**Important Information:**

- **Friday October 27, 2017: No AM class.** Tiny Trees Luncheon. All staff will be attending and providing child care. Consider using your class Facebook group to coordinate a swap or care coverage if needed. If any parent/s can offer care - we think some others could use care support:

  Mon-Fri AM class facebook group

- **Holiday reminder:** At Tiny Trees we celebrate the changing of the seasons and our special community. Please save your Halloween dress up for after / out of school.

**Developmental Spotlight:** Children 3-5 are working on developing their gross motor control skills. This means the movement and coordination of their arms, legs, and other large body parts and movements. They are also in the midst of moving out of parallel play (playing next to another child) and instead playing in pairs; later they will begin to play in small groups. Our emergent curriculum supports your children to learn these skills by playing games that are very high interest to them, which means they choose to focus and practice and learn these skills again and again- more than they might if it
were a teacher initiated idea. “Ninja Play” in our classroom is a perfect example of children developing their gross motor and cooperative play skills. Teachers supervise closely to ensure safety.

**Gear tip:** Please put the rain suit pant overall-straps over everything except the coat, as the LAST thing, so you child can bathroom easily and independently. Pants stay outside of boots, there is an elastic that can go under the rain boot. No word on boot delivery yet.

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**Monday Through Friday AM Class:**

*Weekly Reflection* - This week we saw a lot of nest play and interest in our bird books since we had a REAL crow nest to inspire us. The students played kitties, family, and ninjas in groups of 3-5 throughout the week. “If all the raindrops…” was a VERY fun song and allowed us all to get creative and silly.

*What’s Emerging* - We are starting to notice a sustained interest in maps and the scarf play continues but they are being used differently.
Tuesday/Thursday PM Class:

Weekly Reflection - We really enjoyed searching for cabins on our hikes this week. It was exciting to find the numbers and names and explore the letters. They are able to hike further and further. Students are learning how to navigate their rain suit layers.

What's Emerging - We are starting to notice more big body games, like using the balance boards as see saws. About half the class is showing an interest in letters.

Nature Spotlight:

**European Brown Slug:** This species of slug is an invasive species of slug. It has become a very common species in the Pacific Northwest. This slug elongates while in locomotion, and at rest it contracts into a hemispherical shape. It performs a rocking motion when disturbed. It is an omnivore.