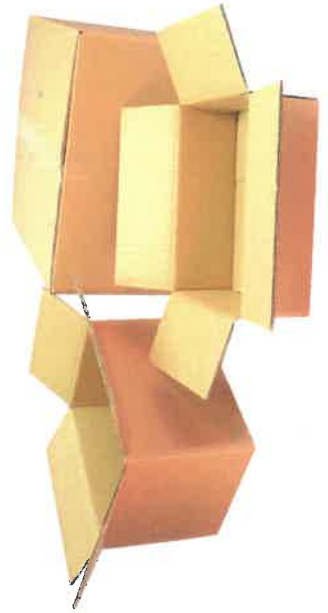
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BOXES

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>What to Do with a Box</i>
<i>Not a Box</i>
<i>The Nowhere Box</i>
<i>A box can be many things</i>
This Month's Songs:
<i>The Box</i>
<i>What's in my box</i>
<i>Shape House</i>
<i>New Years is coming</i>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Painting Boxes	2 Painting Boxes	3 Tissue Paper Lids	4 Tissue Paper Lids	
7 Shapes out of Boxes	8 Shapes out of Boxes	9 Painting Shape House	10 Painting Shape House	11 Shape House
14 Gingerbread House	15 Gingerbread House	16 Gingerbread House	17 Marble Box Painting	18 Marble Box Painting
21 Box Painting	22 Color matching Decorating Box	23 Box Stacking and Decorating	24 Closed	25 Closed
28 New Years Box Hats	29 New Years Box Hats	30 New Years Box Hats	31 New Years Box Hats	



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