

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BUD

January 1, 2022

Dear Families,

Happy New Year.

We cannot be prouder of the Buds and how they managed the teacher transition in their classroom. We are very close to settling and we appreciate your patience.

Boxes, boxes, everything boxes. December found us using our imaginations and all that we could do with boxes.

The Buds favorite book was *Sitting in My Box* by Dee Lillegard. The Buds had a blast taking turns sitting in the box during circle time reenacting the story with all the animals and then doing it again with their friends in Centers. Be sure to ask them about this story. Their other favorite book that brought out their creativity was *What to do With a Box* by Jane Nolen & Chris Shoban. When given their own empty boxes the children pretended, they were in a castle, built towers, or just used the box as a quiet space to enjoy an enjoyable book.

During Center time, the Buds could be found filling small boxes with toys to shake. They enjoyed the different sounds each toy made in the box and tried to predict what was in each other's box.

The Buds enjoyed coloring and painting the boxes. We glued paper cups onto a box to mimic colorful shells. These boxes then became box turtles.

It has been exciting watching their imaginations grow with Boxes this month.

January will find us exploring the Arctic. It looks like the weather may cooperate. The Buds will become explorers, compare weather, discover animal habitats, igloos, and blubber.

We have two Sprout friends moving into the Bud room this month. Please welcome Nora and Tula. Their old Sprout friends are so excited for them to join us as are we.

Reminders:

- **Growing Tree is closed on Friday December 31st – Happy New Year**
- It is important that your child has a complete set of snow clothes every day. You will find us outside several times a day and it is important that they stay warm and dry
- Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes that fit and are seasonally appropriate. Buds do have accidents and we want them to be comfortable.
- We are still waiting on a few family pictures to add to our family board! Thank you

May 2022 be Great!

Ms. Amy, & Ms. Angelica

Jan-21



Arctic



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	Welcome to the Arctic!!	4 Explorers	5 Scientists	6 Discovery	7 Habitat/ Animals
10	Animals in Arctic activity	11 Blubber science fun	12 Blubber Science fun	13 Blubber Science fun	14 Blubber Science fun
17	What does Hibernation mean?	18 Arctic habitats	19 Igloos	20 Caves	21 under/above ground living
24	Cold/hot	25 What/Who is Endangered?	26 What/Who is Endangered?	27 Animal Tracks	28 Weather in Bend Weather in Arctic
31	Goodbye to the Arctic!!				

Notes:

This month's books:

Over and Under the snow

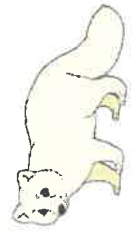
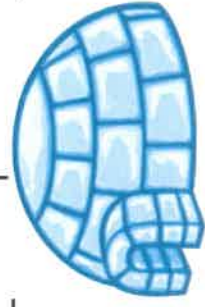
Over in the Arctic

Counting on Snow

This Month's Songs:

Over in the Arctic

Polar Bear Polar Bear Turn Around



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