



# Seedling News

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

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

KARA CRESPO

September sure flew by and was full of activity! I always find it amazing at how quickly the children fall into their classroom routines! Everyone has been having a blast in their classes! New friends have been made, laughter can be heard all throughout the day and there is a lot of fun learning going on!

The upcoming months will be just as exciting! The month of October will hold pumpkins trips for the 3's and Pre-K classes, our Scholastic book fair, a visit from Sparky and the Red Bank Fire Department and lots of Halloween celebrations! Not to mention discussions on fall and a continuation of our Letter of the Week program.

In November, there will be a lot of talk about what we are thankful for and we will learn all about Thanksgiving! It is always great to

hear what each child is thankful for. Make sure to check out the bulletin board outside of my office to see what everyone has to say! During the last week of November, make sure to also check out our Silent Art Auction. Each class will create a painting and parents can bid on them.

December will kick off with our Santa Lunch! This is an event not to be missed! It is filled with crafts, games, pizza and dessert, face painting and of course a visit from Santa! We will also be having a Monday Movie Madness and a school wide Pajama Day! The children will celebrate the holidays with classroom parties and activities! Throughout the year, I will keep you updated on all of our events and activities through flyers in your child's backpacks or emails! Please keep a look out for them! I will also

keep you posted on events that the church may be offering! The first of these will be a Movie Night, Crop Walk and Trunk or Treat! Learning Tree families are always welcome to attend these events!

Please know that my door is always open! Not only do I love getting to know all of the children but our families as well! Should you have any comments, concerns, questions or just want to talk, don't hesitate to reach out to me! If I am not in the office, you can leave a message at the school, call my cell or send me an email!

I am looking forward to these next few months! I can't wait to see all of the classrooms change with the different seasons and holidays! Happy Autumn Everyone!



A Message from the Parent Board Chair

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! It was great to see so many faces at the back to school breakfast and I hope everyone who came enjoyed it. Parent involvement in events, like the back to school breakfast and fundraising opportunities is something that we really encourage here at Learning Tree Preschool. There will be lots of opportunities to support our school over these next few months. From the Kids Stuff book that you received at the back to school night to our second fundraising event, the Yankee Candle sale.

Before I talk about the upcoming fundraising events, I want to let everyone know where your fundraising money from last year went. With that money, we were able to buy new industrial vacuums that will stand the test of time and pre-k crafts. We were also able to rip up the carpeting in the upstairs room and add some pretty flooring in instead. If you have not had a chance to see, the new floors feel free to take a peak upstairs they really look beautiful.

Back to Yankee Candles, you will be receiving your Yankee Catalog soon. Please submit your completed forms along with payment to your class teacher. You will also be able to take advantage of the online ordering program! Yankee Candle will accept your fundraising orders until the end of the year. Remember this option as you begin your holiday shopping. Learning Tree Preschool will still receive 40% profit and you can take advantage of \$5 flat rate shipping! All orders will be shipped to the address you provide. So if you haven't already, set up a seller's profile and share it with your family and friends!

Another great fundraising opportunity is the Art Auction. This involves all the children and teachers in the school. Each teacher creates a piece of art with the students in their class. These amazing works of art will be on display

in the school entrance for a full week so parents can bid on them. It starts Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and ends at the Santa lunch where the lucky parents who bid the highest will receive their artwork.

Always remember that instead of participating in a fundraising event you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Learning Tree Preschool. This year we are raising money to fund our much loved programs, such as the cure little chicks who visit our kids each year. In addition, the ladybug and caterpillar visitors. We hope to have enough money left over to add some awesome additional items to the end of year school party, such as a pizza lunch in addition to ice pops. You can make checks payable to the United Methodist Church and write "Learning Tree Donation" on the memo line of your check. Any donation is always greatly appreciated!

Coming up in October is the Scholastic Book Fair, held from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Kids can walk around the book fair and pick their books to bring home with them that same day! Remember this year its check only though! I know we are all in a pumpkin spice state of mind, but when you think about it Christmas is right around the corner! There is no better way to celebrate Christmas then with our Santa lunch on December 1<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00- 1:00. Kids will get to do holiday crafts, have fun with their friends and of course tell Santa what they really want for Christmas. This will be followed by our first installment of Movie Madness on December 10<sup>th</sup> with a Christmas theme. Moms you can drop the kids off while you get some much-needed Christmas shopping time.

I am really looking forward to all of the events over the next few months and I hope to see everyone there!

