

Big Seed Happenings

This past month we introduced outside water play to the Big Seeds and it has been a huge hit, especially with **Riley and Chloé**. Both girls love splashing their hands in the water until they are soaked from head to toe. **Eleni** loves using the stacking cups to scoop up the water and watches intently as the water pours back out into the water table when she tips the cups over. It has definitely been a cool retreat from the heat for these three ladies. **Meera** enjoys entertaining herself in a slightly more messy way. Almost every day outside she can be found with a metal pot and scoop in hand over by the edge of the play yard digging up the fallen blossoms from the trees, pouring them into the pot, carrying it around the yard and depositing scoops of blossoms everywhere.

Emmett and Reese are into pretend play especially with the baby dolls. Reese works hard diapering her doll. When teachers help her she watches very intently before taking the diaper off and trying it all on her own. Emmett is into spoon feeding his doll. He lays the baby down or props it up so he can scoop the food out of a bowl to feed them. So between the two of them our baby dolls are diapered and fed. **Nick** loves singing! He pretty much sings all day long. He sings with teachers, while playing, and even putting himself to sleep. Actually Ms Erin is the same way except she doesn't take a nap! His favorite song right now is "Baa, Baa Black Sheep". The complete opposite of Nick and his singing is **Sawyer** and his dancing. This kid can really groove and is happiest when the music is on. He really loves it when he can get his friends to join him and likes to hold their hands so they can dance together.

Riley is taking the summer off and will return as a Sprout in September. **Alex** will be moving into our classroom from the Seedlings room. Alex has been transitioning as much as possible the last two months and is ready to be a Big Seed. We are very excited to get to know Alex and her family.

Ms. Sam was offered and accepted a position in the Blossom room. We are very sad to lose her but wish her luck down at the other end of the Center. In her place, **Ms. Mckenzie** (Kenzie) will be working between our room and the Seedlings room and is very excited to be here. Please introduce yourselves if you have the opportunity and make her feel welcome.

Join us this month as we celebrate our country with a "Stars and Stripes" study. There will be plenty of red white and blue to continue the 4th of July celebration for the whole month.

Books: *Red Truck; Colors; and Llama, Llama, Yum, Yum, Yum!*

Signs:

Stars- extend your two index fingers and hold them together up above your head. Raise and lower your two fingers alternatively. This sign should look like you are pointing out stars in the sky.

Flag- your non-dominant hand is flat to make the ground. Your dominant hand elbow sits on the back of your hand with your forearm vertical. The dominant hand waves back and forth to mimic a flag fluttering in the wind.

Fireworks-start with your hand as a fist with index finger extended. Move your hand upward and then open your hand letting your fingers radiate outwards as if they were exploding fireworks.

Songs:

Red, White and Blue

(Tune: Three Blind Mice)

Red, white and blue.

Red, white and blue.

Stars and stripes too.

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We celebrate Independence Day

Each July 4th the American Way

With red, white and blue.

Way Up in the Sky

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Wave, wave, wave the flag.

Hold it very high.

Watch the colors gently wave.

Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around.

Hold the flag up high.

Wave, wave, wave the flag.

Way up in the sky.

Down by the Bay

Down by the bay

Where the watermelons grow

Back to my home

I dare not go

For if I do, my mother would say

Did you ever see llamas eating their pajamas?

Down by the bay

(Additional Verses)

Whale with a tale

Bear combing his hair

Fly with a tie

Cat wearing a hat

Goose kissing a moose

Did you ever have a time when

You couldn't make a rhyme

Reminders:

- Growing Tree will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day

Thank you and have a fun and safe 4th of July!

Jessica and Erin

Jan-17



Stars and Stripes



Notes:

This Month's Book:
<i>Red Truck</i>
Colors
<i>Llama, Llama Yum, 'Yum, Yum!</i>
This Month's Songs:
"Red, White and Blue"
"Wave the Flag"
"Down by the Bay"
This Month's Signs:
Stars
Flag
Fireworks

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Hats Off to You!	4 CLOSED	5 Lights in the Night Sky	6 Rocket Fireworks	7 Star Collage
10 Salute the Flag	11 Class Flag	12 Torn Paper Stars	13 Patriotic Sock	14 Spongepaint Fireworks
17 Star Wreath	18 My Fireworks	19 Flag T-Shirt	20 Stars and Stripes	21 Paperplate Flag
24 Eagles	25 Lady Liberty	26 Stick Flag	27 Glitter Fireworks	28 Patriotic Balloon Chase
31 USA Scribble Art				

Big Seeds

