

January 2022

Sequoia's Treehouse



Welcome June 2022!

Happy beginning of Summer Treehouse Families!

We are looking forward to warmer weather and all the wonders that come with it. Our classrooms are exploring more outside, building their gardens, and having such a blast together. We cannot wait to show you what they have been doing!

As a reminder we are **CLOSED**:

June 24th for Professional Development for Staff

July 4th in Honor of Independence Day

Do not forget to follow us on Instagram & Facebook for additional photos of all the fun we have! You can find us at [@sequoiastreehouse](https://www.instagram.com/sequoiastreehouse)



Seedling Room

Hello Seedling Families,

The theme for May was transportation. We dove in with curriculum involving cars, trucks, planes, trains, boats, and buses. We pushed and rolled toy vehicles down ramps, counted all the various wheels, sang the wheels on the bus, played many many rounds of row row row your boat, and read books about different types of vehicles.

The seedlings have been loving bubbles recently, reaching out to try and catch them in the air, and popping them when they land on the carpet. We also had a lot of fun with a helium balloon. It was fun to watch the babies as they discovered they could make the balloon move when they pulled on the string.

We said goodbye to Noah as he moved up to the Sprouts. It's always bittersweet to see our little Seedlings graduate, but we are excited for him as he moves on to new adventures and makes new friends.

We are excited to welcome our newest Seedlings, Emmons and Kingston. We can't wait to get to know them!

Although our spring weather has only recently begun to show itself, summer is right around the corner. Summer is our theme for June and we plan to focus on some fun topics like the sunny weather, the beach, and camping! We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate with our theme, and we will have a beautiful start to the summer season!

-Sandy & Laila



We have been exploring:

Vehicles
Balloons
Bubbles

Looking forward to:

Summer
The Beach
Camping



Sprouts Room

Hello Sprouts Families!

This month we've seen some intense rain and some warm sun and we've enjoyed it all! At this age it seems all weather holds some magic.

Thank you for all the beautiful family photos and thank you for your patience in putting them on display! Deisi has worked hard and single handedly on the family "tree". Be sure to label them with names for both humans and pets!

As is every month, our focus is fun with songs and dance, safety with social skills and language, and expectations with daily schedules and indoor versus outdoor safety. Climbing and being up high is fine outside but not at the table. If you can help us with that at home (sitting while we eat and not climbing on chairs), that would be wonderful!

This will be my last newsletter at Sequoia's Treehouse and I am passing the baton to Deisi. It has been a joy to laugh and sing with them and I will miss them dearly.

Thank you and have a happy summer!

-Alyse and Deisi



Parents: Be sure your child has a water bottle and that it doesn't leak. Munchkin seems to be a great option that doesn't leak!

Please check extra clothes bins



We have been

Music
Movement
Flowers

Looking forward to:

Emotions
Summer
Water Play

Shoots Room

Hello Shoot Families!

In the month of May we welcomed James and Magnolia! We are so excited to explore and learn with them. Mays theme was Transportation! We learned about trains, cars, vehicles in Olympia and boats. We drove toy trains through the paint and watched the wheels move the paint. We built cardboard cars and boats throughout the month.

When in the boats the children would sing, "Row Row Row your Boat." We also sang a new song called "We are Driving Down the Street". We had a carwash with the trucks outside. We used soap, sponges, and water to wash the trucks. They washed the trucks, then would play with them a little bit and wash them again! Transportation was a fun way to explore shapes, color and sizes. While taping colored shapes to paper trucks and trains, we discovered how some shapes are different and some are the same. We read the diggersaurs book and talked about how BIG they are!

The wetlands are quickly becoming our class's favorite outside spot. We discovered many types of flowers, including dandelions, birds foot flowers, and deadnettle. We hid in the grass like mice, dug in the dirt like worms, and ran in the field like deer.

Next month our theme is gardening and summer! We are going to explore plants, weather, fruits and water.

All the Best,

-Colleen & Mads



We have been exploring:

Trains
Cars
Boats

Looking forward to:

Summer
Gardening
The Wetlands



Family Notes

Please make sure to bring in a water bottle labeled with your child's name and an extra set of clothes because we will begin water play this month! Feel free to bring in a towel for your child as well.

-Thank you

Shoots II Room

Happy beginning of Summer Shoots 2 families!!

