



# A Peek at Our Week

## Tree Study: Week 4

This week we will explore trees through sensory exploration. We will talk about the way different types of leaves and branches feel, smell and look. We will use various "nature paint brushes" to explore different textures and patterns we can make by painting with pine cones, leaves, sticks, and Christmas tree stems.

## Taming Tantrums

Please join us this Friday December 9th at 10:00 am for a guided discussion on Taming Temper-Tantrums. Erica Nivens, our school psychologist, will join us again. This discussion will build upon what we learned on APTT#2: Managing Challenging Behavior. If you weren't able to come to the 2nd APTT, don't worry, we would still love for you to join us. We want this meeting to be a way that you as parents can support each other by sharing your own strategies you like and struggles you're working on when it comes to taming tantrums. We hope to see you there!

## Literacy Emphasis



This week our literacy emphasis is a book called, "The Busy Tree." This book helps teach vocabulary to label the various parts of a tree, and gives an overview of many of the different animals that live inside trees.

## Fun Run

Due to the time slots offered by the school and the difficulty with transitioning for many of our students, we will not be taking the whole class to the fun run on Wednesday. If you have made a donation or feel strongly that you would like your child to participate, please send me an e-mail ([jscott8@wcpss.net](mailto:jscott8@wcpss.net)) and we will recruit someone from Lockhart's support staff to help us bring your child to the fun run.

## Winter Holidays

I have not received many results from the winter holidays surveys so we will do some generic crafts/ activities based on holidays that I know are celebrated by students in our classroom (Christmas and Hanukkah) We will also include some toys that represent these holidays in our centers. If you are uncomfortable with this please let me know—it is never my intent to expose your child to something you are uncomfortable with.

## Morning Class

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## Optional Homework

- Register your child for our Boosterthon Fun Run!
- Make Gingerbread Play-doh together (turn in by Dec. 17th)
- If you will be decorating a Christmas tree with your child, add some math to the experience by counting the number of ornaments, or discussing the various shapes and colors

## Upcoming Events

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| Workshop on Tantrums at Lockhart            | 12/9 @ 10:00 am |
| Holiday Cookie Decorating Party at Lockhart | 12/9 @ 10:00 am |
| Last Day off Track In                       | 12/21           |
| Track Out—No School                         | 12/22           |
| 1st Day of Track In                         | 1/23            |