

Big Seed Happenings, April, 2018



The big hit for March was our ribbon tent. The Big Seeds loved spinning, pulling and running through it all month long. **Natalie** liked to sit in the middle of it and became mesmerized looking up at it as the other kids spun it around. **Dominick** would laugh as he ran through it as fast as he could and would grasp onto as many ribbons as possible as he went through, continuing to hold on until he couldn't go any further. The other activity that has attracted the Big Seeds is dirt. Although all the children spend time here while outside, it really captures the attention of **Charlotte** and **Hunter**. They busy themselves using cups and shovels to scoop, pour and dump this messy sensory fun.

Emma has always been independent but lately she is working extra hard on her self-help skills of washing her hands and attempting to put on her own socks and shoes. Keep practicing Emma! **Sage** and **Sawyer** have made leaps and bounds in their language development, especially when communicating with the other Big Seeds. Sawyer is always asking for hugs from others and Sage is learning to voice his boundaries.

Our newest Big Seeds, **Abby** and **Shaylie**, are adjusting quickly. Abby is working hard on trying to walk and uses tables, chairs and tree foam stumps to make her way around the room. Shaylie spends a lot of time exploring her new classroom. She and Charlotte have bonded over our shape sorters and can be seen several times throughout the day discovering together in their play.

Also we have a semi-new staff member helping the Seedling and Big Seed rooms. Ms. Korinea has come back to Growing Tree and we are very excited to have her back and working with us. She is very good interacting with the children and is bonding quickly with them. If you have the opportunity, please introduce yourself to her.

Whether spring will show itself or not in April the Big Seeds are going to act like it has and explore flowers, bugs and weather. We will also discover all the different types of pets you

can have. That being said, if you have one, please bring in a picture of your pet and we will display it for the Big Seeds to look at throughout the day.

Books: *Rain, Rain Go Away; Five, Green and Speckled Frogs; and Pets*

Signs:

Dog- pat your outstretched hand with fingers together on the side of your hip. Just as if you were calling the dog.

Rain- open up both hands, and starting with your hands above your head and bring them down. Your fingers are like the raindrops drifting down.

Music- take your weak hand and hold it across your body. Then, take your strong hand and wave it back and forth as if conducting an orchestra.

Songs:

“I had a little turtle”

I had a little Turtle,
His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub,
To see if he could swim.

He drank up all the water
And ate up all the soap.
And now my little turtle,
Has a bubble in his throat.

Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
Bubble, Pop! (clap hands together)

“If all of the raindrops”

If all of the raindrops
Were lemondrops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!
I’d stand outside, with my mouth open wide
Saying ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah
If all of the raindrops
Were lemondrops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!

Additional Verses

If all of the snowflakes were chocolate bars and milkshakes...Oh, what a snow that would be!

If all of the sunbeams were lemonade and ice cream...Oh, what a sun that would be!

“Spring Song”

(Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)
The sun is shining bright,
The sun is shining bright,
Oh, how I love the warmth,
The sun is shining bright.

The rain is falling down,
The rain is falling down,
Oh, how I love the sound,
The rain is falling down.

The flowers start to bloom,
The flowers start to bloom,
Oh, how I love the sight,
The flowers start to bloom.

“Ten Little Bunnies”

(Tune: Ten Little Indians)
One little, two little, three little bunnies,
Four little, five little, six little bunnies,
Seven little, eight little, nine little bunnies,
Ten little bunnies hopping up and down!

Additional Verses:

Jumping up and down
Twirling around
Standing on one foot

Reminders:

- Picture of family pet (optional)
- Growing Tree will be closed April 13th for Spring Conferences

Happy Spring and thank you!
Jessica, Erin and Korinea

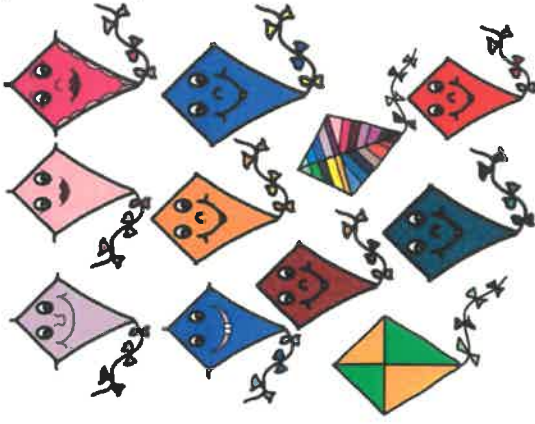
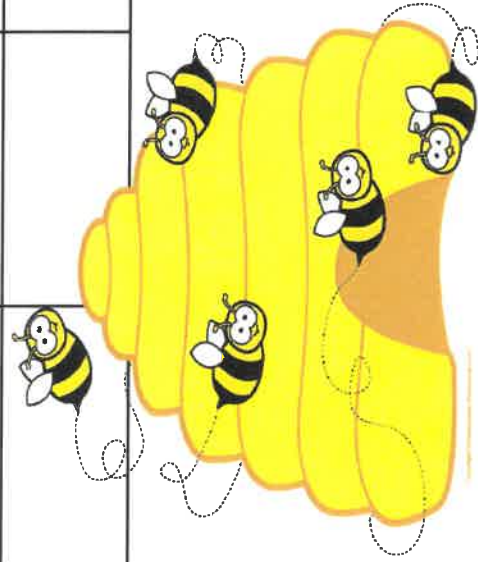


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Pets and Springtime

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Rain. Rain Go Away</i>
<i>Five Frogs</i>
<i>Pets</i>
This Month's Songs:
"If all of the Raindrops"
"I have a Little Turtle"
"Spring Song"
"Ten Little Bunnies"
This Month's Signs:
Dog
Rain
Music

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Fluttery Butterflies	3 Flower Picking	4 Pictures in the Clouds	5 Rainy Days	6 Best Friend
9 Pet Goldfish	10 Make-a-Wish	11 Thunderstorms	12 "Rain, rain go away"	13 Sunflowers
16 Flying Kites	17 Grasshoppers	18 Flower Brushing	19 Pretty Kitties	20 Lillies
23 Earth Day	24 Buzzing Bumblebees	25 "I have a little turtle"	26 Pawprints	27 Muffin Cup Flowers
30 Planting Class Flowers				



Big Seeds