This month we have been exploring the ocean. A lot of the people in our room have been really into pirates so we made some pirate hats, counted gold coins, and sang pirate songs. We also talked about the different animals that live in the ocean and behaviors they do to survive like using camouflage or squirting ink. We did experiments seeing how octopi ink can hide an octopus to get away, by placing a small object into a bin filled with water and slowly adding black water into it, until we could not see the object any longer. It was fun to see what colors hid better in the dark water than others. We also created a kelp forest in our classroom that we painted and put seashells onto!

-Evelyn



We have been exploring:

Using our words to express our emotions

Ocean Animals

Putting our shoes and coats on by ourselves

Looking forward to:

Volcanos and Dinosaurs

Water Play

Salt Dough Sculptures

Family Notes

As it gets warmer and sunnier sunscreen is essential, please make sure to sunscreen your child before coming to school.

Please be sure to bring in a water bottle with your child's name on it so we can stay hydrated during the summer warmth

Please be sure to bring in extra clothes for your children as they get wet from water play!

Saplings Room

Hello Sapling Families,

We'd like to welcome our new teacher, Adrian!

This month of May we learned about birds! We started by making bird feeders out of recycled paper rolls, almond butter, and bird seed. We hung these up on the fence outside of our classroom and we've really enjoyed the different kinds of birds that came to visit us to eat the seeds! We've also had a lot of fun making our own birds out of materials like pom poms, dyed feathers, paper plates, and funny googly eyes. One of our favorite activities was making our own bird's nest out of shreds of recycled paper and adding paper eggs to our nest for our birds to sit on. It was a lot of fun to take our paper roll binoculars outside and observe the many birds that would fly above us. Our Saplings were so surprised to learn that not all birds could fly but that all had beaks and feathers!

Next month we will be learning about ants. Our friends have been fascinated finding them outside and we're looking forward to having our own ant farm in our class to observe and learn all about these mighty ants.

-Cinthia & Adrian

Field Trips:

-Weekly trips
to the wetlands



Family Notes

Blankets and waters should be going home at the end of every week.

As Summer approaches, please ensure your Sapling has sunscreen applied before school and a water bottle (or cup) daily to help stay hydrated

Please ensure your Sapling has extra clothes and a blanket daily

We have been exploring:

Birds

Feathers

Seeds

Looking forward to:

Ants

Water Play

Art

Young Sequoia Room

Hello Young Sequoia Families!

This month the young sequoia class has been learning about gardening. We started by going over the stages of a plant growing and the different parts of a plant. As a class we each started growing our own wildflowers. They each got to plant their own! Each day the kids get to check on their plant and water it, they get very excited to see how much their plant has grown!

During our monthly farm trip, we got to look at their garden and find different kinds of plants to help us come up with different ideas for our garden!

For the rest of the month, we will be working on clearing out our outside garden. We hope to then start planting and eventually harvesting the food we grow!

-Sonya & Maria



We have been exploring:

Plants

Gardening

Insects

Looking forward to:

Warm Weather

Field Trips

Planting our Garden

Family Notes

Please make sure your child has a coat and boots everyday! Please apply sunscreen before dropping off.

Sequoia Room

Hello Sequoia Families,

This May we've explored what music and dance sound/look like around the world! What an exciting time it's been. We've learned many new songs and dances together while picking up fun facts about the areas where they originated. Familiar and unfamiliar types of instruments have been discussed and listened to. Highlights of the month have been singing/dancing to "Funga Alafia" (a welcoming song in Swahili), the "Kookaburra" song (from Australia), full class drum circles and student-led jam sessions. A guitar, ukelele, keyboard, trombone and bongo set have been brought in for kids to explore and create with. Found and recycled objects have been used as instruments in the classroom and on the play yard.

We also made blueberry muffins! Kids worked carefully to get the recipe ingredients just right, pouring and measuring. Soon the whole classroom smelled sweet and delicious. The muffins were very tasty and the children very proud.



Family Notes

Please sunscreen your child before bringing them to school to help optimize learning/ exploration time.

Don't forget to make sure your child has multiple weather appropriate shirts, bottoms, undies and socks in their cubby.

Please limit the number of show and tell items to three/week. Items should be bigger than a quarter coin so they don't get lost.

Official water bottle take home days are Fridays. Please ensure that your child is healthy by cleaning their water bottle at least once per week.

Preschool graduation is coming up this June 23rd! We are excitedly preparing a short presentation!

We have been exploring:

Music

Instruments

Dance

Looking forward to:

Sumer Solstice

Planting/Weeding/Water ing our gardens

Learning about plants

Water play

