



# 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

September 7, 2015  
Program Closed in observance of  
Labor Day

September 17, 2015  
Fall Open House  
6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

October 30, 2015  
Class Halloween Parties

## 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 August 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!

## Director's Note

It seems as though the summer has just flown by. We have said farewell to some dear friends with the start of a new school year and we have continued to welcome new friends as well. Our spring fundraiser was a success and all money was put towards our new playground equipment in the courtyard. We are looking forward to a beautiful fall season with all of the exciting changes to explore. This year we will be having our first ever fall open house for families to come and visit our program in a relaxed atmosphere as well as have time to meet your child's teacher. Please see below for details. We hope you consider joining us for this exciting event. With the changes in enrollment we have had Ms. Brittney move to the Junipers class to help out Mrs. Julayne. We have had Ms. Renee join our team to help in the kitchen and cover breaks. If you have not met Ms. Renee yet be sure to stop by and say hi to her as we all welcome her to our team. As always, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to stop by the office.

~Mrs. Karoline

## Fall Open House

Families, please consider joining us for our first ever fall open house on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. here at Learning Tree. We will be offering a light meal for families in the gym as well as allowing your time to visit and explore your child's classroom and visit with their teacher. We are hoping this will offer a time for families and team members to interact as well as allow families the opportunity to have just a peek into what happens in their child's classroom each day. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event. We hope to see you there!



\*To address any specific concerns with teachers please consider scheduling a conference.

# Class News!

## Willows' Class News

We are so excited to see all of our babies growing and developing every day in the Willows class. This last month some have been standing on their own, doing an army crawl, and our littlest reaching for objects. We made lighthouses for our Under the Sea theme along with several sea creatures with our hand and foot prints. During our pets unit we also used our hands and feet to make different pets and of course our flags of foot prints for the fourth of July.

This month we will be talking about all about me, our community and apples. We will learn signs for you, me, firefighter, police, teacher, apple, and tree. Our bible themes for this month are baby of the basket, the burning bush, and out of Egypt. We will be singing lots of bible songs which do seem to help us relax and be happy!

~Mrs. Tina & Mrs. Cathy



## Junipers' Class News

The Junipers class has really enjoyed the summer months! We enjoyed making our own bandannas and their "Wanted By God" posters for our Wild West theme. The children worked very hard creating special surprises for our desserts with dad in June. They also enjoyed creating their red, white, and blue shirts and having a special party to celebrate America. We created dogs, cats, turtles, fish, and frogs for our pets theme. The Junipers all really enjoyed water day on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Everyone also had lots of fun with our under the sea theme. During this time we had blue under the sea day as well as beach day.

We have had lots of fun taking time to celebrate each child during our all about me theme as well as creating book that are all about us. For my community we will be learning about people in our community and what they do. We will create police officers, firefighters, doctors, and construction workers. We will be creating apple trees, coffee filter apples, and painting with apple shapes during the final week of August.

We are looking forward to the weeks ahead with your children!

~Mrs. Julayne & Ms. Brittney

## Sycamores Class News

Hello everyone! Over the last few months we have enjoyed so many fun and exciting learning activities in our classroom! Our themes these last few months have included celebrate America, pets, and under the sea. We had a wonderful Fourth of July party and I really appreciate everyone's help and participation! We also had a great time outside for water days on Tuesdays which included several different activities including exploration in the sensory tables. We had the opportunity to learn skills in caring for pets, celebrating independence (new word for some of us), and identifying sea animals. Our special days really seemed to be a big hit including class shirt day for our Independence Day Party, stuffed pets day, and especially our beach day!

In these next few months we have some great themes coming up along with special days, parties, and fun learning activities. Our class will continue having show-n-tell days and having some special visitors. I'm so proud of the progress we have made on our colors, numbers, shapes, and special curricular goals. We will continue to strive for our goals while making learning fun! Stay tuned for upcoming events.

~ Mrs. Rachel

## Buckeyes' Class News

I am so excited for this new school year to begin! We will be working hard on learning to spell and write our names. Each child is at a different stage on this skill, but we have worked to meet each child at their level with an activity page that allows them to use letters to spell out their name, trace their name, and even a place to write their name on their own. We have also been practicing writing our name on our artwork each day. I will be able to assess how far each child has come as often as once per month as each child will be completing portfolio pages, which will help us track their ability throughout this next year. Another one of our major focuses for this year will be learning to write, recognize, and identify the sound of each letter in the alphabet. We will be completing a letter page each week focusing first on the capital letter and then on the lowercase letter. These pages will also be included in your child's portfolio. We will be having show-n-tell every other week where we will ask that your child bring in something that begins with our letter that week. This is a great way for you and your child to work together at home to identify letter sounds. We will not be learning the letters in alphabetical order, instead we will begin by using letters that tie into our theme for the week or starting with letters that are easiest to create while working up to other letters later in the year. This will also help the children to learn each letter apart from being able to just sing the alphabet song. Our class divides into small groups each day for literacy activities (writing), math, science, and art activities while learning new skills they are also learning to work together and help each other. Occasionally our science center may include a class cooking or tasting project or experiment. We will also assess your child's knowledge and skills throughout the year and send home progress reports. These assessments are not graded in any way, it just provides a way to keep track of what your child knows and does well and what her or she may still need practice with. I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please feel free to stop by with any questions, concerns, or advice!

~Ms. Kim



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