



Big Seed Happenings

This past month has been very active in the Big Seed room. We can hardly keep up with our energetic toddlers. Between doing our dance party and our yoga, **Aspen** has become our dancing queen. She really enjoys the up-beat music; moving and grooving to the beat of her own drum. We often find her in a corner of the room dancing. **Lulu** has really gotten the moves down for yoga. She comes right over and starts with her breathing; and seems to really enjoy the tree and mountain poses.

The kids have really enjoyed playing in all the snow we've been getting. **Donovan** has shown lots of interest in using the cups and scoops while playing in the snow, and spending most of his time digging. **Ronin** loves to join in with any snow activity we do. He digs, builds snowmen, and walks over the snow mounds, (with help from the teachers). He really loves to roll over the snowmen after we build them! **Aubree** and **Izzy** have been very focused on our books this month. Izzy especially likes the touch and feel books, and her favorite one is Puppy Love. She makes sure to touch each puppy before turning the page. Aubree sits next to the bench with a book in her hands and makes noises like she is reading out loud. We often see them both sitting next to one another, and trading books once they are done looking at them.

Lillian has become a great helper in our room. This is especially true after nap. If she sees that her friends have left their blankets on their cots, she kindly goes over and brings the blankets to a teacher to be put away. **Teddy** was loving the ducks last month; he always had one in his hand! He also really enjoyed building towers together with the teachers and putting the little ducks on top of the them and then knocking them down.

This month our theme will be, "Going to the Zoo" where we will discover what kinds of animals live in the zoo. Please make sure to check out your child's amazing projects and the different processes they discover in making their art.

Books: Hi Five Animals; Wild Numbers; Put Me in the Zoo; But Not the Hippopotamus; and *1, 2 At the Zoo*

Signs:

Elephant- The sign for *elephant* is like tracing the sign of an *elephant* trunk. Start with you open hand at your nose and then trace the path of your imaginary trunk down and away from your body.

Monkey- To sign *monkey*, take your arms out and scratch at your armpits with your hands.

Milk- The milk sign is a lot like milking a cow (or goat), but without the vertical motion – you are just squeezing the udder. You take both hands, make them into a fist, relax, and repeat.

Diaper- Sign *diaper* by taking your hands and placing them down around your waist. Take your index fingers and middle finger together from each hand and tap them on your thumbs.

Songs:

Going to the Zoo

Mommy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow
Mommy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow
We can stay all day

We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo
How about you, you, you?
You can come too, too, too
We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo

Look at all the monkeys swingin' in the trees
Swingin' in the trees, swingin' in the trees
Look at all the monkeys swingin' in the trees
We can stay all day

We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo
How about you, you, you?
You can come too, too, too
We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo

The Zebra Song

(Tune: I'm a little teapot)

I'm a little zebra white and black
with a bushy mane running down my back.
I like to gallop, run and play
out on the African plains all day.

The Zoo

At the zoo we saw a bear.
He had long, dark fuzzy hair
(pretend to walk like a bear)

We saw a lion in a cage.
He was in an awful rage.
(pretend to be an angry lion)

We saw the big, long-necked giraffe,
And the silly monkeys made us laugh
And the silly monkeys made us laugh
(everybody laughs)

But my favorite elephant at the zoo
Is the elephant—how about you?

The Itsy Bitsy Monkey

(Tune: The Itsy Bitsy Spider)

The itsy bitsy monkey
Climbed up the coconut tree.
Down came a coconut
And hit him on the knee!
OWWW!





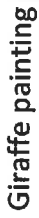
Out came the lion,
Shakin' his mighty mane,
And the itsy bitsy monkey
Climbed up the tree again!



May your St. Patrick's Day be Green!
Jessica and Erin

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We're Going to the Zoo

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
4 Zookeeper	5 Tickets Please	6 Rainbows	7 snakes	8 Paper Shamrocks
11 Bubble snake	12 Tigers	13 Zebras	14 Rhinos	15 Elephants
18 Koala	19 Bath time	20 Toucans	21 Anteaters	22 Cooper
25 Monkeys	26 Zoo stamping	27 Hippos	28 Gorillas	29 Panda Bears

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Wild Numbers</i>
1,2 at the Zoo
<i>Hi Five Animals</i>
This Month's Songs:
Going to the zoo
The Zebra song
The Zoo
The Itzy Bity Monkey
This Month's Signs:
Lion
Monkey
Milk
Diapers



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