

Treehouse Classroom  
December Newsletter  
2018



### Story Time

During circle this month students will be introduced to stories about the Holidays – If you have a favorite story to share, please see Ms. Linda. We would love to have you join us to share your favorite or we can read your story during circle time.



### Classroom News

We are happy to announce the arrival of two baby girls to the Treehouse Dramatic Play area! The students are having a great time caring for our infants – Riley and Chloe.

If anyone is interested in providing additional items for our “Nursery”, our babies wear newborn sized clothing. We are also looking for infant style car seats, a baby bathtub, infant toys, or other “real” baby items you may have around your house.

So, what is my child learning in the baby nursery? Through dramatic play, children explore the perspectives and roles of others through opportunities to act out what they experience or observe in their own lives. Children also practice problem solving, decision making, persistence, collaboration, negotiation, and creative thinking as they practice playing “Mom and Dad”. In addition, they develop fine motor skills as they fasten clothing.



### Clothing Changes

Please make sure to change out your child’s extra clothing for weather appropriate choices. Also, check classroom slippers and outdoor boots to ensure that they are the correct size.



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## In the Car Activities

Generate rhyming words

Read street signs

Count the change in the car

Easy math problems

Share a story

Count backwards

Sing the ABC song

Spell words together

Create a story together



## New This Month

Gift wrap station

Holiday Practical Life

Baby Nursery Dramatic Play

Holiday Language works

Correct the Sentence

Regular and Irregular Verbs

Tree Decorating work

Tree Decorating - Follow the Directions



## What We're Learning



Reading: Holiday stories, Kindergarten Reading Journals, and new leveled stories.

Spelling: Pink, Blue, and Green spelling challenges for those students who are reading.

Writing: Alphabet and name writing practice, Kindergarten Writing Journals

Math: counting, bead stairs, chains and using the addition and subtraction finger charts to memorize math facts.

Science: Holiday lights and Holiday taste testing



## Quotes to Guide You

Do not tell them how to do it. Show them how to do it and do not say a word. If you tell them, they will watch your lips move. If you show them, they will want to do it themselves.

To let the child do as he likes when he has not yet developed any powers of control is to betray the idea of freedom.

As soon as children find something that interests them, they lose their instability and learn to concentrate.

Dr. Maria Montessori



