

SEEDLING NEWS

It's hard to imagine that we are entering our last month of summer and our last month with many of the babies in our room before they move on to the Big Seeds with Ms. Jessica and Ms. Erin. This month we will be preparing to say good bye to Luke, Eaven, JJ, Lulu and Lillian. Teddy, Ronin and Izzy will be staying with us just a little longer.

It is always bittersweet to say good bye to so many of our little ones at once especially when we have had many of them in our care since they were just weeks old. We have watched their personalities grow and develop. We have watched them learn to roll, crawl, cruise and take their first steps. We have laughed with them and held them when they cried. We have celebrated milestones with their parents and commiserated about setbacks (sleep regression) and illnesses. We celebrated first birthdays. And now they have grown into curious, capable, funny and loving toddlers ready for the next step in their Growing Tree Journey. We will miss them and their families but know they are ready for more.

Thank you to all our families for trusting us with the care of your little ones at such a precious stage in their lives. We have enjoyed watching them blossom and grow.

All of you have met Ms. Jessica and/or Ms. Erin but if you have any questions about the Big Seed room please ask and we will be happy to talk to you more about it. They are amazing teachers and already know your child well.

Luke and Eaven have been spending more and more time with the Big Seeds and have progressed from walking to running, jumping and climbing. They love being out in the play yard where they can stretch their legs and push the limits. JJ is trying to keep up with his big friends and even though he hasn't started walking yet he has figured out how to climb and practices every chance he gets. He will be walking before we know it. Lulu and Lillian are working on their balance pulling up and letting go for longer and longer periods and love pushing

the walk behind toys both inside and out in the yard. It won't be long before they are on the run. Teddy isn't far behind the girls pulling to a stand and cruising the shelves. He also loves diving in and out of the ball pit. Ronin is pushing himself backwards and doing 360's on his belly but just can't seem to find forward gear. He has figured out how to pull up to his knees so it won't be long before he is on his feet. Izzy has been working hard on her core strength and is doing a great job sitting up on her own and is really enjoying the new view. She is also starting to roll around more to get to toys.

All the babies have really enjoyed spending so much time outside in the play yard and fresh air. The babies that can stand love playing in the water table and the ones that can't get buckets of water on the grass to sit and splash with. We have painted with water on the pavement, splashed in puddles and done lots of bubbles.

Please remember our Seedlings go outside every day no matter the weather so even though it is still summer be thinking "layering" as you never know what the weather might be at any given moment.

We hope everyone is having a great summer and taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Have a great month!

MS. JOLENE, MS. MELANIE AND MS. KORINEA