

# Big Seeds Happenings

Ms. Erin and I would like to thank our parents for your wonderful and very thoughtful gifts. They will be put to good use!

Like every other month, December was no different and went by too quickly for our liking. Especially since three of our Big Seeds are becoming Sprouts. **Kellen, Knox** and **Pierce**, we know you are ready to move on but we will miss you. We would also like to welcome **Nick, Sawyer** and their families into the Big Seed room. They have been doing amazing with their transition and we are looking forward to getting know them and their families more.

As for **Reese** and **Riley**, who joined us in December, they have seamlessly fit into their new routine. Reese loves her early morning time with Ms. Jessica and helping her get the room ready for the day. Riley, we discovered, is a brave and daring climber, especially on the chairs. Needless to say, she is keeping us on our toes. **Meera** has started to really take off with her walking and talking. She imitates our intonation almost perfectly. **Emmett** loves playing in the snow. He gets a couple shovels and goes to town trying to dig himself into it. **Chloé** and **Eleni** aren't too sure about playing in it at school just yet, but they definitely don't mind trying to eat it. Every time we turn around they have got their faces to the ground trying to take bites out of the snow. They just smile and lick their lips when teachers call them out on it.

For as busy as December was for us all, maybe things will slow down in January for our **Black** and **White** theme.

**Books-** *Ten Shiny Snowflakes, Frosty and Friends* and *How to Build a Snowman*

## **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:**

### **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!

A couple quick reminders:

- Growing Tree will be closed January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Unfortunately we do have Hand, Foot and Mouth going around the Infant and Big Seed classrooms. Although it is a virus, it is not really harmful to the children but can be annoying and even uncomfortable for them. In certain stages it is highly contagious. If they have a fever or show any signs of open/red blisters on their hands, toes or diaper area, but especially in their mouth, please keep your child home. We understand the inconvenience of this and are making sure that our rooms and toys are kept sanitized to help minimize the spread.

Thank You and Have Happy New Years!

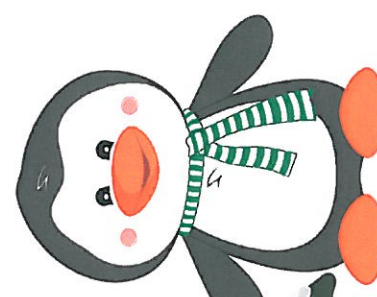
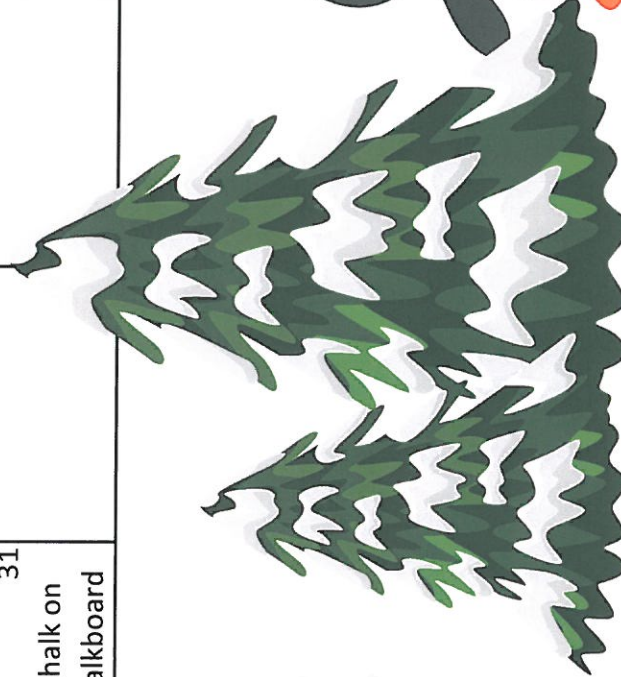
Jessica and Erin

Jan-17

# Black and white

<b>Notes:</b>
<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Ten Shiny Snowflakes</i>
<i>Frosty and Friends</i>
<i>How to Build a Snowman</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"I'm a Little Penguin"
"A Chubby Little Snowman"
"Snowflake, Snowflake"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Snow
Cold
Penguin

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>CLOSED</b>	3 Spongepaint Penguin	4 Snowman Footprint	5 Melted Snowman	6 Fork Panda Bear
9 Snowflakes at Night	10 My Name at Night!	11 Black on white	12 Snowflake Handprints	13 White on Black
16 Polar Bear	17 Sensory Snow Paint	18 Snowy Trees	19 Mittens	20 Newspaper Toss
23 Snowballs Everywhere!	24 Falling Snow at Night	25 My Snowman!	26 Contrast Handprints	27 Color Black on White
30 Cottonball Snowman	31 White Chalk on Black Chalkboard			



Big Seeds