



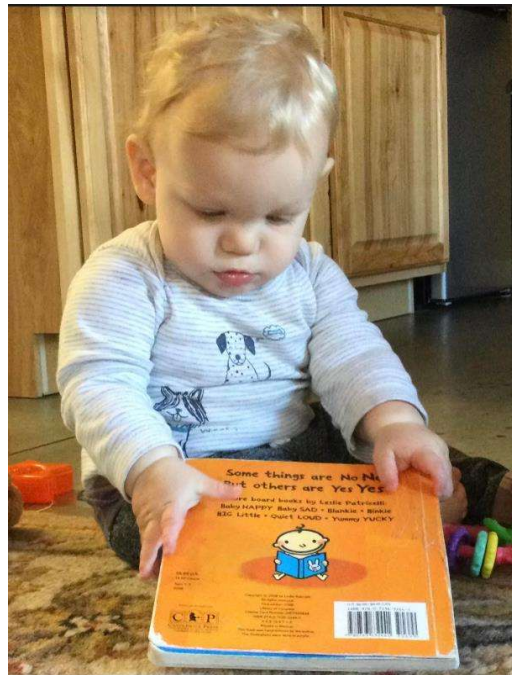
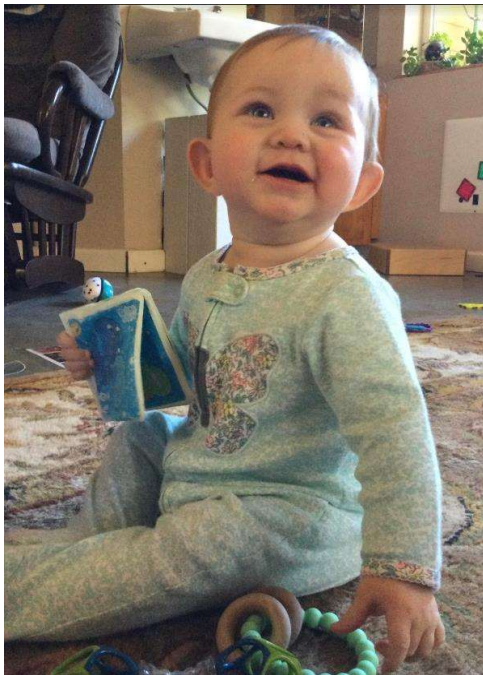


Seedlings Classroom

**We have been exploring:
Water Play & Sensory, Ice Exploration**

**Looking forward to:
Five Senses, Skills, Friends & Family**

Our theme for August was Water which went beautifully with the hot Summer weather! We explored a variety of item in our sensory bottles of water, learning that some things sink while other float. We played in a tub of water with toy frogs and large spoons where splashing was a favorite activity. We also investigated ice. It was fun to watch the ice in sensory tube for the day as it changed from a solid to a liquid. We had a couple of books delivered from the library and the Seedlings loved listening to new stores and looking at the colorful illustrations. We are looking forward to more library books for the Fall!



September's theme is All About Me. We will be exploring the Seedlings five senses, skills, families and friends. It will so much fun to find activities that celebrate the amazing, unique individuals in our class.

We welcomed new Seedlings Ryan, Maeven and Jonathan in August and in September we gain two more new friends, Theodor and River. We are excited to get to know them all! As Fall starts in September as Summer comes to an end you will see some décor changes in the classroom.

Reminders: Thank you so much for keeping cubbies supplied with spare clothing! It made water play days easy and fun.

With all of the new babies enrolling, it is always a good reminder to make sure all bottles and food are labeled with first and last names as well as the day and date they were brought in. This is a licensing requirement and helps to keep our babies safe! Thank you.



Sprouts Classroom

**We have been exploring:
Our final month of Sprouts Camp!**

**Looking forward to:
The start of Fall in September!**



We had so much fun this Summer exploring camping, the ocean, making art, fun dances and songs, and we even started our own band! We tested our motor skills with a variety of games on the playground and had so much fun visiting with our goats. Our biggest adventure was out on the wetlands where we foraged for flowers and blackberries. We collected all of the treasures we found and made sun catchers that are displayed in the classroom. We could not have asked for a more magical summer with the Sprouts and look forward to everything that September brings!



Reminders: Fall weather is arriving. Now is a good time to make sure you have wet weather gear/ tuffo for your child!



Shoots Classroom

**We have been exploring:
Boundaries & Expressing With Words**

**Looking forward to:
Change of the Seasons**



In August we explored body boundaries and using words when we need a classmate to stop or when we need space.

We welcomed back Teacher Alyse who made her return to the Treehouse! We also welcomed many new friends, Waylon, Molly, Elizabeth, Francis, Axel, Tikvah, Paris, Yazmin and Theodore.

For September we will be focused on communities, families and us! We will also be watching the seasons change and centering our projects on these changes.



Reminders: Make sure your child has tuffo or rain gear. Check extra clothes and make sure you bring warmer clothes and socks. Rain boots are a must to keep our feet dry. Please label everything with your child's name!



