

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BUD

September 1, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Bud room!

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Bud room! The Bud room is a classroom full of movement and autonomy.

New in the Bud room this year is 3 teachers! Amy, Jamie and Brittany. The teachers are in the classroom each day from 7:30-5:30. If you drop/pick up your child off before 7:30 or after 5:30, please do so in the Branch room.

Our program:

The Bud room uses a Storybook based curriculum. We will choose a featured book each month that relates to our monthly study. We have many fun activities planned to help your child develop their skillsets in all the areas of development.

Growing Tree uses **Conscious Discipline** as our social emotional model. Daily we incorporate activities that focus on the Bud community, validating emotions, supporting self-regulation, and calming techniques. We do not encourage the words "I'm sorry" but rather "are you ok, or what can I do to make you feel better".

How you can help:

- Check your child's file folder daily
- Do not bring toys or food into the classroom
- Make sure your child has a complete change of clothes at school
- Provide blanket and stuffy for nap please no pillows
- Fridays, take nap supplies home to wash and return on Monday
- Communicate with us
- We enjoy feedback

September Study:

Our September Study will be **Building Our Community**. We will focus on getting to know one another, our

classroom, and our school. The featured book this month is *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn

Now a little bit about us:

Amy Harpole:

Hello, I am Ms. Amy. I have been a Sprout teacher for the past 3 years at Growing Tree and I am very excited to join the Bud room this year,

I received my BA in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education from the U of O. Go Ducks! I have worked with children in some capacity for the past 20 years including serving as a personal support worker for children with diverse abilities. Through this work I discovered a passion for the Special Olympics and the Down Syndrome Connection. I have had the pleasure of volunteering with these two amazing organizations and traveling with their athletes as they compete across Oregon. I have loved every minute of my time.

It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow at Growing Tree and I am especially excited for this year's adventures with the Buds.

Jamie Oseas:

I am a recent alumni of Loyola Marymount University, where I studied education and early childhood development. I have over ten years of experience in early childhood education in roles including child caregiver, dance instructor, and preschool teacher. My passion for incorporating mindfulness, outdoor education, and movement into my teaching gives my students a unique and well-rounded learning experience. I believe that these methods are important tools in teaching physical and emotional well-being to children from a young age. For example, I have found that integrating yoga into the classroom is very beneficial in promoting mindfulness in children of all ages. I also believe in giving children autonomy, with scaffolding, to allow them to grow into capable, responsible people. I am so excited to be starting at the Growing Tree and to continue to grow as a teacher by learning from my students and fellow Growing Tree faculty.

Brittany Stein-Ouimet:

Hello, I am Miss Brittany!

Laughter to me is the best medicine and living life to its fullest is my daily goal!

I am originally from Southern Oregon, I relocated to the bay area for a little over a decade for school and work experience. My Fiancé and I are now Redmond, Oregon transplants, and we are greatly looking forward to navigating all that Central Oregon has to offer. My experiences in the bay area were amazing! I worked as a lead 4's and 5's preschool teacher for the United States Coast Guard Child Development Center for 4 and a half years. Upon graduating with my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and teaching preschool full time; I was a live-in nanny for a Coast Guard family for over a year. I relocated with them to the East Coast and we road tripped across 24 states. That was an experience of a lifetime! Once the family was acclimated to the area, I came back to Marin, CA to teach preschool in my own classroom with 12 students.

I was promoted to Assistant Director/ Teacher and I greatly enjoyed the experience I gained in both roles. My boss opened 2 schools and I helped facilitate at both, which meant I was no longer in the classroom after (over a year of) teaching solo. I assisted my boss for over 3 years, I worked for her for 4 and a half years as her right-hand person. I am excited for my new adventure in Bend OR teaching again in the classroom at Growing Tree! I am looking forward to teaching and providing fun, educational experiences for your children, where they are free to learn, laugh, play and curiously explore their world around them in the classroom setting. I am looking forward to teaching with co teachers again and working as a team to provide a creative dynamic for the overall climate of the classroom, and the daily learning experiences for your child (ren).

I am passionate about educating and nurturing young children of all backgrounds and differing abilities. I am the oldest of 9 siblings. My goal for my students is to provide a safe happy environment, to ensure children are laughing, playing, having fun, and naturally exploring; all while being challenged, supported and respected. What makes me the educator

that I am today... is my reflection of my childhood experiences, and naturally enjoying being a role model/leader and gaining hands on experiences as an educator over the years. I like to take ordinary things and try to turn them into extraordinary things! I enjoy observing children and providing educational experiences that are of interest to them, fun, and engaging. Most of all... I enjoy the little things, being creative and having fun is a must! Nature is my playground, bringing the outdoors in and the indoors out is my specialty when it comes to indulging in educational practices and activities.

I greatly enjoy learning new things and attending educational workshops/classes to further my knowledge and skills to apply to my teaching practices to better suit your children's needs and educational experiences. Some of my hobbies are traveling, exploring new places, indulging in new adventures, enjoying quality time with my family, fiancé and friends... I love meeting new people and making others happy!