Vanessa Siroti



## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

3rd - Board Meeting  
8th - School Closed  
10th - Yankee Candle Fundraiser  
Ends  
22nd - 26th - Scholastic Book Fair  
9:15 - 12 in Room 114  
26th - Sparky & Red Bank Fire  
Department  
31st - Halloween Parade (3's &  
Pre-K) 9:30 in Fellowship Hall

### November

6th - School Closed  
7th - Board Meeting  
8th & 9th - School Closed  
21st-23rd - School Closed  
26th - 30th - Art Auction (Details  
to follow)

### December

1st - Santa Lunch & Art Auction  
Ends  
5th - Board Meeting  
10th - Movie Madness - 11:45 - 2  
12th - Pajama Day  
19th - 31st - School Closed

## PHILANTHROPY

### BACKPACK CREW DONATIONS

OCTOBER – GRANOLA BARS  
NOVEMBER – TO BE DETERMINED  
DECEMBER – HOT CHOCOLATE

*WE WILL ALSO HAVE A PAJAMA DRIVE IN DECEMBER FOR THE  
PAJAMA PROGRAM. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.*



## *September*

5<sup>th</sup> – Johnny S.  
13<sup>th</sup> – Tyler N.  
16<sup>th</sup> – Siena N.  
18<sup>th</sup> – Isaac M.  
29<sup>th</sup> – Ryliegh F.

## *October*

5<sup>th</sup> – Scout E.  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Ava G.  
31<sup>st</sup> – Quinlan M.

## *November*

3<sup>rd</sup> – Emma K.  
9<sup>th</sup> – CJ S.  
18<sup>th</sup> – Morgan L.  
20<sup>th</sup> – Leo M.

## *December*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Christian F.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Spencer Z.  
4<sup>th</sup> – Ronan C.  
4<sup>th</sup> – Connor C  
6<sup>th</sup> – Jack T.  
10<sup>th</sup> – Violet S.  
12<sup>th</sup> – Max A.  
26<sup>th</sup> – Avery S.

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## Classroom News

### *Miss Tricia's Mommy & Me Class*

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Mother Nature is sending us subtle clues that summer is slowly changed to fall. I listen as the older children at LTP are already talking about the falling leaves, the changing colors and I have even heard a few discussions about Halloween and costumes. Yet, our youngest preschoolers in Mom and Me are just starting to explore the fun stuff we will be seeing, hearing and tasting this fall! It's a new world for them and it's exciting to be able to jump into fall with them!

We are adjusting to the routine of a school year as we make new friends and learn how to share, count,

participate in circle time, play and create with paint and play-doh in our class! Changing weather, making new friends, apple tasting and the fall holidays are in full swing in Mom & Me! We will continue to read books about fall and will be talking about shapes and colors and how they relate to what we see in the fall! We will make crafts with pumpkins and will even talk about fire safety as Halloween approaches! Next we will move on to prepare for Thanksgiving, complete with scarecrows and more pumpkins! Finally we will close out 2017 as we prepare for the winter holidays and for prepare for the New Year!

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## Classroom News

### *Miss Kara's 2 1/2 Class*

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September was a busy month meeting friends, learning our class rules, and getting used to our new school routine. We learned all about ourselves and our friends. We also learned about apples and the color red! We had so much fun exploring the room and all of the toys as well as working on our crafts! Painting at the easel was a big hit! We are all really enjoying getting to know one another and having lots of fun with our new friends.

In October, we will be learning all about fall, Fire Safety and Halloween. Jack O Lanterns, Ghosts and Witches, Oh My! We will have fun listening to stories and creating lots of fun and spooky crafts! We will

also learn about the color orange! Orange Day will be October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a visit from Sparky the Firedog and the Red Bank Fire Department on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Halloween party will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see everyone in their costumes!

November will be a short month for us but it will be filled with more fall activities and lots of Thanksgiving fun! Squirrels, scarecrows, cornucopias and turkeys will be discussed. We will have our own Thanksgiving Feast with our friends on November 20<sup>th</sup>! We will also learn about another fall color: Brown! During the month of December, we will have fun getting ready for the

holidays! We will have activities centered around gingerbread men, Rudolph, Santa, Christmas trees and so much more! We will also create a special gift for our parents! Our holiday party will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>!

We are thrilled that the children are having so much fun in school so far! We are so happy to be a part of their first school experience. We look forward to teaching them new songs, reading them stories, helping them develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as their cognitive skills and overall just building up their love of learning.

