

Big Seed Happenings, August, 2018

It has been an amazing year working with all of our parents in the Big Seed room. We cannot express to you enough how much we appreciate you allowing us to be a part of your child's development and working as a team with us. Every Big Seed is unique for us as teachers, and this group has been no different. Through our year spent together we have grown so close to your children and have been amazed at their development and have enjoyed watching them work through their processes. We feel that each and every one of our Big Seeds is ready to move up into the Sprout rooms. As sad as we are that this wonderful group is leaving us in a month, when we look back at this past year and think on all the memories we have of you and your children we can't help but smile. Our Big Seeds have grown into kind, empathetic little people who enjoy and care about those around them. It brings happy tears to our eyes when we watch them comfort a sad friend with gentle pats and asking them if they want a hug; giving teachers hugs and kisses when we get "owies". We have laughed at how rhythmically in sync these kids are when dancing together, no matter what song comes on. We have loved seeing their curiosity bloom into discovery as they learn through play in the Big Seed room. So again, we can't thank you enough for bringing your child into our lives here at Growing Tree.

Moving into a new classroom can be stressful for the children as well as for the parents. You are going into a new routine; new teachers; it's all different. You should have received a Welcome Letter for your child's new room. In August either Ms. Jessica or Ms. Erin will take you over to introduce you to your child's new teachers. To help the children with the upcoming transition, we will be taking them over to visit throughout the month of August. Your child will have the opportunity to interact with the Sprout teachers and become familiar with their daily routines. All of the Sprout teachers are amazing and do a great job taking the time to make those connections with your child during this transition time. Sprout 1 and Sprout 2 are considered two different classrooms; they each have their own curriculum and activities. They do however join together for outside time at least three times a day.

Our study for August will be focused on all things you experience in summer including camping, eating popsicles and lots more water play to end the season with a bang!

Dates to remember:

August 3rd - First Friday

August 30th and 31st - School closed for Staff Meeting, Cleaning and Prep for the new year.

Sept. 3rd - School closed for Labor Day.

Sept. 4th - New school year begins.

Ms. Jessica, Ms. Erin and Ms. Korinea

Books: *Opposites; Snappy Little Numbers; and Colors*

Signs:

Sun- make a circle in the air with your index finger above your head. Then with the same hand, start with your fingers and thumb together and then spread them apart like you are shining a lamp down on yourself.

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Signs:

Sun- make a circle in the air with your index finger above your head. Then with the same hand, start with your fingers and thumb together and then spread them apart like you are shining a lamp down on yourself.

Hot- make your hand into a "c" shape. Start with that hand over your mouth and rotate it so that you end the sign with your hand facing outward and then flatten that same hand still facing outward.

Fun- both hands make a fist with your index and middle fingers extended. Your non-dominant hand stays flat. Your dominant hand starts at your nose and turns up and then comes back down to meet your non-dominant hand. While doing the sign your body language and facial expressions should project a *fun* spirit.

Songs:

You are My Sunshine

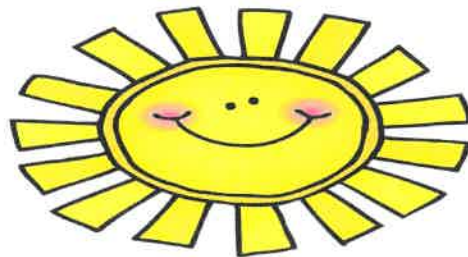
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love
you
Please don't take my sunshine away

A Camping We Will Go

A camping we will go.
A camping we will go.
The great outdoors is so much fun.
A camping we will go.

Mr. Sun



Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Hiding behind a tree
These little children are asking you
To please come out so we can play with you
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me



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"You Are My Sunshine"

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Opposites</i>
<i>Snappy Little Numbers</i>
<i>Colors</i>
This Month's Songs:
"You are my sunshine"
"A camping we will go"
"Mr. Sun"
This Month's Signs:
Sun
Hot
Fun

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Juicy Watermelon	Yummy Blueberry	My Honeydew
1	7	8	9	10
Pretty Pineapple	Sweet Strawberries	Sun Hat	Popsicle Art	Hand-Warming Campfires
13	14	15	16	17
"I Scream, You Scream..."	Making Cozy Campfires	Tent Camping	Happy Campers	Flip-Flop Feet
20	21	22	23	24
Hello, Sunshine!	Rainbows	Hot Dogs and Hamburgers	Ice Cream Paint	Sand Painting
27	28	29	30	31
Ice Painting	Botanical Suncatchers	Cool Treats	CLOSED	CLOSED



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