

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT 2**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 2021

Dear Families,

“Today Is a Great Day to Learn Something New”

September was such a busy month for the Sprouts. Our community of Nora, Kate, Tula, Parker, Evie, Charlie, Jack, and Belle have adjusted with ease to their new classroom and friends.

“Our School” was our September study. We spent the month making those important connections with your child so that they feel safe and nurtured while in our care. We also became familiar with our classroom, safety, and routines, after all everything looks different for them even the books. They each have their own cubby and have enjoyed using their cubby to put their nap items away all by themselves. We drink out of open cups, use spoons, they hang their coats on hooks, they love the foaming soap when they wash their hands and don't forget “Clean Up! Clean Up!” Where do all the toys go? Outside the playground is a whole new world. Everything is BIG! Especially those big steps (aka the curb) it is a big step down for their little legs.

Encouraging and allowing time for our Sprouts to do as much for themselves as possible grows independence which in turn grows a positive sense of self. This is our goal this year.

Monthly Highlights:

- **Jack** loves to wash his hands with the foam soap
- **Evie** is already climbing up the steps on the play structure
- **Charlie** figured out quickly where her cubby is and puts her blankets away after nap time. Art is her favorite time.
- **Belle** enjoys sitting in the library with a good book!
- **Tula** loves to count. She counts her toys, she counts her cookies at snack, and her baby dolls.

- **Nora and Kate** enjoyed finding the letters in their names and placing them on the magnet boards.
- **Parker** has been loving the Strider bike! Safety first, he is very good about putting his helmet on before navigating those corners. He rides just like he runs... FAST

This month the Sprouts study will be “Paper!” The Sprouts will explore and use paper in many ways. Perhaps you have seen your child excitedly rip the wrapping paper off of a present and enjoy playing with the cardboard box more than the present itself, or maybe your child has proudly showed you a picture they colored on paper. Paper plays an important role in your child's life and provides endless opportunities to explore colors, textures, shapes, and functions.

How can you help?

- Please bring a blanket for your child's nap (even if they have a sleep sack) it can get chilly during naptime.
- Also change out your child's extra set of clothing to match the changing weather.
- Give your child opportunities to become independent at home.

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