



Seedling News

Where the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you are ready for what the New Year has to offer! I know that in all of our Learning Tree classrooms, the fun and learning will continue all the way through to our last day in June! During the second half of the year, the children will build on their cognitive, fine and gross motor skills. They have grown so much already, and I can't wait to see how far they go as we move throughout the remainder of the school year!

I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Pajama Program as well as the Backpack Crew! Both organizations were extremely appreciative of all we donated! We will be collecting canned vegetables for the Backpack Crew in January and in February spaghetti and pasta.

In January, we begin our registration for the 2019/2020 school year. Registration forms will be available

in the office the week of the 7th and In-House registration starts on January 14th. New on our registration form is a 5 Day option for Pre-K next year.

Our Open House is January 26th from 9:30-11. Please share this with your friends, family, and neighbors. So many of our new families come to Learning Tree based on recommendations of our current and alumni families and we thank you for that! Also, if you are on Facebook, please share our Open House Event on your page.

If you are signing up for next year, please consider joining our Parent Board. There will be many positions open since many of our families are moving up to elementary school. If you are interested or have questions, please stop by my office and ask or reach out to one of our current board members.

KARA CRESPO

This year we are also excited to announce that we are going to run a week of Summer Camp. This camp will run June 10th – 14th from 9-1. Be on the lookout for a flyer with more information during the first week or so of January!

Our classrooms will turn into winter wonderlands as we move through the months of January and February.

Hopefully we will only see this inside and mother nature will be kind to us outside! 😊 We all love to be able to get outside and have fun on the playground. We will also be showing our love in February as we celebrate Valentine's Day with our friends! During the last week of February, we will have a visit from Quiver Farms and our chick hatching project will begin. This is always such an exciting time around Learning Tree!

I am looking to a Wonderful Winter with all our preschool families!!!

A Message from the Parent Board Chair

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone's holiday season was filled with love, family and good food!

What a great December we had here at Learning Tree to celebrate the holidays! The Events Committee threw another amazing Santa Lunch and a good time was had by all! Our teachers and students made some truly beautiful artwork that was auctioned off and is going to make a wonderful addition to any house. Last but not least we had another super successful Movie Madness, which gave some moms much needed Christmas shopping time.

Thank you so much to the Events Committee, Fundraising Committee, Kara and all the moms who were co-oping at Movie Madness. You all did a fantastic job again this year! We are going to be doing another mom's night out soon since the other one was a big hit! After all the holiday

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planning and prepping we will all need a night out. So, stayed tuned for a date for that!

The last item I want to remind everyone about is our Open House on January 26th. Please help us spread the word about our amazing school by telling any family who might be interested to come that morning and check us out! I hope everyone has a great 2019, filled with happiness and health!

Vanessa Siroti

IMPORTANT DATES



January

- 1st – School Closed
- 2nd – School Reopens
- 2nd – Parent Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 14th – In-House Registration
- 21st – School Closed
- 26th – Open House 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

February

- 6th – Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 15th – School Closed
- 18th – School Closed



January

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| 7 th - Iris W. | 12 th – Jonathan R. |
| 9 th - James N. | 22 nd – Madeline M. |
| 11 th - Christa M. | 23 rd – Ronan M. |
| 12 th - Jeffrey R. | 26 th – Max C. |

February

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| 3 rd - Connor M. |
| 25 th - Jane E. |

Classroom News

Miss Tricia's Mommy & Me Class



We were busy this fall in Mom and Me. It is wonderful watching the children explore the sand, the play doh and discovering all the new experiences that fall brought us! We planted pumpkin seeds, watered them and were delighted to watch them grow. We can't wait to fill our eyes with wonder as we explore winter and all that it will bring!

As the temperature drops, we will stay cozy reading books about snowmen, ice and penguins! We will continue to talk about the seasons and what we see and hear around us! In

February we will talk about kindness and learn about a new shape.... hearts!

The children have been enjoying "boarding the train", marching around our class, ringing bells and singing songs. We will continue to add more activities to keep us moving at circle time! As long as the temperature is above freezing, we will continue to play outside too! We certainly hope our little groundhogs will get some good news come Groundhog Day as we search for shadows!

Miss Tricia

Classroom News

Miss Kara's 2 1/2 Class



Happy New Year to all our children and families! We hope that you had a wonderful break!

Our class was very busy the past couple of months. We have been practicing counting, naming our colors and shapes, listening to stories and making lots of crafts. We have been falling into our classroom routine nicely and remembering to follow our class rules and building on our social skills.

In January, we will be learning about the season of winter and all that comes with it like snow, snowmen, hats, jackets, and mittens. We will

also start talking about animals that love the snow and animals that sleep during the winter months. We will be introduced to the concept of hibernation.

In February, we will talk about Groundhog's Day and see if we think that spring is coming or if winter will stay longer. I am hoping for an early spring!

The month of February will also bring Valentine's Day and a celebration with our friends. We will also learn about dental and heart health. At the end of February, we will get to experience our chick

hatching project. We talk about the life cycle of a chick and if we are lucky watch one hatch out of its egg. Everyone will get a chance to hold these precious babies! It will be quite a sight!

Throughout the rest of the year, we will continue to practice our colors, shapes, and counting. We will practice learning the letters in our name as well as working on our fine motor skills by writing our names. We will also be creating our very own alphabet books to help us practice our letter recognition. Here's to a Joyous January and a Fantastic February!



Classroom News

Miss Heather's Three Year-Old Class



J is for January!!! Happy 2019 to all of our 3's friends and families. We will spend time talking about the calendar and seasons and winter weather! Let it snow! K is for Dr. King! We will learn about his lessons of peace and tolerance. We will study the letters J, K, L, and M this month.

