

# Big Seed News

This month we are going to the zoo, won't you come join us too?! Come and see how our wonderful Big Seeds help to transform our classroom into a zoo filled with new animal friends.

## Signs of the month:

- **Giraffe** (hold your hand as if holding a cup and start with it in front of your neck and raise up to just above your head like you outlining the long neck of a giraffe)
- **Lion** (hold hand just above your hair with fingers facing forward and make the motion as if you were brushing through your hair)
- **Elephant** (push hand outward in an s-shape from your nose tracing the long trunk of an elephant)

## Song of the month:

### The Elephant Song

(Action Play)

Who is the animal baggy and grey, (circle both arms)  
That walks in the forest with a sway? (sway both arms)  
Who runs around on big, big toes, (point to toes)  
And feeds himself with his nose? (point to nose)  
The elephant! (sign for elephant)

## Big Seed Happenings

**Parker** has been signing a lot- his favorite is "outside" and he is always excited to exit the room when he hears the word "outside"! **Decker** loves the shape sorter toy and singing "Row Row" and the "Wheels on the Bus"! We sing them over and over! **Elin** has adjusted well to our routine. She loves to babble to us and let us know what she is thinking! **Jameson** likes to carry around little animals or pegs and he fills his hands as full as he can! **Soren** is now a walker- almost! He is taking more and more steps every day! **Quin** is starting to talk now as well and says "cracker", "please", and "more"! **Lucas** is answering questions now with a "Yesss!" and a big smile. **Charlie** likes to say animal sounds when he sees the animals in books or pictures!

# **Big Seed News**

As most of you know, I (Sharla) got married and have the chance to stay home and am no longer working at Growing Tree. I'm sad to see this chapter of my life end but also excited to start the next chapter and am thankful for my time at Growing Tree and getting to know all of you over the years. I will miss seeing all the smiling faces.

Taking over for me is Ms. Jessica. She is moving over from Sprout One and is very excited to get to know all of you.

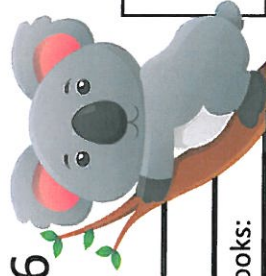
Hi there, my name is Jessica and I have been working at Growing Tree and in early childhood for over 8 years now. I moved to Bend after graduating high school in Bandon, Oregon. I moved here for school and studied massage therapy at COCC. Growing Tree was and is my first job ever. I came to Growing Tree because my older sister was teaching here and spoke very highly of this amazing school. Shortly after finishing my degree I was offered a full-time position at the Tree-House working with the older kids. Two years later I was offered a position in the Sprout room and loved every minute of it. From my time spent in the Sprout room I was given many opportunities for professional growth that has led me to this new adventure in my Growing Tree life. I'm very excited to begin working with your Big Seeds and with you, their parents. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the classroom.

Have a wonderful month of March!

**Jessica and Julie**

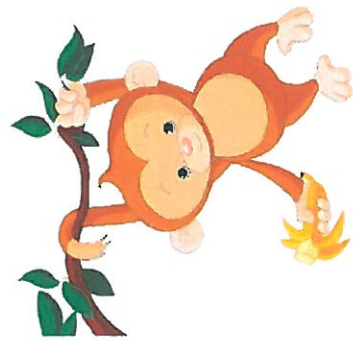
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# Going to the Zoo!



Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>At the Zoo</i>
<i>1,2 at the Zoo</i>
<i>5 Little Monkeys</i>
<i>Tigers</i>
This Month's Songs:
The Elephant Song
Going to the Zoo
I Know a Giraffe
This Month's Signs:
Giraffe, Lion, Elephant

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 My Favorite Zoo Animal	2 Slither like a Snake	3 Handprint Stamp Giraffe	4 Fast like a Cheetah
7 Yarn Lions	8 Elephants on Parade	9 Tube Snakes	10 Hoppin' with Kangaroos	11 My Striped Friend
14 Koalas	15 Rhino	16 Alligators	17 Felt Zebras	18 Tall as a Giraffe
21 Mr. Elephant	22 Turtles	23 Hangin' with the Monkeys	24 Tigers	25 Roar!
28 I want a Hippopotamus!	29 Cheerio Giraffe	30 Wild Wolves	31 Sponge Paint Elephant	



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