

Big Seed Happenings

July has been a busy, busy month in the Big Seed room in the best way. Archer has quickly become independently mobile in just a few short weeks. He is all over the classroom showing off his newfound gross-motor skills: walking; climbing; and even a little dancing. Izzy, is really blossoming. Here we were thinking that she was naturally just a quiet and composed child. She sure showed us wrong! She has quite the sense of humor and is becoming a “chatterbox” as she babbles and narrates while playing. Ronin gets so excited when teachers pull out the bubbles. He has been working hard on blowing bubbles all by himself. Granted, he does it by blowing air out through his nose, but he is actually getting very good at it. Lillian, as soon as we get outside, immediately asks, “Color? Color?” and points to our teacher cupboard where we keep our chalk. She would spend all day coloring outside if she could. Thanks for making our play yard so colorful Lillian! Teddy is becoming quite the problem-solver. It has been observed several times this past month, Teddy taking a similar toy to another child and asking for his toy back. Way to go Teddy! Aspen really enjoys her reading time. She can be seen many times throughout the week sitting on our book bench with all the books piled next to her and she can be heard reading each page to herself until she has gone through each book. Saylor has been gone most of July but we are looking forward to having her back for August. Saylor and her family sent the classroom a postcard of an aquarium they visited. So much fun! Aubree has been in and out as well but when she does come in she always has a bright smile, lots of laughter and is ready for a day of discovery play with her classmates.

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.

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 will receive a Welcome Letter for your child’s new room. In August we will take parents over to introduce you and your child to your 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 One and Sprout Too 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!

Books: *Colors; Opposites; Snappy Little Numbers and Llama, Llama Yum, Yum, Yum*

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 you 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

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun

Please shine down on me

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.

We're Going On A Bear Hunt

We're goin' on a bear hunt.
We're going to catch a big one.
We're not scared.
What a beautiful day!

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

Uh-oh! Grass! Long wavy grass.

We can't go over it. We can't go under it.

Oh no! We've got to go through it!

Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!

Additional Verses:

We're going on a bear hunt... Uh-oh!

A river! A deep cold river...Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Splash splosh!
Mud! Thick oozy mud...Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!
A forest! A big dark forest...Stumble trip! Stumble trip! Stumble trip!
A snowstorm! A swirling whirling snowstorm...Hoo-woo! Hoo-woo! Hoo-woo!
A cave! A narrow gloomy cave...Tiptoe! Tiptoe! Tiptoe!

WHAT'S THAT!
One shiny wet nose!
Two big furry ears! Two big googly eyes!
IT'S A BEAR!

Quick!
Back through the cave! Tiptoe! Tiptoe! Tiptoe!

Back through the snowstorm! Hoooo woooo! Hoooo woooo! Hoooo woooo!
Back through the forest! Stumble trip! Stumble trip! Stumble trip!
Back through the mud! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!
Back through the river! Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Splash splosh!
Back through the grass! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!

Get to our front door! Open the door! Up the stairs!
Oh no! We forgot to close the door!
Back down the stairs! Close the door! Back up the stairs!
Into our room! Into our bed! Under the covers!
PHEW!
We're not going on a bear hunt EVER AGAIN!

Have a great month!

Ms. Jessica

Aug-19

You Are My Sunshine

Notes:

This Month's Books:
Colors
Opposites
<i>Snappy Little Numbers</i>
<i>Llama, Llama Yum, Yum, Yum</i>
This Month's Songs:
"You are my sunshine"
"A camping we will go"
"Mr. Sun"
"We're going on a bear hunt"
This Month's Signs:
Sun
Hot
Fun

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Sweet Watermelon	2 Confetti Sun
5 Hand-Picked Strawberries	6 Yummy Pineapple	7 Juicy Blueberries	8 Flip-Flop Feet	9 Cozy Campfires
12 "A camping we will go"	13 Tin foil painting	14 Tent Camping	15 Torn Paper "Sunshine"	16 "Ice Cream, You Scream"
19 Making Popsicles	20 Fly Swatter Painting	21 Foam soap bubble painting	22 Tissue Paper art	23 Smushed Summer Painting
26 Colored Ice Painting	27 Botanical Suncatchers	28 Melting Popsicles (last day treat)	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED

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