



Big Seed Happenings May 2018

The Big Seeds certainly had fun welcoming in the spring season. We spent the month catching bugs with nets, shaking up glittery spring discovery bottles and popping balls into ball machines. There has been some great group play this past month as well as individual focus on interest areas. **Charlotte** and **Emma** have been practicing every day to get their bikes up the bike ramp so that they can climb onto them and ride them down the slope. Their practice has paid off and they are both now able to accomplish this task all by themselves! **Natalie** and **Hunter** have also been practicing a difficult skill: blowing bubbles. They get so excited when teachers bring out the bubbles and they wave their arms wildly in the air before running up to the teachers to take turns blowing into the bubble wand! Their faces light up when bubbles fly out of the wand because of their efforts.

Sage is developing his eye and hand coordination by throwing all sorts of things into the air and trying to catch it as it comes back down. He also enjoys taking balls to the teachers so they can play catch with him. **Abby** has started walking and becomes more confident in her abilities every day. She is also showing signs of interest in her own self-help skills and has been working on washing her own hands and then throwing the paper towel away in the trash by herself. **Dominick** is learning new skills by imitating his friends and teachers. We observe him daily joining in clapping games, dancing and problem-solving situations with the other Big Seeds. **Sawyer** has been showing off his lip-syncing skills and pairing this off with some awesome dance moves! His dancing definitely stops all other activity because the children have started joining him in his little dance-break parties. We have missed **Shaylie** and her family this past month. They have been on vacation but will return soon. We can't wait to welcome her back to the Big Seed room.

For the month of May, the Big Seeds will be exploring the farm; complete with their very own barnyard animals and even a huge garden grown from their artwork.

Books- *Farm Opposites; Old MacDonald Had a Farm; Snappy Little Farmyard*

Signs-

Farm- Take your open dominant hand, and start with your thumb touching your non-dominant side and trace your jaw all the way around to your dominant side.

Cheese- Hold your two hands flat with palms touching each other. Rub the hands together.

Cow- Make your hand into a fist and then straighten your pinkie finger and your thumb. The two extended fingers on your hand should like the horns of a cow. Place your thumb to the side of your head and twist your hand back and forth.

Songs-

Farmer in the Dell

The farmer in the dell

The farmer in the dell

Hi-ho, the derry-o

The farmer in the dell

And the farmer takes a wife...

And the wife takes the child...

And the child takes the nurse...

And the nurse takes the dog...

And the dog takes the cat...

And the cat takes the mouse...

And the mouse takes the cheese...

And the cheese stands...

Five Little Piggy's

This little piggy went to market,

This little piggy stayed home,

This little piggy had roast beef,

This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy went...

"Wee wee wee" all the way home...

Over in the Barnyard

(Tune: Down by the Station)

Over in the barnyard

Early in the morning.

See the yellow chickies

Standing in a row.

See the busy farmer

Giving them some breakfast.

Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep

Off they go!

Reminders:

- **Growing Tree will be closed May 28th for Memorial Day**
- I think it's safe to say you can take home all of your child's winter clothing items
 - Snowsuits, boots, hats and gloves
- Please take a few minutes to go through your child's extra clothes bin to not only make sure they have weather appropriate clothes but also that their clothes will fit them
- Feel free to bring in a hat for when we go outside
- As it gets warmer we will be increasing the amount of times we offer water to the children to make sure everyone stays hydrated



Thank you and have a wonderful May!

Jessica, Erin and Korinea

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"With a moo-moo here..."

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Farm Opposites</i>
<i>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</i>
<i>Snappy Little Farmyard</i>
This Month's Songs:
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"Five Little Piggy's"
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Muddy Buddies 1	Chicken Feathers 2	Growing Like Corn 3	Peas-in-a-Pod 4
"Friendly Farmer Fred" 7	"Working out in the field" 8	Fresh-picked Tomatoes 9	Watermelon 10	Ducks in the Pond 11
Tractor Fun 14	Big, Red Barn 15	More Chickens 16	"The Mane Event" 17	Corn Shakers 18
Pretty Horses 21	Cottonball Sheep 22	"I spotted a cow" 23	Alarm Clock Rooster 24	Rooster Continued 25
CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY 28	Billy Goats 29	Carrot Feet 30	Fruits and Veggies 31	

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