

May 2022

Sequoia's Treehouse



Welcome May 2022!

We had April showers and are now ready for those May flowers! Happy Spring Treehouse Families! We are so excited to show you what the children have been exploring this last month and are looking forward to what this amazing season has to bring.

Reminder that we are **CLOSED** May 30th in recognition of Memorial Day

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram & Facebook for additional photos of all the fun we have! You can find us at [@sequoiastreehouse](#)



Seedling Room

Hello Seedling Families,

April showers bring May flowers, and with the amount of rain (not to mention, snow!) we saw this April, May should be a riot of colorful blooms!

Despite the gloomy skies, we spent April immersed in spring themed curriculum. We explored sensory bottles and bags filled with insects, animals, and flowers. We filled the floor with colorful pictures for the babies to crawl to and investigate on their level. We painted with spring colors, and explored various sounds with egg shakers, and a popcorn filled sensory tube.

Our theme for May is transportation and we have lots of fun in store for the seedlings! We will be reading books and singing songs about all different kinds of vehicles, playing with various kind of vehicles and talking about what they are and what they do, building ramps to roll cars down, adding some transportation themed boxes to build up and knock over, and finger paint on different shapes to represent traffic signs.

-Sandy & Laila



We've been exploring:

Insects
Flowers
Shakers

Looking forward to:

Vehicles
Ramps
Blocks

Notes to Families

I know I sound like a broken record, but we would LOVE to get some family photos!

Sprouts Room

Howdy Sprouts!

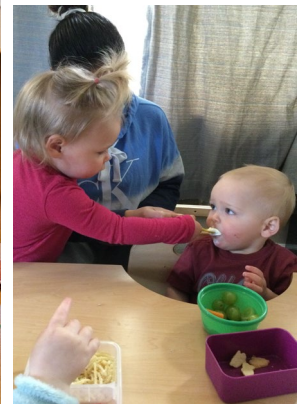
If April showers bring May flowers, then we're in for a colorful May! In any given outside time, we can encounter cold breezes, pouring rain, calm sunshine and even temperatures warm enough for water play.

We've spotted Eagle in the tree and Herons flapping overhead. We've seen songbirds and rainbows but no sign of Froggy and his friends. We're always looking in our garden for him.

We have found something beautiful and delicious in flower bed: purple broccoli! The kids have enjoyed nibbles straight from the stem, an experience no childhood should be without.

We have had fun making name songs out of nursery rhyme classics, more recently Where is Thumbkin. We cover our eyes and sing "where is so and so..." Open our hands and excitedly say "there he/she is!" followed by "how are you today, it's very good to see ya, let's go play, let's go play". Games as simple as hide and seek or peek a boo really bring the smiles to our kids.

-Alyse & Deisi



Parents:

It's time to bring in sweat shirts or lighter jackets and take those puffers home!.



We've been exploring:

Animals
Songs/Music
Spring Weather

Looking forward to:

Sensory
Gardening
Plants

Shoots Room

Hello Shoot Families

This month we welcomed Nova into our classroom! She brings curiosity and excitement to the classroom, and we are lucky to have her! This month's theme was Spring! We learned about plants, flowers and trees and how they grow. We sang a song about seeds becoming stems, then leaves, then flowers. We turned the dramatic play area into a flower shop and made flower arrangements throughout the month. We made spring collages, hyacinth paintings, and textured flower art. They explored colors and textures with art this month and loved learning about color mixing. During circle time, we read books about spring nature and vehicles. They have shown a strong interest in trains and cars this month, so our theme next month is transportation!

-Colleen & Mads



We've been exploring:

- Plants
- Flowers
- Trees

Looking forward to:

- Trains
- Transportation
- Boats

Family Notes

Please check Brightwheel messages this week for any supplies we will need this month. We are planning some fun activities we just might need some recyclable things (paper toilet rolls, boxes, etc)

-Thank you



Shoots II Room

Hello Families!

For the month of April, we explored planet Earth and plants. We spent a lot of time talking about where we are on the planet, location wise, what surrounds us in Washington, looking at maps and talking about taking care of plants and Earth through not wasting water or paper. We made paintings of Earth in different forms from painting the colors of Earth to using shaving cream to make a painting with texture. We also planted seeds in our own painted pots to keep at school and made flower bombs to grow some plants at home. We explored different types of places in Earth from the mountains, the sea and even volcanoes. We experimented making our own volcanic eruptions out of vinegar and baking soda. Joining our class this month were Aspen and Alber.

-Evelyn



Family Notes

Please make sure you are bringing everything your child needs for school, diapers, blankets, proper clothing for outdoors, etc. Please limit the amount of toys your child brings from home, stuffed animals are fine but keep highly coveted toys at home. Thank you!!



