

# THE MONTHLY **SPROUT 1**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

January 2022

Sprout 1 Families,

Happy 2022 to everyone. We cannot wait to see what the 2022 brings.

Amy has moved over temporarily (we hope) to help the Bud room stabilize during their teacher transition. In the meantime, Nana Julie working in our Sprout room. Thank you for your patience!

In December we explored **Paper and Presents**. Everyone had fun touching and feeling sandpaper, wrapping paper, contact paper and tissue paper. During circle we talked about how each page on the book was made of paper and that the pages can rip very easily. In the sensory bin the Sprouts found wrapped boxes that they could fill with different little surprises to create their own beautiful presents. During art, the Sprouts enjoyed coloring, gluing, and painting.

### **Monthly Highlights:**

**Autumn** really liked listening to the present book at circle time. As each present was opened in the book, she would get a big smile on her face.

**Declan** had fun listening to the present book too, he would reply "Ho. Ho. Ho" after each present was presented.

**Ellee** enjoyed coloring on construction paper. She always had a smile on her face when coloring. I wonder what she was thinking.

**Fisk** really enjoyed our tearing paper project. After he finished ripping up one piece, he asked "More paper, More paper." Did you know that tearing paper is a fine motor skill and a precursor to being able to manipulate scissors?

**Forrest** had fun exploring all the different paper textures during Center time. When he felt the sandpaper, he ran his hand and fingernails all over it.

**June** really had fun filling up the present boxes in the sensory table. After she filled them up, she delivered her present a friend and said "Here, Here."

**Mackson** enjoys drawing. He sat a long time at the table drawing his version of a present. We know they were presents because he told us "More present. More present."

**Zadie** had a fun time doing all the paper art projects. One of her favorites was gluing colorful cardstock shapes on the poster board paper. It was a great December exploring all our paper projects.

In January we will study **Shoes**. The Sprout are always very interested in each other's shoes so it should be a fun month. We will practice how to put our shoes on and explore different types of shoes. Throughout the month we will build language skills as they describe their shoes i.e.: sole, laces, tongue etc. They will use their cognitive skills to problem solve how to put their shoes on and how to take them off. These life skills help them build independence. We will make shoe prints, participate in a matching shoe game and a sock scavenger hunt.

Thank you once again for making sure your Sprout has all their winter gear at school. It is nice to know when we go outside to play in the snow, they stay warm and dry.

Happy New Year!  
Teresa and Nana Julie

Jan-22

# 1,2 BUCKLE MY SHOE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	Shoe Store	Shoe March	Playdough Shoe Prints	Velcro Shoes	Shoes On Shoes Off
10	Shoe Inserts	Lacing Shoes	Slippers	Shoe Prints Sand	Shoe Matching Game
17	Boots	Sock Matching Scavenger Hunt	Graph Shoes	Shoe Prints Water	Paint Old Shoes
24	Lacing Shoe Cards	Shoe Prints in the Snow	Shoe Hunt	Shoe Print Painting	Trace Shoes
31	Classify Shoes				

Notes:

<b>Monthly Books:</b>
Pete the Cat Rocking
in My Shoes
New Shoes, Red Shoes,
Pete the Cats White Shoes
A Pair of Socks
The Foot Book
Busy Toes
Righty, Lefty
<b>Songs</b>
1,2, Buckle My Shoe

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