

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT 2**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

September 1, 2020

Dear Families:

Welcome **Rory, Theo, Mac, Madeleine, and Easton** from the Big Seed room to the Sprout 2 room! and **McKenzie** who has a sibling in the Bud room is new to GT! We look forward to getting to know all of you and your families. We are happy that **Ellie, Brynley, Om and Quinn** will be staying with us in the Sprout room until January!

Our philosophy at Growing Tree is "Children learn through play." Play is the best way for toddlers to learn. We focus on guiding the children to be independent, but at their own pace. Several times a day, Sprouts get a chance to be out in nature with their friends to move freely and 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 of the things we do include, toddler yoga, baby doll circle time, and taking time to check in with our feelings.

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. Your child will spend each day doing creative artwork, playing games, enjoying circle time, engaging in pretend play, and engaging in "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 also have a basset hound puppy named Bruno! I have worked at GT for 13 years. Being a Growing Tree teacher is very rewarding and so important to me! I am honored to be a part of your children's lives!

Hello, I am **Ms. Tracy!** I have been here at Growing Tree for a bit over a year and have really been enjoying my time in the Sprout 2 room. I am also a certified children's yoga teacher. For fun I love hiking with my dog, painting, climbing rocks, Acro yoga and I am always looking for new hobbies! I am excited to meet all the new Sprouts in September!

More classroom information:

We focus on a monthly "study". Our September study will be "My School".

Art projects:

- painting circles
- apple stamping
- number art

Circle time songs:

- The Wheels on the Bus
- ABC's
- The Days of the Week

Books:

- An Apple a Day
- Lama Misses Mama
- If You Take a Mouse to School

Each child has a file folder right outside of our room. In this file you will find your child's art projects and other important paperwork. On Fridays we ask that you please take your child's blanket home to be washed. Your child's daily sheet will now be sent electronically to you through the Brightwheel App. This sheet gives you a snapshot of how your child's day was and if they need any supplies. In our classroom we have a "Family" board. Please bring in a four by six family photo we can display. 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. Tracy



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

My School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Finger painting	2 Apple prints	3 123	4 Circle art
7	Closed	8 9 school house	10 Cup stamping	11 Watercolors
14	15 Hand prints	16 Sponge stamping	17 Mixing colors	18 Block stamping
21	22 Star Art	23 Hearts	24 Dot markers	25 Name craft
28	29 Chalk coloring	30 Paint sticks		



Sprout Two