



Big Seed Happenings, 2018

Our Big Seeds have been hard at play the past month. **JJ** has been quite the social butterfly who makes sure to greet everyone coming into our room, or people walking by our play yard. He also makes sure to say good-bye to them as they leave. **Ronin** and **Teddy** are using everything in sight to move around. **Ronin** favors the chairs while **Teddy** gravitates towards the foam tree stumps. Before we know it these two boys will be walking! **Aspen** has been all about the bikes while outside this past month, but just within the last week or so she has shown some interest in our shape sorter buckets. She likes to pour out all the shape blocks before putting them all back in, one at a time, and then tries to put the lid on all by herself. **Donovan** has been showing interest in our bikes as well. He is really good at pushing himself backwards and is working hard on pushing himself forward. He almost has the hang of it and seems determined to do it on his own. **Lillian** has been doing a lot of pretend play with our new toy phones. Teachers have observed her holding the phones in front of her face and smiling for several seconds before switching the angle she is holding it at and smiling again. We realized after a few times of her doing this that she is, “taking a selfie”. **Lulu** has been enjoying some quiet time and can often be found either on the tumbling mat or cuddling with our big bear as she looks through our books.

Sadly, **Luke** will be leaving us after only a few months in the Big Seed room. He is moving up to Sprout Too this month. We know he is ready, but we will miss all the laughs and fun times we have had with him. Moving up to our room from the Seeds will be **Isabella**, “**Izzy**”. Her transition into the Big Seeds has been pretty smooth and we are excited to welcome her and her family.

Books: “*Night-Night Forest Friends*”; “*Woodland Walk*”; “*A Walk in the Forest*”; “*If You Were My Baby: A Wildlife Lullaby*” and “*Dinosaur vs. Santa*”

Signs:

Tree- The sign for tree looks like a tree waving above the ground. To make the *tree* sign, take your weak hand and extend it flat across your body to make the ground. Then take your strong hand and stand it up at right angles, with your fingers extended and shaking them back and forth.

Bear- Make the *bear* sign by making your hands into claws and crossing your arm with one hand on each shoulder. Now scratch up and down with each hand.

Play- To sign *play* take both hands and extend your pinkie fingers and thumbs, while keeping the rest of your fingers tucked in. Holding the two hands out with palms facing you, shimmy them around a little by twisting them back and forth.

Songs:

I am a Squirrel (*Action Rhyme*)

I am a squirrel in a tall, tall tree.

(Stretch up tall toward the sky)

I like to look around and see, see, see!

(Make hands into binocular shapes and look around)

I am picking acorns for my lunch.

(“Pick” invisible acorns out of the air)

I love the way they crunch, crunch, crunch!

(Make exaggerated crunches with your mouth)

Sometimes I stretch my arms up to the sky.

(Stretch arms out wide)

Take a leap and start to fly!

(Jump and “fly” around the room)

Five Little Bears

One little bear wondering what to do.

Along came another then there were two!

Two little bears climbing up a tree.

Along came another then there were three!

Three little bears ate an apple core.

Along came another then there were four!

Four little honey bears found honey in a hive.

Along came another then there were five!

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, bend down low,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, go to bed,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, rest your head,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the lights,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, say, “Good night.”

I’m a Little Pine Tree

(Tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”)

I’m a little pine tree as you can see,

All the other pine trees are bigger than me.

When I’m a grown up then I’ll be,

A great, big, merry Christmas tree!

Reminders

- Please bring in snowsuits, snow boots, hats and waterproof mittens labeled with your child's initials (if you have not already done so).
- First Friday is Dec. 7 from 6:00pm-10:30 p.m.
- Holiday sing-a-long is Monday Dec. 10th
- Growing Tree will be closed Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st

Thank you and Happy Holidays!
Jessica, Erin and Korinea



Dec-18

"Over in the Forest"

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Night-Night Forest Friends</i>
<i>Woodland Walk</i>
<i>If You Were My Baby:</i>
<i>A Wildlife Lullaby</i>
<i>A Walk in the Forest</i>
<i>Dinosaur vs. Santa</i>
This Month's Songs:
"I am a Squirrel!"
"5 Little Bears"
"Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear"
"I'm a Little Pine Tree"
This Month's Signs:
Play, Tree and Bear

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Out-Foxed!	4 Stinky Skunks	5 Nutty Squirrels	6 Happy Hedgehogs	7 Snowy Forest
10 Sleepy Bears	11 Hoppy Frogs	12 Painting the Forest	13 Merry Reindeer	14 "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"
17 Holiday Trees	18 "Hoo-Hoo!"	19 Tip-toe Deer	20 Forest Pawprints	21 Pine-Tree Painting
24 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	26 "I spot a bear!"	27 Out-Foxed Again!	28 Watercolor Forest
31 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE				



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