



Big Seed Happenings

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018! We hope everyone had a safe and merry holiday season this year. We would also like to say thank you all for your generous Christmas gifts to us. We can't tell you how much we appreciate you thinking of us!

It always get a little crazy during the month of December, but our amazing group of Big Seeds have been wonderful this past month and the normal chaos of the holiday season didn't seem to bother them. **Dominick** and **Sawyer** got into the loving spirit of the season. **Sawyer** started making kissing noises to his friends, teachers and anyone else who walked into the classroom. **Dominick** would run up behind his teachers while they were sitting and give them the biggest hugs before peeking around their shoulder to give them an equally big smile. **Charlotte** is starting to stand up on her own more and is using chairs, shelves and even teachers to help her travel around the room. **Hunter M.** really works hard to stand up by herself. She becomes very excited when she accomplishes her goal and bounces up and down while teachers cheer her on. **Sage** has been in a "boogie-woogie" kind of mood. He starts to bounce on his toes and holds his hands out in front of himself before stopping to walk to a new area of the room to dance some more. **Emma** is definitely going to be a rough-and-tumble kind of girl. She has started joining the boys in their play. She certainly can hold her own with our wild boys!

Owen and **Hunter B.** have moved up to Sprouts this month. We will miss these boys and their families, but are excited for their new adventures as Sprouts.

We will be welcoming **Natalie** and her family from the Seedling room. **Natalie** makes her way into our room every chance she gets and we have loved having her visit! We are very excited to work with her and her family as a Big Seed!

This month we will explore all things black and white and have plenty of sensory activities for our Big Seeds to go along with it.

Books: *Ten Shiny Snowflakes; Please, Mr. Panda; Your Personal Penguin*

Signs: Snow- your fingers flutter down as if they were snowflakes drifting down from the sky. Take both of hands and extend and spread your fingers. Start high and bring the hands slowly down while fluttering your fingers up and down.

Cold- To make the baby sign for *cold* take both hands and make them into fists with thumbs up. Pull your upper arms into your sides, extend your forearms out, and shake your fists back and forth. The sign looks a lot like you are shivering.

Penguin- stand in place and move your upper body side to side as if waddling like a penguin.

Songs:

“You are My Snowman”

You are my snowman,
My only snowman.
You make me happy,
On days of gray.
And when the sun’s out,
You’ll hear us all shout.
Please don’t take our snowman away!

I’m a Little Penguin

(to the tune of I’m a Little Teapot)

I’m a little penguin
Black and white.
Stout and fluffy,
Oh, what a sight!

I can’t fly
But I love to swim.
So I’ll waddle to the water
And dive right in!

Chubby Little Snowman

The chubby little snowman had a carrot
nose.
Along came a bunny and what do you
suppose?
That hungry little bunny looking for some
lunch,
Ate the carrot nose.....
Nibble, nibble....
CRUNCH!

Snowflake, Snowflake

Snowflake, snowflake twirl around.
Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground.
Snowflake, snowflake land on my nose.
Snowflake, snowflake freeze my toes.
Snowflake, snowflake in the air.
Snowflake, snowflake tickle you
everywhere!

Thank you and welcome to the New Year!

Jessica and Erin

Jan-17

Black and White

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Ten Shiny Snowflakes</i>
<i>Please, Mr. Panda</i>
<i>Your Personal Penguin</i>
This Month's Songs:
"You are My Snowman"
"I'm a Little Penguin"
"A Chubby Little Snowman"
"Snowflake, Snowflake"
This Month's Signs:
Snow
Cold
Penguin

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CLOSED	2 Reverse Footprints in the Snow	3 Melted Snowman	4 Snowball Fight!	5 Fingerpaint White on Black
8 Friendship Collage	9 Fluffy Sheep	10 Q-tip Art	11 Snowmen Feet	12 Panda Bears
15 Sensory Snow Paint	16 Mittens	17 Polar Bears	18 Snowman Stamping	19 Penguins
22 Walking with Penguins	23 Snowflakes at Night	24 White Stripes	25 Mountain Collage	26 Black and White Torn Paper Collage
29 White Crayons on Black Paper	30 Black Crayons on White Paper	31 Black Ice Cubes on White Paper		

Big Seeds