

“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.” – O Fred Donaldson

Sprout Too News

Last month the theme was, “**Give Thanks**”. Our month was filled with wonderful art projects such as; fall finger painting, handprint turkeys and **acorn** stamping. The sensory table was also a hit; filled with uncooked oats, and fake fall **leaves**. Favorite books included, “In my tree” featuring an owl we named “Hootie” and a classic read, “The five little monkeys.” While playing outside the Sprouts really enjoyed sweeping up the leaves with their little brooms. They were so helpful. Now we may need little snow shovels!

Our sprouts were very busy this month. **Camdyn** liked using the roller brush to make a beautiful picture during an art project, and **Andie** enjoyed making train tracks to drive her trains on. While playing with some colorful building blocks, **Scarlet** made three towers. She can really stack them up high! **Zoe** and **Mason** had fun playing with our new cookie sheet magnet boards! They both did a great job sharing the animal magnets. Our room was full of sweet and kind Sprouts! **Elizabeth** was very encouraging when **Lincoln** was stacking the monkeys during free play. She said, “You can do it Lincoln!” It is so nice to hear them cheering each other on. **Finn** had done a great job making our new friends feel welcome. He walked up to **Ida** and said, “Hi Ida” and gave her a hug. She smiled and hugged him back.

Our theme for December is going to be, “**Trim the tree.**” We will make Christmas trees, silly snowmen and paper ornaments. Circle time songs will be “**Jingle Bells**,” “Let it snow,” “Must be Santa,” and “Twinkle, Twinkle.” Our circle time books include, “Go dog, snow dog,” “Santa’s big day,” “Rudolph helps out” and “Santa’s sleigh.”

Cool temperatures are here, so please be sure to bring in warm jackets, hats and gloves. We'll also need **snow boots** and **snow suits** soon. We never know when it will snow here in Central Oregon and the Sprouts will still be going outside for some fresh air.

Hope to see everyone at our annual Growing Tree sing-a-long on **Monday, December 14th**. It's always a fun filled night! Have a **jolly** month and may your days be **merry** and **bright**!

Ms. Kelcy and Ms. Julie