Miss Kara & Miss Diana

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## Classroom News

### Miss Heather's Three Year-Old Class

Hooray for the start of a new year at Learning Tree Preschool! I'm so happy to be back in my downstairs classroom with some old friends from last year and my wonderful new assistant Miss Diana. I am eager to share our wonderful school with new friends as well. We are off to a great start!

Fall is a busy time of year! We started our year working on introducing ourselves and learning about school and then got right into our alphabet work! We had a great week with A is for apples and are ready to move on to B is for buttons! The kids are remembering the class routine and are having lots of fun while learning and making new friends.

In October, we will continue on with letters C, D, and E. We will also be

practicing our shapes and colors while perfecting our glue stick skills with some fall and Halloween crafts. We will be ready for our first field trip to the pumpkin patch on October 17! We will also learn all about fire prevention month and get ready for a visit from Sparky the Firedog with the Red Bank Fire Department on October 26! Our Halloween celebration on October 31 will cap off a fun filled month. Don't forget your cameras to capture memories of our little ghosts and goblins!

November is a short month for school days but we will be busy talking about seasons and learning about fall and harvest traditions. F is for fall and friends and fun. We will be continuing our alphabet study with the letters F and G in November. G is for giving and

gobble!! We will talk about Thanksgiving, sharing, do some baking and maybe even dress up as Native Americans and Pilgrims for our own Thanksgiving feast on Monday November 19!

Ho Ho Ho and hot chocolate both start with H! In December we will learn the letters H and I! I is for the icing we will use to decorate our holiday cookies! The children will enjoy the crafts we will be making in preparation for the Santa Lunch on December 1 as well as other crafts to trim your trees and deck your halls! They are going to make a special gift for mommy and daddy, no peeking please! We will wrap up the month on December 17 with our class holiday party.

Miss Heather

## Classroom News

### Miss Heather's Enrichment Class



What a pleasure it is to get to stay and have lunch and some extra time with my new friends at Enrichment on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are learning about ourselves and our families and friends this month in our All About Me unit. This is a great introduction to school and making friends. The kids are loving the extra quiet time in our class room and more one on one time with me and Miss Diana.

Next month we will begin to talk about our bodies and our senses and the kids will love sharing what a miracle their body is and all the fun ways it can move. Learning about the 5 senses will be a chance for some fun science experiments and some delicious ones too when we learn about our sense of taste!

As we explore different units in Enrichment, we also reemphasize what we are doing in the mornings and explore the letters and numbers we are learning each week.

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## Classroom News

### Miss Kelly's Pre-K Class

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I hope everyone has enjoyed their first couple of weeks back to school. Miss Kelly's class has been busy making new friends, learning our classroom rules and our class routines. The boys and girls seem to be adjusting nicely to our classroom. Learning new songs, reading stories, playing in the classroom centers, making crafts, going on the playground as well as working with Miss Kelly and Miss Betsie are keeping the boys and girls busy all morning long.

We will continue to work on one alphabet letter a week throughout the year so be sure to continue to work with your child on these letters at home. We will explore both upper and lower case letters, words that begin with the letter, the sound of the letter and recognizing the letter in print. We learned the letter Aa and explored apples and alligators. We will move onto letter B and explore bears and bubbles.

Miss Kelly's class will learn all about the fall season and the changes it will bring. We will be busy creating many crafts

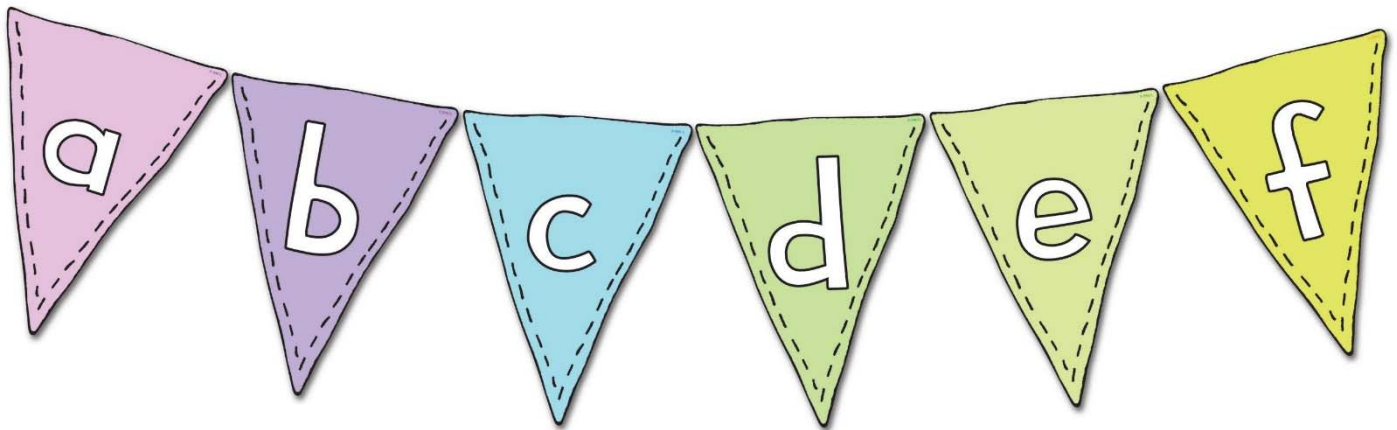
to decorate our room for the fall. Some will include coffee filter fall leaves for our windows and sponge painted fall trees.

