



Big Seed Happenings

The Big seeds are glad to be out of their snowsuits and enjoying the spring weather! We have spent most of the month chasing bubbles, shaking up glittery discovery bottles and popping balls into ball machines. There has been both great group play and individual focus on interest areas this past month.

Our room has also been full of chatter lately! **Lillian** is showing strong development in her language skills, and even has made up her own song for her binky. **Izzy** has been a chatterbox this month too; chatting on the toy phones. She holds the phone up to her ear and says, "Hi", many times before trying it with a different phone. **Teddy** is loving the outside and loves looking for birds. He goes over to a bush by our fence and watches for birds for several seconds; then he finds a spot to sit, looks up at the sky, and waits for a bird to fly by.

Ronin has figured out the bike ramp! He loves to race up the ramp with the bikes, climb on and ride down as fast as he can. **Lulu** has been working hard on her jumping. She likes to climb on the tires and hop up and down; she has almost mastered getting both feet off the ground simultaneously. We have brought the music outside and **Aspen** is loving it! She will stop mid-play to dance her little heart out. She has also shown interest in helping with clean-up. When she hears the clean-up song, or is asked to help by teachers, she pitches right in.

Now that our snowsuits are not needed, **Aubree** has gone from walking to running! Her favorite game, whether we are inside or outside, is playing chase with her friends. She will run until she falls, then laugh and laugh, and then, gets up and does it all over again. **Saylor** has adjusted well in the Big Seed room. She has eased right into our daily routine and is showing a lot of interest in the books and the toy phones.

For the month of May, the Big Seeds will be exploring the farm; complete with their very own barnyard animals and even a huge garden grown from their artwork.

Books- *Farm Opposites; Moo! Animal Noises; Good Morning Farm*

Signs-

Farm- Take your open dominant hand and start with your thumb touching your non-dominant side and trace your jaw all the way around to your dominant side.

Cheese- Hold your two hands flat with palms touching each other. Rub the hands together.

Cow- Make your hand into a fist and then straighten your pinkie finger and your thumb. The two extended fingers on your hand should like the horns of a cow. Place your thumb to the side of your head and twist your hand back and forth.

Songs-

Farmer in the Dell

The farmer in the dell
The farmer in the dell
Hi-ho, the dairy-o
The farmer in the dell

And the farmer takes a wife...
And the wife takes the child...
And the child takes the nurse...
And the nurse takes the dog...
And the dog takes the cat...
And the cat takes the mouse...
And the mouse takes the cheese...
And the cheese stands...

Five Little Piggy's

This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed home,

This little piggy had roast beef,
This little piggy had none.
And this little piggy went...
"Wee, wee, wee" all the way home...

Over in the Barnyard

(Tune: Down by the Station)

Over in the barnyard
Early in the morning.
See the yellow chickees
Standing in a row.
See the busy farmer
Giving them some breakfast.
Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep
Off they go!

Reminders:

- **Growing Tree will be closed May 27th for Memorial Day**
- If you haven't already brought it in, please remember **sunscreen** for your little one. Remember, **no aerosol sunscreens**, and it must be new. We cannot use sunscreen from last year. (Feel free to bring in a hat for when we go outside)

- I think it's safe to say you can take home all your child's winter clothing items (Snowsuits, boots, hats and gloves)
 - Please take a few minutes to go through your child's extra clothes bin to not only make sure they have weather appropriate clothes, but also that their clothes will fit them. (Please have extra clothing here for them, just in case).
 - As it gets warmer, we will be increasing the amount of times we offer water to the children to make sure everyone stays hydrated.

Thank you and have a wonderful May!



Jessica, Erin and Tiina



May-19



"...With a Moo-Moo Here..."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Chickens	2 Peas in a pod	3 Barn painting
6 Getting the field ready	7 Cockadoodledoo	8 Tomato	9 Moo!	10 Corn
13 Hairy horses	14 Big green tractor	15 Fruit stamping	16 Apple tree	17 Black sheep
20 Horses	21 Carrots	22 Sunflowers	23 Basket full of eggs	24 Footprint cows
27 Footprint horses	28 Get your ducks in a row	29 Muddy buddy	30 Baa baa!	31 Farm paint

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Good morning farm</i>
<i>Farm opposites</i>
<i>Moo Animal noises</i>
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