We've been exploring:

Using our words to express our emotions
Names of different places on Earth
Building independence
Learning to put our own shoes on

Looking forward to:

Learning more about the ocean
Building letter recognition
Warmer weather and outdoor water play

Saplings Room

Hello Saplings Families,

This month we welcomed Teddy and Jackson P. into our classroom!

We had a lot of fun in the rain this April. Our friends were very excited to see snow again and we learned the process of how a cloud is made and then how rain or snow could follow. Because it is spring, we planted our very own mini pots of pollinating wild flowers to help the bees! We watered them daily and when they are ready to go out, we'll plant them in our garden in the play yard. We celebrated the new season in fun ways like baking flower cookies and "gardening" in our garden sensory table. The Saplings looked forward to "The Farmer Plants the Seeds" song daily! We even had a local author come read her books to us! One of them being "All About the Rain"!

Next month we'll be learning about birds! We see more outside daily and as spring continues, we're excited to learn about all the different kind of birds that will surely visit us!

- Cinthia

Field Trips:

Weekly trips to the wetlands



Family Notes

Waters and blankets go home at the end of the week to wash

Please ensure your Sapling has extra clothes and a blanket, daily

It is Spring! So we get more rainy days and we need tuffos and boots in cubbies, daily

We've been exploring:

Spring

Gardening

Rain

Looking forward to:

Birds

Being Outside

Warmer Weather

Young Sequoia Room

Hello Young Sequoia Families,

Hello families! For the month of April our class has been learning about the earth. We asked the class what they learned about helping the earth, some said recycling, picking up trash, and helping people and animals. The class was really excited to start recycling so we came up with different activities to help identify what can and cannot be recycled. The kids have also been great with picking up any trash they see in the play yard. Another fun activity we did was make bird feeders, we are excited to see what kind of birds we attract. Another activity we did was planting trees, we created a sensory bin with sand and the class had to plant the trees! We also got to do some more baking this month, we made some earth cookies and muffins! The kids have been great with measuring and taking turns with the ingredients. This month has been very fun and the class enjoyed learning more about the earth. We'll continue to recycle and do our part to help the earth!

-Sonya & Maria

Field Trips

Weekly trips to wetlands

Farm Field Trip
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We've been exploring:

Earth

Recycling

Cooking

Looking forward to:

Springtime

More Cooking

Planting

Family Notes

Please make sure to pack a warm jacket, rain suit, rain boots, hats, gloves, and extra socks.

Please check your child's cubby to ensure they have enough extra clothes.

Remember to take home water bottles and blankets every Friday at pick up.

Sequoia Room

Hello Sequoia Class Families,

This April has been full of excitement! We began the month by focusing on a few wetlands creatures- chipmunks, squirrels, eagles and rollie pollies. Currently the rollie pollies are out in huge numbers. It's been fun to watch students find, observe, and take care of them. On a Thursday nature hike a few owl pellets were found. When deconstructed, the pellets were found to have contained tiny bones! Students (with the help of their teacher) compiled a list entitled "signs of springs". Children painted with pods from sweet gum trees. They also painted pictures of trees. There is much enthusiasm over the blossoming apple tree in the play yard. Students enjoy collecting, smelling and touching the soft flowers, and we've been watching petals fall from the tree like snow. We look forward to watching apple fruits grow and ripen.

Mexico was our next topic of exploration. Children practiced counting in Spanish. We watched a photo slideshow of Mexican culture, arts and nature. We also learned a bit about the animals of the area and pretended to be them. Children donned flamingo and jaguar masks. A taco restaurant was set up for children to try out their chef skills. Cultural books were read to the class. Children showed interest in the globe and in maps, so we studied those as well, discussing our earth as a whole.

The Sequoia students really enjoy singing and dancing together and so voted to focus on music and dance. We learned the songs "Cumpleaños Feliz" and "Buenos Dias". A simple dance called "La Raspa" was taught to the children. Soon they were clapping and spinning to the music! Soothing Mayan music and Spanish lullabies were played at naptime. We used plastic eggs with different materials inside to make different sounds. A book called "Amazing Science- Sound" taught us about how noises are made. DIY rubber band instruments were experimented with. As the rubber bands vibrated, sound came out. Cultural dances from other parts of the world were watched and emulated. We will continue our music and dance exploration into May.

-Anna & Sara



Family Notes

Just a reminder to please keep personal toys at home except for a soft naptime item and show-and-tell items. It is always so heartbreaking when a valuable toy gets either lost or broken at school.

We've been exploring:

Wetlands and Spring
Mexico and Spanish
Music and Dance

Looking forward to:

Warm Weather
Making Muffins
More Music and Dance