We will talk about the five senses and explore magnets over the next few months. We will then learn about hibernation and what animals need to do to prepare for the winter.

Please look out for more information on our first class trip to Dearborn Farm in October. More information will follow when we get closer to the date. We will be having a Halloween celebration as well as a school parade and all are welcome to attend.

I look forward to working with your children this school year. I have so many fun things planned for us to do!

Love,  
Miss Kelly



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## Classroom News

### Miss Kathleen's Pre-K Class

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We have had a wonderful start to our school year! The children are loving their new classroom and are having fun in our centers with their friends. We have been learning our school rules, routines, and practicing our manners.

September has been filled with many exciting learning activities. We started our letter of the week, as well as the color, shape and author of the month. We have been doing many projects for the letter Aa and Bb. We tasted and graphed our favorite apples, made applesauce, and painted with balloons. We have practiced our names and are beginning to write all about ourselves. We even made our first book!

In October our letters of the week will be Cc, Dd, and Ee. We will be learning about the season of autumn and exploring all the changes outside. Our class will go on a nature walk, discover all the different types of leaves and learn why the leaves turn

colors. Our leaf collections will be sorted and graphed. We will take our first trip to the farm and get pumpkins. We will be learning several mathematical concepts while we examine our pumpkin. We will be doing estimation, counting, weighing and measuring our pumpkin. Lastly, we will carve our pumpkin and roast the seeds! We will have a visit from Sparky and learn about fire prevention. Halloween will be a fun holiday for us! We will sing spooky songs, read several Halloween books, make cool crafts and we will march in our parade.

November will be a reflective month in our classroom. Our class will discuss ways we can help others and will find ways that we can be kind to our friends. We will read many stories about the holiday of Thanksgiving and will be discussing what we are thankful for. Our classroom will have a feast and we will be wearing Native American costumes that we have made. Ff, Gg, and Hh are the letters of the week

for November. We will learn about Election Day and about the leaders in our country. The children will be introduced to poetry and we will write a class story together.

In December we will continue with our author of the month and we will read several books by Jan Brett. We will act out plays and we will write our own stories. We will do many activities with the letter Ii, Jj and Kk. Trees and the season of winter will be some of our science topics for the month. Our math skills will be displayed around the room with a gingerbread house glyph. We will read many stories about the holidays, sing holiday songs, and make fun holiday crafts.

December will be a magical time for the children. They will have so much fun with all of the wonderful holiday activities that are being planned. Who knows, we might even have a surprise visitor in our class...??? I look forward to seeing how much they have learned!



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## Classroom News

### *Miss Kathleen's Pre-K Enrichment Class*

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Welcome to Enrichment! We have had a great start and the children are transitioning nicely from the morning to Enrichment. We have been practicing our names and our letters of the week. We have started writing our own books and have been working with words. We will be working in our writing journals and learning many new vocabulary words.

We will be doing several different author studies throughout the year. We are currently reading stories from Kevin Henkes, Anne Dewdney, and Nancy Shaw. We are working on rhyming, story elements and sequencing. In October we will be doing a science unit about nocturnal animals. We will be reading many stories about them and

participating in many extension activities. Halloween time will be a fun time for some spooky experiments. During November we will be exploring the Native Americans while incorporating many fun math activities. We will be creating talking sticks and making tepees with the children. We will also begin our fairytale unit.

December will be a lovely time for the children! We will read many holiday books, sing songs and we will learn about the traditions around the world. We will make a passport to keep a record of all the countries we are learning about. We will discuss various customs around the world and learn facts about those places. We will also make holiday ornaments to share this season. I look forward to all the fun times we will have this year!



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