

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BUD

January 1, 2020

Dear Families,

Happy January and Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday season. The Buds have had a lot of fun exploring the changing of the seasons. We discussed all four seasons, and explored them in many fun, hands-on ways.

Books:

- *Hocus Pocus, It's Fall.* This is a story that touches on how the leaves change color and fall off of the trees to prepare for winter time.
- *Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter.* This book helps us to say goodbye to our autumn weather and move into the winter season.

This month we had the opportunity to “drive in snow,” which was made out of baking soda and water. We used our toy cars to pretend we were driving in the snow! We also made four season tree books, in which the children were able to decorate their books for each season (snow for winter, flowers for spring, etc.) We also made fall tree sculptures using toilet paper rolls, and painted ice (snow)!. Lastly,

- *Tap the Magic Tree.* This is a book that gets all the children involved. Each child had an opportunity to tap or shake the book to watch the tree grow, blossom, and lose leaves though the different seasons.

We have been finishing up our family books. If you would like to see your child's family book, they are always in the library space.

Thank you to all who came to the Holiday Sing-a-long. It was so nice seeing so many familiar faces there. The Buds had so much fun listening to stories and did a great job with their Snowman and Feelings songs. We are very proud of them all!

In January our Study will be **Winter Wonderland** We will learn about winter through songs such as Penguin Dance and Let's Build a Snowman. We will also create our own *winter wonderland* by making polar bears out of cotton balls, exploring sensory activities; cold and warm and explore animal habitats, and discuss hibernation.

Holidays:

Growing Tree will be **closed Jan. 1 for New Years Day.** Please have a fun and safe holiday!

January Birthdays:

Natalie 1/21

We are thrilled that JJ and Nico will be joining us in the **Bud Room** this month!

Parent Reminders:

**** We have children in the Bud Room with severe nut allergies. Please Do Not feed your child nuts on the way to school. If you have, wash your child's hands and face before entering the classroom.****

Please check-in with Bud Room teachers during drop-off and pick up especially when we are outside. This helps us keep an accurate count of children.

We are a potty-training room. Please dress your child in loose, accessible clothing. We emphasize self-help skills, such as putting on our shoes and pulling up and down our pants. Loose clothing helps set them up for success!

Hats, gloves, and boots are by the back door. You are welcome to take them any time. Please be sure to bring them back the next class day. Try to limit your child to **one** set of gloves, hat, and boots to keep at school. This helps us keep track of them.

Continue to take blankets home to wash over the weekend and bring back at the beginning of your school week.

Thank you!

Miss Amy, Miss Brittany, and Miss Jamie ☺

Jan-19



Winter wonderland



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Closed	2 I'm a little Snowman	3 Snowflakes
6	Cotton ball polar bear	7 Snowman door hanger	8 Hot cocoa mug	9 Snowflake coasters	10 Egg carton penguins
13	The Mitten	14 Snowglobe	15 Dissolving Stars	16 Salt/Chalk Art	17 Craft stick Snowflakes
20	Animal Habitats	21 Winter Sky	22 Winter Shadows	23 Snowball Measuring	24 Tin Foil Moon
27	Snowmen jars	28 W is for Winter	29 Marshmallow Painting	30 Snowglobe play	31 Snow



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Notes:

This month's book:
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?
A little bit of winter
The Mitten
 Snow Day for Mouse

This Month's Songs:
 The Itsy Bitsy Snowman
 Polar Bear Polar Bear Turn Around

Snowflakes, snowflakes

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