

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BUD

December 1, 2021

Hello Bud Families,

Please welcome Angelica Schay and Kasandra Thomasson to our Bud teaching team. Both teachers have several years of teaching experience, and we look forward to them joining our class.

We also need to welcome Kate, June, and Owen to our Bud room. Kate moved from Sprout 2 and June and Owen are new to Growing Tree. We look forward to getting to know your families.

In November we introduced the book *Bear Says Thanks* by Jane Chapman and Karma Wilson. The Buds had the opportunity to make bear masks and enjoyed "growling" along with the story during circle. They were enjoying the story so much we added props to our Bear Cave so they could reenact the story. The cave was the highlight of our month and was so fun to listen to their stories. We also made turkey handprints, squished our fingers through cranberry sauce, and participated in turkey bowling.

We have many things planned for December. This month we will study "BOXES." Our focus word is "RECYCLING," and the Buds will explore upcycling, repurposing, and reusing.

We will read:

Sitting in my Box by, Dee Lillegard

The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper

Robots Robots Everywhere by Sue Fliess.

You will be amazed at what your Bud can do with a box. We expect that their imaginations will run wild this month.

We will be adding mindfulness into our daily routine with:

Yoga

Muscle Relaxation Exercises

Emotion Awareness Games

Elf on the Shelf Visitor:

As a group we will name our Elf.

The Elf's job is to nightly report back to the North Pole all the fun we had that day. Each day the Buds will need to search where the Elf lands in the room when he returns from the North Pole.

Parent Reminders

- As the weather is getting colder, we would appreciate it if your child has at least one complete change of clothes in their cubbies
- Buds should also have a snowsuit/snow pants and jacket, boots, two pairs of mittens, and a hat at school. (If you have a one-piece snowsuit, they need a warm jacket at school too)

Important Dates

- December 23rd – Holiday pajama party
- December 24th - School closed.
- December 31st - School closed.

Thank you and happy holidays!
Ms. Stephanie

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BOXES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Box building	30 Towers and what they do	1 Car wash box water play	2 Silly box photo booth	3 Box sorting small to large
6 Robot name and build	7 Class robot Robot heads	8 Robot arm painting	9 Cardboard robot collage	10 Robot repair center
13 Train painting	14 Mystery box game	15 Train track lacing	16 Shoe box train ride	17 Box decorating Paint & stickers
20 Puppet show box theater	21 Puppet making. Story telling	22 Table time puppet show	23 Holiday pajama party	24 Closed
27 Crayon melt and collage	28 Crayon rainbow color sort	29 Crayon box dot match	30 New Year box maracas/crown	Closed

Word:
recycle
This Month's Books:
<i>Robot robot everywhere</i>
<i>The Little Engine</i>
<i>A Puppet Can</i>
<i>The Crayon Book of</i>
<i>Color: Red</i>
This Month's Songs:
<i>I'm the littlest</i>
<i>christmas tree</i>
<i>5 little monkies</i>
<i>This little light</i>
<i>of mine.</i>
Letter: R

Buds