Shoots II Classroom

**We have been exploring:
Underwater Life**

**Looking forward to:
New Friends, Classroom Community, Family Traditions**



We have spent August answering the questions we asked in July about underwater life! Our class discussed creatures that break shelled creatures, like seagulls, who leave empty shells on shore. We also read books about pollution and the water cycle. We did our own version of ocean clean up with tweezers and scraps of paper and plastic, using bins filled with water, which led to discussions about what happens to trash when people litter and different ways we can prevent trash from going into the ocean. Our class also worked really hard on our classroom aquarium collage. everyone contributed at least once piece of artwork to complete it and we talked about aquariums and places where we have gone to see fish and other marine life.



This month we are welcoming a whole new set of friends into our classroom: Cleo, Abigail, Ava Grace, Lora, Lyra, Milo, River and Elijah!! We are so excited to have them here with us!! We will be exploring what body boundaries are and strengthening our classroom community bonds. We will also be learning about different family traditions from around the world and in our own classroom.



Reminders: As colder, wetter Fall weather arrives, please make sure you are bringing in weather appropriate clothing and gear such as rain boots, waterproof jackets and pants or Tuffo. Thank you!



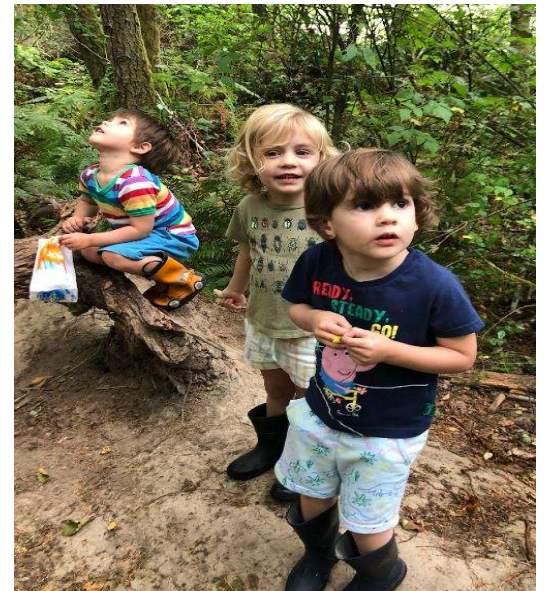
Saplings Classroom

We have been exploring:
Camping, Beaches & Bees

Looking forward to:
New Friends In Our Classroom



August was jam packed with fun! We learned about camping, beaches and bees. The best part of the 3 themes were the dramatic play areas. We had tents, a river, fire pits and animals setup for camping dramatic play. They loved going fishing in the river with magnetic fish and poles. We learned and practiced, "Leave No Trace." When we went on nature hikes the kids made sure to bring everything they brought with them and to leave the area just as we saw it before us. They even made a song out of, "Leave No Trace." For our beach dramatic play area we had beach towels, the "ocean," a floaty, beach balls and an air pump. They took turns filling the floaty with the air pump. Surprisingly, that was their favorite part of the dramatic play area. We made an ocean mural for the first day so it felt like we were at the ocean. Lastly, was our beehive! Teacher Mia brought in a building fort and we made a fort together. We added flowers, honey, and honeycombs to our beehive. The kids favorite part for bees was the hive and bee costumes! We made bee outfits out of paper bags and painted them black and yellow like bees.



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Young Sequoias Classroom

**We have been exploring:
The Ocean Zones, Animals & Pollution**

**Looking forward to:
Helping Our Ocean and New Friends**

For the month of August, We decided to dig deeper into the ocean! The kids really enjoyed learning about the different animals that live in the ocean, what the different ocean layers are, and which animals may live in each layer. We continued to learn how we can improve our beaches and different way we could help keep it clean and the ocean animals safe.

We have many new friends joining our class in September so our theme will be “All About Me” as we get to know each other and talk about our families.



Reminders: Please take home any plastic bags that are in your child's cubby as they may contain soiled clothing that needs to be laundered. Make sure your child always has extra clothes available and brings a water bottle daily.



Sequoias Classroom

We have been exploring:
Tasting Nature & Ocean Exploration

Looking forward to:
Learning About Each Other, Our 5 Senses, Bodies and Feelings



This August we were able to harvest fruit from our wetlands. The ripe blackberries made for excellent hiking fuel and we picked extra berries to make into a delicious crumble with Teacher Rabbit. The apples finally fell from the tree that we had been watching and waiting to ripen. Some apples were cut up to feed to our goats and others were cleaned, cut up and put in the juicer to make sweet tangy juice.



This month was also a time of continued learning & exploration about the ocean. We created paper stingrays to decorate our room. Blue rice was placed in the sensory table with marine animal toys. We also felt a real sea sponge both wet and dry. Visitors came from the Puget Sound Estuarium and brought with them a giant touch tank containing sea cucumbers, starfish and moon snails. The children were able to spend time observing these creatures and carefully touching them. This was such a special opportunity in our classroom!

We said goodbye to many of our friends who are on their way to Kindergarten. We welcomed many new friends from the Young Sequoia class, and one new friend, Malik who just joined Sequoia's Treehouse. We are looking forward to taking time in September to learn about one another and explore who we each are!



Reminders: Show & Tell is each Friday. Please send your child with 1-3 items no smaller than a golf ball. Do not send anything that is or contains a toy weapon. Thank you!