



Branch Room September Newsletter

Welcome to the Branch room! Let us start off by saying how excited we are for this upcoming year! What makes the Branch room so special is that you will see your children grow and flourish in so many developmental domains. At this age, the children are really picking up language, physical and social skills! It is truly amazing to see the amount of growth that occurs in the children from their first day, all the way to their last in the Branch room. We cannot wait for you all to witness it for yourselves! One of our main priorities in the classroom is to help create and develop our social-emotional skills; such as problem-solving and emotional/self-regulation. It is our belief that once these skills are established, the children will be much more receptive to learning! We will also be incorporating more Conscious Discipline in the classroom. As you may remember, Growing Tree has made the commitment to working with the Conscious Discipline curriculum to help guide our children through their development and we are loving the changes we are seeing so far! Our plan in the classroom is to work more with mindfulness through deep-breathing exercises and relaxation to help promote a calm and welcoming environment. We are dedicating to learning more about the Conscious Discipline philosophy and hope that you are welcoming towards it as well!

With all that being said, we would like to introduce the teachers who you will be seeing on a day-to-day basis! The Branch room happily includes Ms. Heather and Ms. Kenzie as the Branch teachers, as well as Ms. Stacie as our mid-morning/early afternoon aid. We cannot wait to get to know each of you, and your families, better. We hope you feel the same towards us! If you ever have any questions or comments to make, please feel free to ask! We would love to give you any clarity you might be seeking. We are dedicated to the development of your children and want to provide a welcoming, fun and safe environment for your families!

For our first month, we will be learning all about each other and the classroom! Coming into a new class can be a total mix of emotions. It can be exciting and fun, but also intimidating

and nerve-wracking. That is why it is so important to us that we make this transition as smooth as possible for the children. By taking the time to learn the ropes of the Branch room, we believe we will accomplish just that! We will be focusing on classroom procedures and expectations, as well as incorporating fun and engaging activities that help us get to know each other's personalities better! We also plan on tackling a Germ study in the month of September to help the children learn more about their bodies and the importance of keeping them clean!

Cheers to a great year ahead!
- Ms. Kenzie, Ms. Heather & Ms. Stacie

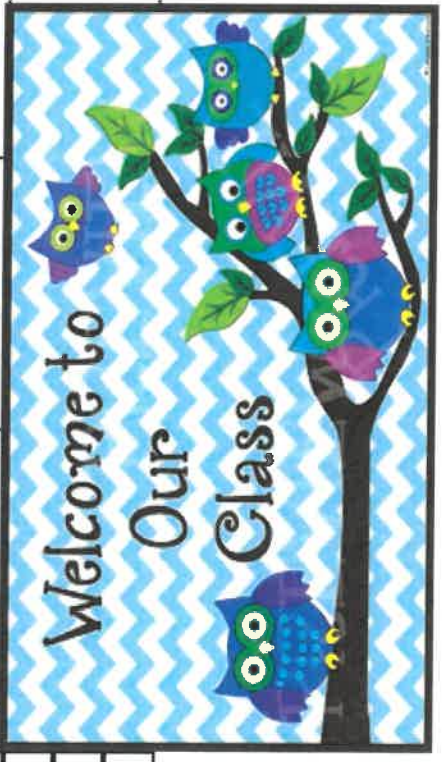
Reminders:

- Please bring **ONLY** one small blanket, one small pillow and one love for our nap times. Our cubbies are a space we use to not only store each child's items, but it is also a space we utilize during daily transitions. So, having space in the cubbies is essential to making this as easy as possible.
- Please ensure that your child has a change of clothing in their cubby basket. Accidents happen and we want to make sure that your child is comfortable throughout the day!
- We do not allow any outside toys in the classroom, so please make sure to keep these at home. We would greatly appreciate it! We do, however, allow children to bring in books to share with the class, if they are interested.
- Please bring us in pictures of your family for our classroom Family Board! You may bring however many you wish. The children love to show off their pictures and it makes our classroom a little bit brighter! :)

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CLOSED
Monday
September 3rd
First Day AS
A BRANCHER!
Tuesday
September 4th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Growing Tree CLOSED	Welcome to the Branch Room!	Who's who as a Brancher?	"I Like Me!" By: Nancy Carlson *Self Portrait*	Brancher Share Chair
Branch Classroom Safety	Branch Playground safety	Hand Washing 101	Wash, Wash Wash Your Hands!	Washing Bubble Handprints
"Jerry the Germ!" By: Jaycee Cribbs	Pom - Pom Sneeze Science	Wipe & Blow Your Nose Poem	"A Germ's Journey" By: Thom Rooke	Dirty Hands VS. Clean Hands
Sparkle Glitter Hand Shake	Oooney Gooney Germ Playdough	"Germes Are Not For Sharing" By: Liz Verdick	Splat Art Super Germs	Germ Re-Cap Questions Answers



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