

# MARCH

## Big Seed Happenings

This past month has been very active in the Big Seed room. We can hardly keep up with our energetic toddlers. **Sage** loves being outside and spends most of his time climbing on the tires. He is starting to learn how to balance himself and walk on them before jumping off and trying to land on his feet. **Charlotte** and **Natalie** have come so far with their balance and climbing skills. Teachers observe them both up on the book bench watching cars drive by our window and stomping their feet to the beat of the music on the bus platform. These ladies have also conquered climbing back down all by themselves. **Dominick** is definitely a rough-and-tumble boy. When teachers bring out the tumbling mats he is the first to run full speed at the foam cushions. He crashes into them making them flip so he can fling himself over to the other side. **Sawyer** is so proud of all that he can do and shows it by clapping and cheering for himself after he finishes something. **Emma** and **Hunter** get so excited when they hear their teachers' cue for circle time by singing the "Welcome Song". They immediately walk to the circle time area clapping their hands the whole way. At the end of each verse they throw their hands above their heads and shout out, "Hooray!"

Please give a warm welcome to **Abby** and her family. She will be moving up from Seedlings and her older brother Charlie is in Buds. She will be transitioning for the first part of March before officially joining us in Big Seeds. Although in reality it feels like she already is a Big Seed because she sneaks over to our room any chance she gets. We can't wait for her to join us in our play.

This month "We're going to the Zoo" and will discover what kinds of animals live at the Zoo. Make sure to check out your child's amazing projects and the different processes they discover in making their art.

**Books:** *Who Are We?*; *Elephant and Mouse*; *At the Zoo*; and *1, 2 At the Zoo*

### Signs:

**Elephant-** The sign for *elephant* is like tracing the sign of an *elephant* trunk. Start with your open hand at your nose and then trace the path of your imaginary trunk down and away from your body.

**Monkey-** To sign *monkey*, take your arms out and scratch at your armpits with your hands.

**Milk-** The milk sign is a lot like milking a cow (or goat), but without the vertical motion – you are just squeezing the udder. You take both hands, make them into a fist, relax, and repeat.

**Diaper-** Sign *diaper* by taking your hands and placing them down around your waist. Take your index fingers and middle finger together from each hand and tap them on your thumbs.

**Songs:**

**Going to the Zoo**

Mommy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow  
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow  
Mommy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow  
We can stay all day

We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo  
How about you, you, you?  
You can come too, too, too  
We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo

Look at all the monkeys swingin' in the trees  
Swingin' in the trees, swingin' in the trees  
Look at all the monkeys swingin' in the trees  
We can stay all day

We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo  
How about you, you, you?  
You can come too, too, too  
We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo

**The Zebra Song**

(Tune: I'm a little teapot)

I'm a little zebra white and black  
with a bushy mane running down my back.  
I like to gallop, run and play  
out on the African plains all day.

**The Zoo**

At the zoo we saw a bear.  
He had long, dark fuzzy hair  
(pretend to walk like a bear)

We saw a lion in a cage.  
He was in an awful rage.  
(pretend to be an angry lion)

We saw the big, long-necked giraffe,  
And the silly monkeys made us laugh  
And the silly monkeys made us laugh  
(everybody laugh)

But my favorite elephant at the zoo  
Is the elephant—how about you?

**The Itsy Bitsy Monkey**

(Tune: The Itsy Bitsy Spider)

The itsy bitsy monkey  
Climbed up the coconut tree.  
Down came a coconut  
And hit him on the knee!  
OWWWW!  
Out came the lion,  
Shakin' his mighty mane,  
And the itsy bitsy monkey  
Climbed up the tree again!

May your St. Patrick's Day be  
Green!  
Jessica, Erin and Brianna

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# "We're Going to the Zoo"

<b>Notes:</b>
<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Who Are We?; At the Zoo</i>
<i>Elephant and Mouse</i>
1, 2 <i>At the Zoo</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"Going to the Zoo"
"The Zebra Song"
"The Zoo"
"The Itsy Bitsy Monkey"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Lion
Monkey
Milk
Diaper

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Zoo-Dough	Giraffe
5 "One Ticket Please"	6 Zookeeper	7 How Many Parrots Do You See?	8 Rainbow Hands	9 Looking for Gold Coins
12 Bubblewrap Snake	13 Marble Painting Tiger	14 Q-Tip Zebra	15 Rhino Scribble	16 Shamrock Stamping
19 You Can Toucan Too!	20 Do You Hear a Lion?	21 Monkeying Around	22 Paperplate Boas	23 Kuddly Koalas
26 Fingerpaint Elephant	27 Felt Monkey	28 Hungry Hippo	29 Panda Bear	30 Zoo Stamping

# Big Seeds