

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BUD

January 1, 2021

Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your holiday celebrations as much as we did! Now we are ready to welcome 2021!

In December, our main focus was all about Boxes! We read *Not a Box* as well as other Box themed books. The children enjoyed hanging out in the Big Box Shaped House, pretending to be delivery drivers, and utilizing and learning all the ways we can build and use boxes. We had a lot of fun decorating, constructing and physically being inside boxes this month!

A few highlights from our year and what is to come.

- We are focusing on a study for each month and dissecting each subject throughout the month week by week.
- We introduce the topics of the month, investigate and reflect on what we have learned at the end of each study.

We are looking forward to a new chapter and beginning to a new year. This past year has been full of transitions and changes. We are looking forward to experiencing these changes in the most positive way possible!

In January we will be focusing on a study of all-things- arctic! Our focus book for the month is *Over and Under the Snow*. We will use our growing imaginations (as we do not live in the arctic) we will be painting, drawing, and exploring in all areas of our classroom. We are excited to discuss, explore, and experience what the Arctic is all about!

Some questions we will ask are:

- What is the arctic?
- Where is the arctic?
- Who and what lives there?
- How do the animals keep warm?

A Special welcome to our new Bud Room friends joining us in January from the Sprout Room. Brynley, Clover, Eleanor, Ellie, Om, and Quinn! We are so excited to get to know you and your families as you join us this month.

Important Dates:

January 1st we will be closed – Happy New Year!

Parent Reminders:

- Please continue to take home and wash blankets at the end of each school week.
- Please bring a warmer coat/ jacket that can stay at school all week if possible.
- Please bring hats/ gloves and boots to keep in your child's cubby during our winter weather.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

Ms. Amy, Ms. Brittany, & Ms. Lori



