



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

May 1 – 15, 2015
Spring Fundraiser

May 4 – 8, 2015
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8, 2015
Muffins with Mom 4:00 P.M.

May 25, 2015
Program Closed in observance of
Memorial Day

Week of June 8, 2015 will begin
our summer water days weather
permitting

Director's Note

My how time seems to go by. Spring has sprung here at Learning Tree and we are all enjoying the warmer weather and the chance to get outside! We are all so excited about the newest addition to our courtyard playground! It has made being outside during this warm weather just that much more enjoyable. We have many exciting things taking place this spring. First we will be having a spring fundraiser this year of laundry detergent, fabric softener, and dish detergents. Learning Tree will receive a portion of the profits from each item that is sold and these funds will be put towards the playground improvements that are already underway. One of our other big spring events is our Muffins with Mom on Friday, May 8th to celebrate all of the special women in our lives. Finally, May 4 – 8th is national Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join me in thanking all of our teachers who do an amazing job year round of helping provide meaningful experiences for each child. We have successfully launched our new daily experience program and I have been so thrilled with all of the positive feedback that we have received! As always, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to stop by the office.

~Mrs. Karoline

Spring Fundraiser

Have you had a chance to check out the new train in the courtyard? Be sure to stop by and explore the newest addition to our courtyard play equipment. In an effort to help cover the cost of this piece as well as some other playground improvements we will be participating in a spring fundraiser. This year we will be partnering with Gmack, a local fundraising company, to sell laundry detergent, fabric softener, dish soap, laundry pods, dishwasher pods, and dryer sheets. We will be distributing order forms for these products on May 1 with all order forms and payments being due no later than May 15. Keep an eye out for your order form and more information on this fundraiser. We appreciate your help and support of our program as we continue to strive to create the best environment possible for our students.



Class News!

Willows' Class News

Yay! Spring is here. We will be going outside and looking at all of the bright flowers while riding in our stroller. Our class has seen some friends taking their first steps and others just beginning to crawl or roll over.

In April we read about the Last Supper, crucifixion, and that Jesus is alive! We enjoyed using our handprints to create different types of flowers and a willow tree.

In the month of May we will be creating surprises for our mothers, planting flower seeds, learning about insects and transportation as well as creating cars and trucks painting and patting in the art center.

We have continued to learn signs for Easter, flower, seeds, bird, mother, sun, and cat. Some of our friends have really began to enjoy painting with their hands as well as paintbrushes. Music time is a favorite and we have even seen lots of music participation.

~Mrs. Tina



Junipers' Class News

The Junipers has enjoyed making tulips, handprint flowers, spring trees, kites, caterpillars, butterflies, and lady bugs for our spring theme. We have really enjoyed the spring time weather and being able to play outside. We love our new train in the courtyard! We are looking forward to our gardening theme. We will be planting flower seeds and watching them grow. We will be making sunflowers, watering cans, and birds. As we share about our mothers and grandmothers we will be making something special for Mother's Day. During our insect and spider theme we will be making bees, ants, dragonflies, spiders, and fly swatter paintings. We will finish May with our transportation theme. During this time we will be making race cars, buses, trucks, and boats. Have a great spring!

~Mrs. Julayne

Buckeyes' Class News

The Buckeyes class has been working specifically on using words to tell our friends how we feel. We really enjoyed several of our spring projects including collecting weedy "flowers" (such as dandelions, everyone really enjoyed running through the fresh grass and collecting these items) and using them to create our spring bottles. We enjoyed our nature walk and looking for bird's nests and our craft of making footprint robins and adding them to our nests. One of our favorite projects was making cookies to feed the birds. We hung them outside our classroom window so that we could observe the birds eating them. We will continue working on learning to write our names as well as other letters and other literacy and pre-writing activities. Some of our favorite centers include blocks, kitchen, and computer. We are looking forward to our garden theme and getting our hands dirty. I was recently asked by a student if we could do another "science experiment" – they really seem to enjoy all of the experiments that we do as a large group. The class really enjoys learning and experiencing new things and I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to be their teacher.

~Ms. Kim



Sycamores Class News

Hello families! Over the last month we have had a lot of fun and made a lot of progress towards our classroom goals. All of our friends were very excited to start show and tell in April. It was a great opportunity for us to learn more about each other as well as allowing each child a chance to express themselves. We will continue to have show and tell every week. We have also started our Family Board so please be sure that your child has some family pictures to include on our board. We really enjoyed learning about Easter and that Jesus died for us. This last month we have really enjoyed creating puffy paintings, rain in a jar, and making our own bird feeders. Everyone did a great job as we worked on learning letters, numbers and colors. We will also be focusing on learning what good manners are this month. We continue to be more successful at potty training with some of our friends. All of our Sycamores have done a great job and I am very proud of each one of them!

~ Mrs. Rachel



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