

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT 2**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

December 2021

Sprout Families,

Last month the Sprouts studied, "Shoes and Socks." We explored all kinds of footwear, including boots, slip on shoes, sneakers, slippers and climbing shoes. The Sprouts also enjoyed a sock hunt! We teachers had fun hiding the shoes. The excitement was through the roof when socks were discovered, and the kids had to find the matching socks! Such a fun activity! Art this month included boot stamping, dot marker socks and coloring shoes. *Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes*, *Pete the Cat Rockin in My School Shoes* and *Shoe-La-la* were read at circle. A new favorite song focused on the shoes each Sprout was wearing that day.

Monthly Highlights:

Kate mastered taking her own shoes and socks off. She loved showing us her fun socks each day!

Nora was very interested in the Velcro on her shoes. She figured out that's what helps keep her shoes on!

Jack wore snow boots around the classroom. Wearing those boots was a good balancing exercise and required a lot of focus to pick each foot up and be able to walk forward. He did an awesome job!

Charlie discovered her friends' shoes and tried them all on! She especially liked the rain boots!

Evie enjoyed the noise that the different shoes made on the floors. The beach booties made a scratching sound, and a pair of boots made a click clack sound!

Belle attempted to put shoes on her baby doll!

Tula observed that some shoes were bigger than others. She said, "those shoes are too big for me!"

This month our study will be "Bags and Bows." Although bags are ordinary items that most people use every day, young children often find them intriguing and enjoy imitating how people use them. Studying bags with children gives them an opportunity to interact with items they are curious about, examine them closely, and imitate how they have seen people use them. During our investigation we will display different bags together. We

will talk about how we use the different bags. We will also explore different types of bows. Art projects will include, bow stamping, bow collage, plastic bag mess free finger painting, Christmas bag craft.

If you have any of the following that we could borrow for our study, please bring them in.

Bags: Luggage, backpacks, purses, reusable bags, gift bags, diaper bags, and trash bags

Bows: Hair bows, bow tie and gift bows

Kate will graduate to the Bud room in December. We will miss her presence in the Sprout room but know she has many adventures coming in the Bud room. We wish you well Kate!

Monthly Friendly reminder:

GT is closed December 24th

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MS. KELCY & MS. TRACY

*"TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE
IT IS NECESSARY TO STAND OUT IN THE COLD."*

-ARISTOTLE

Dec-21

Bags and Bows

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Exploring bags	2 Bow collage	3 What can bags carry?
6 What can we do with bags?	7 Bow counting	8 Dot marker trees	9 What are bags made of?	10 Reindeer
13 Present with bows	14 Christmas bags	15 Bow stamping	16 What's inside your bag?	17 Bow wreaths
20 Paper bag art	21 Bow tie noodle bins	22 Paper ornament	23 Fingerpainting	24 Closed
27 Sensory bags	28 Shopping bags	29 Bow matching	30 Backpacks	31 Closed

This Month's Books:
<u>Delivering Your Mail</u>
<u>Little Blue Truck Christmas</u>
<u>Llama Llama Jingle Bells</u>
This Month's Songs:
<u>Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas</u>
<u>Star</u>
<u>We Wish You a Merry</u>
<u>Christmas</u>

Sprout Two