

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

September 1, 2019

Dear Sprout, 2 Families,

Welcome to the Sprout 2! Aspen, Ronin and Lillian are moving in! Opal, Iris and Mavin are new to GT! We are looking forward to getting to know all of them and their families. We are happy that Eaven and Luke will be staying with us in the Sprout room until December!

Our philosophy at Growing Tree is "Children learn through play." Play is the best way for toddlers to learn. We focus on encouraging independence and allowing our Sprouts to do as much for themselves as possible. As Growing Tree teachers, we strive to create bonds with each child as we provide a positive and safe space for everyone to grow, learn and play.

Several times a day, Sprouts get a chance to explore nature with their friends. Spending time outside gives children the opportunity to test their gross motor skills. Through support and encouragement, you will be amazed at what your child can accomplish.

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 activities we include toddler yoga, baby doll circle time, and taking time to check in with our feelings.

Daily your child will have the opportunity to create artwork, play games, enjoy circle time, engage in pretend play and 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! Some things I enjoy are music, crafting, exploring and spending time with family and friends. I have been working at GT for 12 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, I am Ms. Anna!

I grew up in the suburbs of Northern California and came to explore Bend about four years ago. My favorite hobbies are painting, practicing yoga and cooking yummy, healthy food. I have been working with children for five years. However, I've been passionate about children since I was 10, being my grandma's helper at her parenting seminars. I just can't wait to get to know your little ones and watch them grow.

More classroom information

In the Sprout room our focus is on a monthly study". Our September study will be 'My School'

- Art projects will include painting circles, apple stamping, and number art.
- At circle we will sing *The Wheels on the Bus*, *ABC's*, and *The Days of the Week*.
- Our featured books are *An Apple a Day*, *Llama Misses Mama*, and *If You Take a Mouse to School*.

Each child has a file folder right outside our door. In this file you will find your child's artwork and other important paperwork.

On Fridays we ask that you please take your child's blanket home to be washed.

We provide a daily sheet that inform you how your child's day was and if they need supplies.

Please bring in a 4x6 family photo we can display on our **Family Board**

Feel free to call anytime if you have questions. We are here to help make this transition a fun and happy one!

Thank you,
Ms. Kelcy and Ms. Anna



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| This Month's Books: |
| <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> |
| <u>123</u> |
| <i>If you take a mouse to school</i> |
| <i>Wheels on the bus</i> |
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| This Month's Songs: |
| <u>ABC'S</u> |
| <i>Wheels on the bus</i> |
| <i>The more we get together</i> |
| <i>Make new friends</i> |
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My School



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 Labor Day Closed | 3 ABC art | 4 Apple prints | 5 123 | 6 Circle art |
| 9 Finger painting | 10 school house | 11 Squares | 12 Cup stamping | 13 Watercolors |
| 16 Hand prints | 17 Crayon coloring | 18 Sponge stamping | 19 Mixing colors | 20 Block stamping |
| 24 Star Art | 25 Toothbrush Painting | 26 Hearts | 27 Dot markers | 28 Name craft |
| 30 Chalk coloring | | | | |



Sprout Two