In February we will start the month making predictions about the groundhog and talking about how shadows work. We hope we get some snow before spring comes so we can

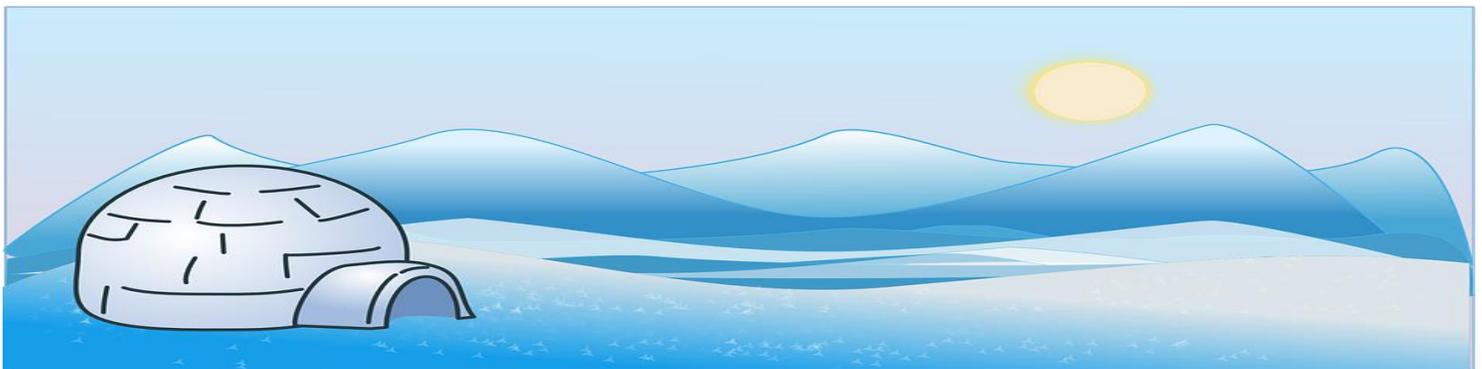
share stories of our snowy day adventures. February also will bring Valentine's Day and we will be busy continuing work on our fine motor skill cutting our hearts for our special Valentines! P is for Presidents and we will learn a little of our nation's history as we celebrate President's Day. We will study the letters N, O, and P this month.



Classroom News

Miss Heather's Enrichment Class

We will embrace the cold of January and February by beginning to explore the Polar region. We will learn about all of the animals that call the region home. We will then talk about the Antarctic region and discover what the two poles have in common. The kids will love learning about the penguins of the Antarctic. We will continue to reinforce the letters, numbers and themes we learn during our morning class while also enjoying some books by our favorite authors including Jan Brett, Giles Andreae, Eric Carle and more.



Classroom News

Miss Kelly's Pre-K Class

I can't believe how fast the school year is going! All of the boys and girls have settled into Miss Kelly's class nicely. They are familiar with the classroom routines and are making great choices throughout the school day!

We have been working right through the alphabet with a letter a week and we will pick up with the letter Ii after the holidays. Please remember to reinforce this letter at home with your children.

Miss Kelly's class will be focusing on the Winter season. We will learn about all the changes it brings as well as all of the fun activities that can be done. We will discuss hibernation and learn about the different animals. We will read some classic winter stories by Jan Brett like, *The Mitten* and *The Hat*. As well as *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.



Miss Kelly's class will be starting a floating and sinking unit. We will conduct many experiments and make predictions about what items will float or sink.

Our class will continue patterns and matching and sorting objects. The boys and girls love using the unification cubes and links to explore.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday season with their family and friends. We have a lot of fun things planned for 2019. Have a happy and healthy New Year!

Love,
Miss Kelly

Classroom News

Miss Kathleen's Pre-K Class

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely holiday and a wonderful time with your family. I am very excited to begin the new year as we have many exciting activities coming up in January and February.

We will be learning and practicing the letters J, K and L in January. We will read "The Giant Jam Sandwich," learn about koala bears, and learn to lace letters.

We will continue our author study of Jan Brett by reading "The Mitten". Our class will discuss hibernation, migration and learn about many different birds. We will even make our own bird feeders. We will read the book "Snowmen at Night" and we will make our own snow to kick off our winter unit.

February will be full of holiday fun. We will begin with shadow activities for Groundhog Day and will introduce



our post office for Valentine's Day. The children will learn about President's day and our leaders in our country.

The letters for the month for February will be M, N and O. The children will work on beginning sounds and will continue practicing writing our letters, numbers and writing in our journals. The children will be working very hard on their fine motor skills throughout the next two months. We will also be learning new sight words and will begin writing our last names.

Thank you for all your contributions to our class parties and for all your help and kindness! I love working with your children and I look forward to a fun year ahead!

Love,
Miss Kathleen

Classroom News

Miss Kathleen's Pre-K Enrichment Class

January and February will be very busy! We will continue reading books from around the world. Children will be learning about different cultures and making books about the different countries. We will also learn about the Chinese New Year and the Chinese traditions.

We will be reading many exciting books to reinforce the letters of the

week. We will be practicing our names, numbers and sight words as well.

We will begin our Tundra unit and will be learning about penguins, polar bears and many other animals in the Arctic. We will do many fun science experiments with this unit. We will even make our own igloo.

For President's day we will introduce the concept of money and the children will learn what each coin looks like. They will have fun making their own grocery store in class! I look forward to all these fun learning experiences with your children!

Love,
Miss Kathleen



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