

# THE MONTHLY BUD

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

December 1, 2022

Dear Bud Families,

The Buds had a bountiful harvest season this past month! We were able to shop for our favorite goodies at our in-house farmer's market. Teamwork was used to shake heavy cream into butter. Corn on the cob made for fun paint brush substitutions. We even picked out potatoes that helped our gratitude attitudes grow and grow each day! But where does food come from? How does it grow? What is the process of taking an item and turning it into something else? Examining these questions helped fill our bellies and our minds! It was unanimously declared that a potato into a french fry was our favorite transformation and that the biggest gratitude expressed was for our mommies and daddies!

During November we focused on identifying our gratuities. This December we are excited to *express* our gratuities. December 19th is the Growing Tree's Holiday Sing-A-Long. The kiddos are preparing to perform several songs, we hope to see you all there!

This month's unit of study is boxes. Buds will be able to examine all kinds of boxes, as well as the many uses boxes have! Your Buds will enhance their skill sets by incorporating process based learning and product based learning. This ensures they are able to put the skills they are learning into action and allows them to make sense of the world around them.

By allowing your kiddos to play and explore with materials self-lead our goals will aim to:

- Inspire imagination
- Propel critical thinking
- Stimulate flexible thinkers

Our project based concepts will aim to:

- Follow simple instruction
- Identify rectangles and squares
- Compare sizes
- Construct different uses/functions

Did you know?

- Sir Malcolm Thornhill produced the first commercial cardboard box in 1817.
- Robert Gair discovered creased carton boxes.

It was so great to connect during conferences! We appreciate your support and working together to ensure your child continues to thrive in our care. It truly takes a village and we are so grateful we get to be part of yours!

This month we welcome Zadie and Henry into the Bud room! They are moving up from the Sprout rooms and will be the perfect addition to our charismatic class!

Reminders:

- Snow/winter gear stays at school.
- Please label ALL of your children's items.
- We have lots of new potty trained kiddos. Please send several extra pants, underwear, and socks in case of accidents.

Happy holidays to you and your family!

Kindly,

Ms. Sandy, Ms. Madeline, & Ms. Emily

