

# THE MONTHLY TREEHOUSE

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

May 1, 2020

Dear Families,

We love our Tree House students! In our Tree House we have several different grades represented. We have a third grader, three second graders, and three first graders. They are all fully set up with attending their online classes and doing their schoolwork. They have all been working hard to get through everything assigned for each day. All our students have shown a great ability to improvise when needed and a willingness to help each other whenever possible.

Each day we have a time set aside to research topics that the students are interested in. At the end of March, the students decided that they wanted to know more about Queen Elizabeth the 1st. This has quickly evolved into learning more about her childhood, her reign as Queen, and a conspiracy theory that she was replaced by a boy named Neville. All the learning and knowledge has culminated into a play about her life complete with a script, and costumes. The students are most excited about the costumes! We will be ready to perform the play in a few short weeks- depending on how schoolwork goes! :)



We do more than just schoolwork and put on plays, we also have time each day for the students to explore and expand their creativity. Miss Rachael has taught the students how to sew, most students have their own needlebook that they have stitched together. Miss Rachael has also introduced needle felting, and all who are part of the class really enjoy this activity.

We also have made props for our play, painting, sculpture building out of tinfoil, pipe cleaner crafting, and key chain making.

Every day we have a class meeting where we talk about our likes, wants, changes from the day. We also talk about our highs and lows and use this information to guide our activities for the days to follow. One thing that has come out of this is letting the students plan and teach a group activity project. This is where we have all learned new ways of creating, such as the tin foil sculptures, and creating pipe cleaner glasses.

#### Our favorites:

**Quinn:** My favorite part is playing outside with my friends and having fun.

**Riley:** My favorite is lunch because I love to eat!

**Neal:** My favorite is free choice because you can play and make stuff!

**Cillian:** My favorite is needle felting because it is fun!

**Mavis:** I like coming to Tree House because we do lots of crafts!

**Ingrid:** My favorite is the crafts and I loved making the bow and arrow!

**Kaiya:** My favorite part of Tree House is how it feels like school.

**Miss Rachael:** My favorite part has been working with older students who can get deeper into various topics not usually addressed in preschool!

**Miss Melissa:** My favorite is how everyone is excited for each day and seeing how great of a classroom community everyone has built together!

Thank You for sharing your children with us!

Miss Rachael and Miss Melissa

