



# House News

## May 2019 Newsletter

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing the September newsletter at the beginning of the year and now here we are in the last month of the school year. The school year goes by so fast but when we look back there has been so much growth and development you can't help but smile.

**End of the year Treehouse preschool party** - We will be having an end of the year celebration for all Treehouse preschoolers and their families on May 17th from 6-7 PM. We will have cookies and milk for everyone and the preschool classes will have a little performance for everyone.

**Summer fun for all-** We still have spots in most of our summer programs. We have summer preschool for children who were in the 2 day and 3 day program this year and summer enrichment for children going into kinder through entering 6th grade. Please fill out the summer registration form if you are interested in our summer programs.

**Fall registration** for school age children for the 2019/20 school year starts May 1. We are reserving a spot for all current families for one week. We need you to bring us the application and the yearly \$75 enrollment fee to secure your spot by May 7th. After the 7th we will open up any spots for new families. There are a few changes for next year. First we have changed our pricing schedule so you now can choose Tues/Thur, Mon/Wed/Fri or all five days. This is to help us still provide part time flexibility and balance the days and staffing. The second change is we will be running a TK-2nd grade program and a 3rd to 5th grade Program (both on the Treehouse site). We have been told that there will most likely be a bus to bring the children close to us from Rominger. We are excited to be able to offer these two programs and design each to fit the needs of the children. If you don't plan on returning next year please let us know so we can open your spot up to a new family.

**Shoppers** - We are looking for people who want to help us in our monthly shopping. We have needs like TP shopper, cracker or cereal shopper, cleaning supply shopper. Once a month you would restock the supply you are in charge of. We will reimburse you for the cost of the supplies you purchased. Please talk to Cheryl or Janet if you are interested.

**Clubhouse** - Busy, busy, busy! There is so much energy and busy play going on all day at The Clubhouse. I wish we had a timelapse video of a day at The Clubhouse, it would probably make you tired just to watch it! The fun starts early with most of the kids heading outside to play with Bailey. They love to look for bugs, dig in the sandbox, ride in the trike area and chase each other around the grass. Activity is another fun time of art, playdough, science and games. The kids also love make your own snack day-yogurt and add your own crunchies is the best! Our favorite book this month was *Down by the Station* and *Goodnight Construction Site*. The books tied in with our truck/tractor and music night was so fun. The kids were so excited to be able to climb on real trucks and tractors! Then being able to meet our friend Wylie and dance to *Going to Kentucky* and the *Weasel* song...what a night! The afternoon at The Clubhouse brings a lot of fun as well. More outside fun and imaginary play. Their favorite things to do are turn the cave into a coffee shop or pizza parlor. They spent a lot of time watching the tadpoles turn into frogs and anticipate the eggs hatching into cute little chicks! Starlight, the Clubhouse beaver has had an adventurous month of sleepovers and we are looking forward to the mystery jar this month! Watching the world through young childrens eyes is magical. Listening to their questions, watching them explore and interact with the world is what makes this job so amazing. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

**2 Day** - When we think back 9 months, these children were babies! They were not so sure of what their mom had signed them up for. Now they come in confident, ready to play and are making social connections they will keep for years. The kids still love to paint and glue and it's fun to see how the children express their individuality in their art. Some insist on covering the entire paper and others are minimalists and are very happy with just a few marks on their paper. We have added a story time to the day. They have been having fun listening to *Pete the Cat*. They get really excited to come join the group when it is time to read! We have also introduced baking soda and vinegar explosions with them! They can't get enough of making the powder bubble! So fun to watch their faces light up when they make it happen on their own. We are excited to see this class back together next fall as they become Toucans. They are ready!

**3 Day** - This class came in a bit more comfortable at the beginning of the year and have grown from there. In the last month or so you can see that they are starting to outgrow the Toucan class and becoming Monkeys right before our eyes. Being 4

is all about being the biggest, fastest and best at everything. So get ready as your 4 year olds will beat you at everything you do! The favorite book this month was *Down by the Station*. We talked a lot about different types of trucks and vehicles to get us ready for our wheel and music family night. The kids loved playing with trucks in the sandbox, making construction vests and painting with trucks. What a great night when it all came together with the vehicles and singing and dancing with Jump for Joy music! The big excitement of each school day is hearing about the adventures of Tippy (the class pet). It is so cute hearing the questions that their classmates ask, "Did you go swimming with Tippy?" or "Did you ride on a giraffe with Tippy?". Kids are so darn cute!

**PreK** - This group of Monkeys are ready to move onto the next step! They started the year as friends but are leaving the school year great buddies! They keep busy with lots of imaginary games, building with the magnet blocks, playing in the dollhouse area and running and chasing each other outside. Our favorite book was *Goodnight Construction Site*. The class had a great time getting ready for our fun family night with trucks and music. The children were so interested in learning about Wiley, the singer for the night and had lots of questions about what trucks were going to be at the event. It was fun to watch it all come alive for them and see their excitement at the event itself. For those moving onto kinder do not be strangers, we love to have you stop by for a visit. For those staying with us for a bonus year we look forward to watching the growth and confidence this next year will bring.

**Enrichment** - This group of kids is amazing. They have embraced the culture of kindness in our programs and go out of their way to show it. Outside they say, "nice try" after someone gets out at a ball game or "Let them have 3 tries they are just learning". This month I watched two older boys teach a kindergartner how to play wall ball. They were so patient and kind! When I told them thanks for help him out they said, "We remember when we were little and the big kids helped us". Inside we hear kids saying, "you can have a turn when I am done" or "let's move over here so we can all play together". Children play with kids of all ages and we see lots of children playing with friends they normally would not connect with. It is so rewarding to see the growth and hear them learning the skills needed to be successful in social situations. We look forward to a fun summer with lots of these kids and another great year starting next fall. For those moving on we are sad to see you go but are thankful for the time we have had with your family.

**Thank you** to all for your continued support. This spring marks 10 years! We look forward to another great summer program and kicking off our 11th year in August.