

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT 2**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

September 2022

Sprout 2 Families

Welcome to Sprout Two! Cannon, Millie, Jack, and Tate join us from the Big Seed room! Wesley started in August and is adjusting well!

We look forward to getting to know all of them and their families. We are happy that Bailey, Henry, and Ben will stay with us a little longer!

Our philosophy at Growing Tree is “Children learn through play.” Play is the best way for toddlers to learn. We focus on teaching the children independence at their own pace. Several times a day, Sprouts get a chance to be out in nature with their friends to move freely and test their gross motor skills. You will be amazed at what your child can accomplish through support and encouragement.

Conscious Discipline is our social-emotional model at Growing Tree. Mindfulness activities are incorporated into our daily schedule to promote building our sense of self and community. Some of the things we do include toddler yoga, baby doll circle time, and taking time to check in with our feelings.

As Growing Tree teachers, we strive to create bonds with each child by providing a positive and safe space for everyone to grow, learn and play. Your child will spend each day doing creative artwork, playing games, enjoying circle time, playing pretend play, and engaging in “music and movement.”

Meet the teachers

Hi, my name is Ms. Kelcy! I am originally from the Oregon Coast so naturally; I love the beach. I enjoy music, crafting, kayaking, and spending time with my husband, family, and friends. I also have a basset hound doggie named Bruno! I have been working at GT for 15 years. Being a Growing Tree teacher is very rewarding and so important to me. I am honored to be a big part of your children's lives!

Hello! My name is Ms. Tracy, I have been a teacher at Growing Tree for the last 4 years. I am also a certified children's yoga teacher and enjoy sharing my practice with children. Fourteen years ago, I moved to Oregon from the east coast and have loved it here ever since.

I look forward to meeting all the new faces in September!

More classroom information

We focus on a monthly “study”. Our September study will be ‘My School’ Our studies incorporate the core developmental areas. Social Emotional. Physical, Language, Arts, Mathematics, Cognitive, Science, and Social Studies.

Each child has a file folder right outside of our room. You will find your child's art projects and other important paperwork in this file. On Fridays, we ask that you please take your child's blanket home to be washed. We provide notes on the Brightwheel app that will let you know how your child's day was and if they may need diapers, wipes, or extra clothing. In our classroom, we have a “Family” board. Please bring in a 4x6 family photo we can display.

Feel free to call or message Bright wheel anytime you have questions. We are here to help make this transition a fun and happy one! 😊

Thank you,

Ms. Kelcy and Ms. Tracy