

# THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

# BUD

September 1, 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Bud Room! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children better. We cannot wait to have them all together to watch them grow.

In our Bud classroom we use storybook based curriculum. Each month's study we have new books that match our theme. For the month of September, we will be focusing on the books **The Kissing Hand** and **Corduroy has a pocket**. We will plan creative based activities which include fun math and science experiments based on our theme.

Our Bud Room goals are to have happy, healthy, and independent children as they learn through play and classroom experiences. Here at Growing Tree we have adopted the Conscious Discipline principles. We work daily on positive guidance through mindfulness, kind behavior, and self-help breathing techniques. We are all about the "I can do it" attitude. Children want more independence at this age, and we are here to encourage and support them.

We work with the class on "potty learning" and encourage them to try the potty when the time is right. Some children show interest sooner than others, so it might not happen right away, but remember we are here to help.

## Items needed:

- Blanket and lovie for nap time.
- Clean change of clothing to keep at school.
- Extra socks/shoes.
- Potty Learning supplies:
  - Diapers
  - Wipes

## Birthdays:

- Aspen 9.27

We are looking forward to being an essential part of your child's learning experience during the next twelve months. We are excited to have the opportunity to help them grow in their unique learning process.

If you have any questions, we are always available for you and your child's needs and look forward to making many great memories together.

Ms. Amy, Ms. Brittany, and Ms. Lori

Children love repetition and routines: With practice we all learn and grow.

## Now a little bit about us:

**Amy Harpole:** Hello, I am Ms. Amy. I was a Sprout teacher for 3 years and a Bud teacher last year at Growing Tree and I am very excited to continue in 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 21 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.

**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 second-year teaching in Bend OR as a Bud teacher for 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!

**Lori Eyre:** Hello, my name is Lori. A little about me... I have 3 children, my youngest is starting his senior year of Highschool and my oldest is a father of my just turned 3-year-old Grandson. I enjoy spending quality time with my family baking together, going on road trips, hiking/exploring the outdoors, dancing, going to music festivals (missing this and can't wait when things get back to normal so we can do this again).

I have worked in Preschool/Early Childhood Education settings for close to 25 years. I started by working in my Highschool preschool, then went to college with a major in ECE, which led me to being a lead teacher in private preschools and Head Start. I am excited to start this new school year at Growing Tree. I look forward to getting to know each of you and watching your children learn and grow.

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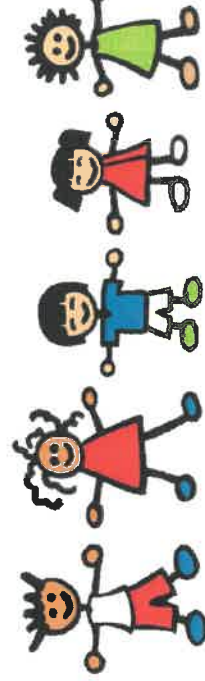


# Building a Community

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Intro and Welcome	2 Whos names are here?	3 Have you lost Something	4 Do you know how to use this?	
7 Do you know What this is?	8 Have you ever been sad?	9 What is your favorite?	10 What makes you happy?	11 Did you wash your hands?
14 Would you like to paint?	15 What song should we sing	16 How many fingers?	17 Have you seen a...	18 Can you clap to the beat?
21 What rules do we know?	22 Daily routine	23 Self Help	24 Who do we Know at school?	25 How to make Friends
28 How to play in groups	29 What sounds do we hear?	30 What do we make?		

Notes:

<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>What Do You See?</i>
<i>Wemberly Worried</i>
<i>Pocket for corduroy</i>
<i>The Kissing Hand</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
<i>Intro to instruments</i>
<i>Clap a friends name</i>
<i>Freeze dance</i>
<i>Clean up song</i>
<i>Simon Says</i>



# Buds