



## Big Seed Happenings, 2019

Happy New Year and welcome to 2019! We hope everyone had a safe and merry holiday season this year. We would also like to say thank you to you all for your generous Christmas gifts to us. We can't tell you how much we appreciate you thinking of us.

December is always a crazy month, but it seems to have had no effect on our great group of Big Seeds kids. Through all the chaos of the holiday season, the Big Seeds were all smiles and laughter! The kids love to be outside, and fortunately so far, we have had only a few snowy days. **Lillian** has been working hard on pushing bikes up the bike ramp and then climbing up onto the bike, so she can ride down the ramp. Within the last week she has been able to do this all by herself. Way to go Lillian! **Teddy** has started to walk, and we couldn't be happier for him. He is even getting brave enough to try walking up and down the red stairs outside; keep up the hard work, Teddy! **Donovan** is as happy as can be. He has the biggest smile as he explores in his play and interacts with the other children and his teachers. He also loves to hug and is right there waiting for one whenever he sees his teachers hugging another child. **Ronin** has been climbing on everything he can reach and let me tell you he can reach a lot! We often find him on the window sill looking out at the birds that live in our trees or on the book bench with a book in hand. **Aspen** has been babbling constantly during her play. When she babbles to her teachers and they respond back she gets the biggest smile and continues the conversation for several minutes. **Lulu** is really into the forest animals this month. We often find her lining up the animals and babbling to each one of them. She will often take the raccoon and the bear and makes them talk to each other; they must be friends!

Holiday music has been filling our room this month. **Izzy** loves when upbeat music plays in the classroom. She stops in her play or even when she is eating and starts movin' and a groovin' to the beat. She has been so easy-going, and constantly smiles. She has had a wonderful first month as a Big Seed!

JJ is moving up to the Sprouts soon, and every chance he gets to go visit he has no hesitation. JJ seems to really like his new teachers; we are going to miss him and his family very much! We will be welcoming **Aubree** and her family from the Seedling room. Aubree also has made her way into our room every chance she gets, and we have loved having her visit! We are very excited to work with her and her family as a Big Seed. This month we will explore all things black and white and have plenty of sensory activities for our Big Seeds to go along with it.

**Books:** *Ten Shiny Snowflakes; Please, Mr. Panda; Your Personal Penguin*

**Signs:**

**Snow-** your fingers flutter down as if they were snowflakes drifting down from the sky. Take both of hands and extend and spread your fingers. Start high and bring the hands slowly down while fluttering your fingers up and down.

**Cold-** To make the baby sign for *cold* take both hands and make them into fists with thumbs up. Pull your upper arms into your sides, extend your forearms out, and shake your fists back and forth. The sign looks a lot like you are shivering.

**Penguin-** stand in place and move your upper body side to side as if waddling like a penguin.

**Songs:**

**“You are My Snowman”**

You are my snowman,  
My only snowman.  
You make me happy,  
On days of gray.  
And when the sun’s out,  
You’ll hear us all shout.  
Please don’t take our snowman away!

**I’m a Little Penguin**

(to the tune of I’m a Little Teapot)

I’m a little penguin  
Black and white.  
Stout and fluffy,  
Oh, what a sight!  
I can’t fly  
But I love to swim.  
So I’ll waddle to the water  
And dive right in!

**Chubby Little Snowman**

The chubby little snowman had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny and what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny looking for some lunch,  
Ate the carrot nose.....  
Nibble, nibble....  
CRUNCH!

**Snowflake, Snowflake**

Snowflake, snowflake twirl around.  
Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground.  
Snowflake, snowflake land on my nose.  
Snowflake, snowflake freeze my toes.  
Snowflake, snowflake in the air.  
Snowflake, snowflake tickle you everywhere!

Thank you and welcome to the New Year!

Jessica and Erin



