



## Seedling's December News

I would like to thank all of my Growing Tree Parents for all of your caring and support throughout my pregnancy. I am lucky to work at such a great center with so many wonderful parents and their little ones. While I am happy to have this time at home to spend with my new little one and family, I will miss getting to watch your little ones grow and develop. They change so much in such a short period of time! I will be stopping in just to say hello and make sure they don't forget me when I drop my off son in the Blossom room. I am really going to miss this great group of babies, but know Melanie and Sam will do a great job with them. – Ms. Jolene

The annual Growing Tree Christmas sing-a-long is upon us again. We know it seems silly for these little guys to be in a sing-a-long, but there is a place for even the smallest ones in the show, and we encourage parents to attend if possible. We know it can be a little late for bedtime routines and schedules, but it is a great opportunity for pictures with Santa, as well as dress them up and put them on stage for their first school performance. It really is a lot of fun and the teachers will have a special performance of their own at the end for you.

**Natalie** is starting to pull up to a stand and let go as she works on her balance and prepares to take her first steps. She looks ready to walk any day now. She loves getting to spend time with the big seeds next door, and will be spending more time with them this month as she prepares to move up in January. **Abby** is crawling all over the room, and it did not take her long to figure out how to pull herself up onto her feet! She is also starting to sample some of the Big Seed food. She just wants to be able to do all the things the big kids do! **Willa** is getting steady with sitting and needs less support. She will be sitting solo before we know it. She is also starting to roll more and is getting stronger and more comfortable with tummy time. **Luke** has discovered pureed food and is enjoying all the new flavors, except maybe the peas. He has also figured out how to roll to get where he wants to go and is even starting to push himself backwards across the floor. It won't be long before he figures out how to shift into forward gear and he will be crawling all over the room. **Jackson** is rolling from his back to his belly and loves to show off his new trick as often as he can. He gets a little frustrated that he can't roll back yet, but he is getting more comfortable on his tummy and is holding himself up for longer and longer stretches. We got to spend some time this past month getting to know **Lulu** and her family. As she is settling in and getting to know us more, she is becoming freer with her smiles, and she is getting more comfortable with the noise as well. She is also taking an interest in watching her friends.

We look forward to getting to know Adelyn's baby sister, **Lillian** and seeing more of her and her family again when **Lillian** is ready to start. We are also looking forward to getting to know Amelia and her baby brother Theodore, (**Teddy**) and their family. Adelyn and Amelia are both in the Bud room.

We seem to be collecting bibs. Please make sure to label (Initials on the tag or corner is fine) any bib you bring in with your child so we can get them back to you after they are washed. We have a few babies that have the same kinds of bibs and it can be hard to remember who came in wearing what. Or if you would like, please feel free to help yourself to one of our bibs from the middle drawer in the kitchen and save yours for the ride home.

- Christmas Program: Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Santa arrives at 5:45 pm.

We hope everyone has a great month and a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Melanie and Ms. Sam