

# Big Seed Happenings



What a great first month of the New Year! **Natalie** has fit right in to the Big Seed room. She definitely enjoys being in the big kid room. She has been doing a lot of exploring in the classroom and with the toys. Her favorite toys to play with are the finger puppet penguins. She picks them up by the handful and walks around the room with them. **Emma** and **Dominick** are really showing interest in books. They plant themselves in front of the book bench, pull all the books out and look through each one of them. The second that a teacher sits down next to them they immediately start pushing books into their hands to be read to. **Charlotte** and **Hunter** are working hard and are so close to walking. Hunter gets into a standing position with both hands out in front of her as if to catch herself if she falls. Charlotte has been seen taking a few steps all by herself and is well on her way to cruising around the classroom. **Sage** and **Sawyer** just can't seem to help themselves when an upbeat song comes on. They immediately get into a semi-crouch to get a good stance and start bouncing and fist-pumping to the beat.

In February we will be exploring all different types of birds and hearts. We will engage the Big Seeds in cognitive games like "Find-the-bird" and they will **LOVE** shaking up our Valentine themed sensory bottles filled with colorful hearts and glitter.

**Books-** *Ten Little Kisses; Little Owl's Colors; and What Am I?*

**Signs-Bird-** Make the bird sign by making a beak shape with your index finger and thumb and bringing those two fingers together to your mouth. Then tweet like a bird, by bringing your fingers together and apart.

**Love-** To sign love, make your hands into fists and cross your arms across your chest as if giving yourself a big squeeze.

**Help-** clasp hands together in front of your chest. (This is not the actual sign for "help". It has been modified by the children and this is their own interpretation of it.)

## Songs-

### Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day  
Over the hill and far away.  
When mama duck said quack, quack, quack  
Four little ducks came waddling back.  
Four little ducks...  
Three little ducks...  
Two...  
One...  
No little ducks...  
When daddy duck said quack, quack, quack  
Five little ducks came waddling back

### Two Little Blackbirds (finger play)

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill (both index fingers held in front of you)  
One named Jack, the other named Jill. (put fingers forward one at a time)  
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill. (hide behind back, first one and then the other)  
Come back Jack, come back Jill (bring back out, first one and then the other)

### Reminders for February:

- We do celebrate Valentine's Day with the traditional cards except instead of writing each child's name just sign your own child's name or have them sign it. During the morning we will have each child hand out their cards into handmade holders for each child. PLEASE NO CANDY as we will be served a special Valentine's Day snack. Thank you!
- We will be **CLOSED** February 19<sup>th</sup> for our teacher in-service day

Happy Valentine's Day, Jessica, Erin and Brianna

**Bluebird, Bluebird** (Big Seed version)Bluebird,  
bluebird through my window,  
Bluebird, bluebird through my window,  
Bluebird, bluebird come through my window,  
Oh, Johnny aren't ya tired.  
Tickle a little girl and tap her on the shoulder,  
Tickle a little boy and tap him on the shoulder,  
Oh, Johnny aren't ya tired.  
(Repeat as necessary)

**If You Love Me and You Know It** (To the tune of  
"If You're Happy and You Know It")  
If you love me and you know it clap your hands  
(clap, clap).  
If you love me and you know it clap your hands  
(clap, clap).  
If you love me and you know it, then your clap  
will surely show it.  
If you love me and you know it clap your hands  
(clap, clap).

Additional verses:

- "Blow a kiss"
- "Give a hug"



Feb-18



# "A Little Bird Told Me..."

<b>Notes:</b>
<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Ten Little Kisses</i>
<i>Little Owl's Colors</i>
<i>What Am I?</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"Five Little Ducks"
"Two Little Blackbirds"
"Bluebird, Bluebird"
"If you love me and you know it"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Bird
Help
Love

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Peacocks	2 Shaking Things Up!
5 Colorful Parrots	6 Birds in a Tree	7 Thumbprint Birds	8 Birds of the Heart	9 Birdhouses
12 Feathery Baby Birds	13 Love Birds	14 "I Love You"	15 Flock of Birds	16 Colorful Birds
<b>CLOSED</b>	20 Watercolor Birds	21 Feather Painting	22 Birds of a Feather Flock Together	23 Hoo-Hoo!
26 Bathing Ducks	27 Beautiful Blue-Jays	28 Ducks in a Row?		



# Big Seeds