



Tree Top News

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New Horizons Learning Tree Childcare Ministry

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Upcoming Events at New Horizons

Sunday morning worship every
Sunday at 9:30

Sunday school every
Sunday at 11:00

Horizons: Open Mic and a Meal
Every Thursday at 5:30 P.M.

February 13, 2015
Class Valentine's Day
Celebrations

March 20
First Day of Spring

April 3, 2015
Program Closed in observance of
Good Friday



Director's Note

It is amazing how time flies! This New Year seems to already be flying by. As we began this New Year we have been very excited with some of the new learning themes as well as our new bible themes for this year. With January already gone we are now looking forward to Valentine's Day and the many celebrations that we will have as it draws near. I did leave tax statements for 2014 in family mailboxes during the month of January. If you have not yet picked yours up please check your mailbox or stop by the office if you have not received your yet. We will be kicking off this month our new program to record and deliver your child's daily experience directly to your inbox. As we make this transition please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am very excited to be able to make use of this new program. . As always, everyone here at Learning Tree has appreciated your support and dedication to your child's continued success. Once again, please feel free to stop by if you have any questions or concerns.

~Mrs. Karoline

Supply Fees Due

It's that time of year! For all of our children one year and older, a supply fee of \$30 is due upon enrollment and is collected twice a year. This money is put toward purchasing all the consumable art materials and supplies that your child uses in the classroom. Some of these materials might include construction paper, finger paints, watercolors, markers, crayons, pencils, binders, copy paper etc.

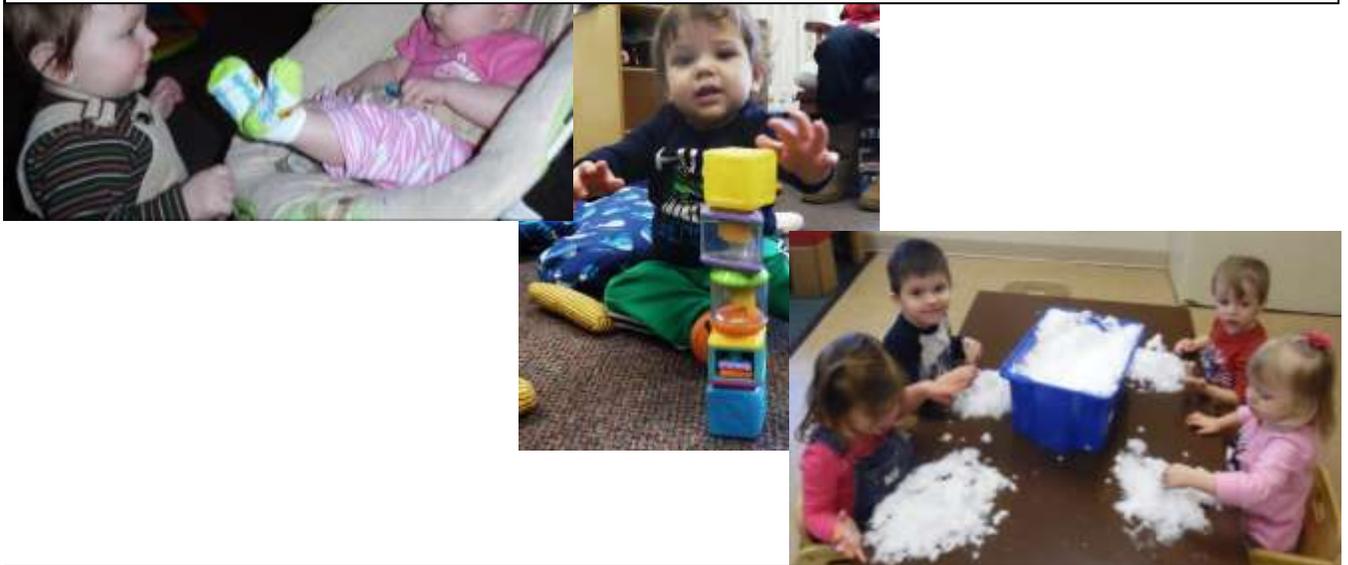
We understand that many families budget for their childcare costs and may not be able to pay this amount right away. This is why we are allowing families the entire month of February to pay their supply fees. Thank you for your assistance in helping our program provide exciting learning opportunities for your child and his/her classmates!

Class News!

Willows' Class News

Our Willows class is growing quickly and has been working to move about in different ways. We have seen friends that are transitioning to sitting up, crawling, and even taking steps. We will be creating our very own personalized Valentines with our footprints. We have and will continue to be decorating hearts with our hands and feet for Valentine's Day this year. We will also be learning the signs for love, friends, teeth, please, and thank you.

~Mrs. Tina



Junipers' Class News

The Junipers had a lot of fun with the winter theme making snowflakes and exploring the snow. We also enjoyed our Outer Space theme and making planets, moon, sun, and stars. We are having lots of fun with our Love and Friendship theme making hearts, heart shaped dogs, and handprint flowers. We are especially excited about our upcoming Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 13th. February will close for us with our dental health theme and learning about ways to care for our teeth and keep our teeth healthy.

As we move into March and celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss we will be reading *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Cat in the Hat*. We will be making our own cats in hats too.

As spring nears we will be talking about rain and rainbows and creating our own rainbows and raindrops. Also this spring we are excited to celebrate Easter and all of the joy it brings. We will be making crosses, bunnies, and talking about Jesus.

~Mrs. Julayne

Buckeyes' Class News

In the Buckeyes class we have been working on letter recognition and matching upper and lower case letters. During our Valentine's weeks, we had a chart with colored hearts with uppercase letters and the children worked in small groups to match the lowercase letters to them. We also have worked on more than and less than concepts with our conversation hearts. We have separated them by color and compared to see which color we have the most of in each group. The children really enjoyed a science experiment predicting what candy hearts would do in water (float or sink). The hearts initially sunk to the bottom, but as they dissolved they floated to the top and changed the water color. The children really thought this as a neat experiment and we watched the jar for several days waiting for the hearts to be completely dissolved. During this time we also took the opportunity to explore other items that would sink and float in the science center. Another science activity we took part in was observing how ingredients mixed together become something else as we mixed and baked a cake together. We also observed this same process as we made space slime for our Outer Space week. During Outer Space week we also took this opportunity to learn about solids and liquids. In the coming months we will be continuing to work on learning to write our names and other letters. I am always looking for new ideas and creative ways to help the children learn in fun ways.

~Ms. Kim



Introducing our Partnership with Tend.ly

I am very excited to announce to our families that we have begun a new partnership with a program known as Tend.ly. This program offers us a way to digitally record the events and experiences of your child's day here at Learning Tree. This program will be replacing our Daily Experience papers that we complete each day. Beginning **Monday, February 16** we will be using this in all classrooms of our program. At the end of each day when your child's teacher checks them out of the classroom you will receive an email from Tend.ly with their activities, meals, rest times, toileting, as well as photos from their experiences. We are very excited to be one of the first programs locally to be selected to make use of this great program! During the week of February 16th as we transition teachers will still be completing the Daily Experience papers. During this week if you experience any problems in receiving your communication via email, please contact the office so that we can resolve this issue. Again, we are very excited about this new program. If you have any questions as we begin this transition please do not hesitate to ask.

