

July 2017

# Sequoida's Treehouse



## Welcome to July!

The lazy days of summer are upon us, but we are busy at the Treehouse playing, learning, and of course spending lots of time outside! Be sure your child has extra summer clothes at school as we've been known to have some impromptu fun with sprinklers on especially hot afternoons!

If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Instagram at [@sequoiastreehouse](https://www.instagram.com/sequoiastreehouse) to see what all our friends are up to throughout the month.

Thank you all for being a part of the Treehouse!

**See you at school!**



The theme at the Treehouse this month is **Engineering**, and if you want to explore this theme with your child at home, we've found the perfect nature-inspired activity: **building a bird's nest!**

This is an activity you can do using things purchased at a craft store, found in your backyard, or on a nature walk! For sturdier building start with a small round piece of wood, and build a base of sticks and leaves, weaving leaves, feathers, and any other natural materials your child desires, making it as simple or as elaborate as they like! For a nest that will last, use some glue to hold it together, or keep it loose and encourage your littles to come up with different nest designs.

This is a great activity to get outside as a family, encourage the development of your child's creativity and fine motor skills, to use as a tie-in to picture books about birds and nature, and as a jumping off point to talk about birds and other animals, their habitats, and the skills they use to build their homes!

Let us know if you try this project, or any activities you and your family enjoy stretching those STEM muscles, and be sure to tag us in any Instagram posts (we're @sequoiastrthouse!)

(Project inspiration and top photo credit to the awesome blog **Views from A Step Stool!**)



# Seedling Room

## We've been exploring:

Grass and rocks  
Interacting with older kids outside  
Garden seeds

## Looking forward to:

Picnics outside  
Water fun  
Frozen treats to teethe on

Happy Summer!

Summertime brings us some lower ratios, which means extra hugs and cuddles for your sunny littles. We got outside a few times this past month and we just got a picnic blanket to ensure more fun in the sun. Remember to bring sunscreen, sun hats, and spare clothes! Also, many of our young friends are deep into the woes of teething; please bring in any favorite teething toys they may have to help their days go smoother.

We look forward to welcoming Zoe and Freya.

Thank you!

-Mullein, Jude, Louise, Pace



# Sprouts Room

## We've been exploring:

Colors  
Different types of plants  
Letters: O, P, Q, R  
Recognizing feelings

## Looking forward to:

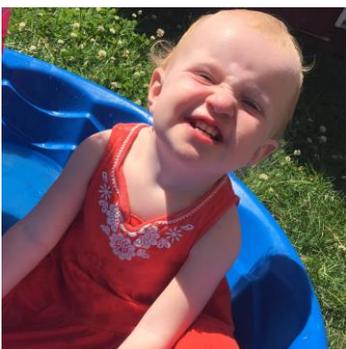
New outdoor toys  
Outdoor science projects  
Outdoor art  
Stacking and building

The month of July will be all about engineering! This means the Sprouts will be exploring how to build and stack with toys and objects. We're also going to explore the differences between floating and non-floating toys in our water play activities. These activities will help the children learn about the world around them as they use their fine and gross motor skills to manipulate objects.

The Sprouts room will be donating Lost & Found items to our extra clothes bin to save on space and to keep children dry and warm. Parents, please keep checking the Lost and Found regularly!

Thank you!

-Tess, Sam, Chylee



# Shoots Room

This month we welcomed Casi, Madeleine, and Morris into our classroom. The theme this month is engineering, and we are excited to explore it further! We are wanting to do an activity on families this month as well; please bring a family photo that we can place on the walls so our friends can see all different families. We would also welcome Myles into our classroom- our friends are all excited to explore with the new Shoots!

Thank you!

-Amber, Ashley, Evan

## Visitors:

Yoga: 7/25

### We've been exploring:

Water animals- whales, frogs, and turtles

ABC's

Numbers 1-10

Water play

### Looking forward to:

Learning about different aspects of engineering through play, art, and provocations

Cooling off in the sprinkler

Exploring in the wetlands

Creating crafts



### Family Notes:

- If you have not already, please bring sunscreen for your child, and shorts for them to wear on hot days.
- Please no peanut butter in the classroom**
- Be sure to check the dry erase boards on either side of the room for daily information!
- Please bring a family photo for our family project!**

# Sapling Room

The Saplings have been enjoying summertime activities this month. A favorite playground activity has been “pretend camping,” and fishing has been a fun indoor activity. Our magnetic poles (pun!) always catch something. Felt stories have been popular, too. Our story of “The Grunk” inspired a classic summertime carwash. Our sensory table has been a hot spot, with its variety of natural items.

Our theme for July is engineering, and we’ll be learning to use some new tools like screwdrivers and sandpaper. We’ll also explore basic machines like levers and inclined planes.

We are happy to welcome Kellen and Alex to our room!

-Paul & Patrice



## Visitors:

Yoga: 7/25



## We’ve been exploring:

Helping and including each other  
Telling stories

## Looking forward to:

Getting to know our new friends  
Exploring July’s engineering theme

## Family Notes

Make sure your Sapling has extra summer clothes at school!

# Sequoia Room

In the Sequoia's room, the month of July is all about sound. We will be exploring the world of sound through active listening. By acknowledging what we hear, identifying it, and discussing how it may impact us, the Sequoia's will have opportunities to enhance communication, strengthen interpersonal relationships, and amplify our learning environment. This will be an exciting month, filled with games, group projects and class experiments. The Sequoia's will be actively observing the world, and developing a deeper sense of self while utilizing fine motor skills, social practices and collaboration through projects.

If there are any questions or suggestions, I would be glad to hear from parents regarding ways we can enhance your child's growth. Please feel free to contact me.

-Jenny

## Trips & Visitors:

Yoga: 7/25



## We've been exploring:

Active listening

Components of sound

The sounds we hear & the sounds we make

How listening enhances communication, strengthens interpersonal relationships, and impacts our learning

## Looking forward to:

Making tin can and string telephones

Playing with sound and water

Making shakers and playing listening games

Practicing our rhythm, counting, and harmony in a class drum circle