

January 1, 2020

**Big Seed Happenings**

The Big Seed classroom is busy, busy, busy! December flew by with the holiday activities. We, the Big Seed teachers, want to thank all of you for your sweet gifts, cards, and baked goods given to us this month. We appreciate your kindness and we truly *love* being a part of your child's life! We thank you for letting us have that opportunity!

**Chandler** is a full-time walker now and is loving being able to get around more quickly. You can always find him with a book or playing with **Om**.

**Benham** is our new guy in town, he has adjusted so quickly! He is always smiling and loves when you sing "Bennie and the Jets" with him!

**Mac** has taken his language skills to a new level with babbles all the time. He is constantly carrying on full conversations complete with hand gestures to his teachers.

**Enzo** is becoming more and more empathetic. When he sees a friend crying or sad, he will walk over to them and give them a little pat or lay his head on their shoulder.

**Maeve** is loving her time at school and is starting to show more interest in the art and sensory activities, especially when we are painting. She likes to paint on her hands.

**Theo** is showing an interest in art and can't wait for his turn. He tries to "help" his friends with their art.

**Madeleine** and her family are new to Growing Tree. "Maddie" has certainly fit right in and has been full of smiles, hi's and byes for everyone who comes in and out of our classroom.

For the month of January **Easton** and **Guy** will be transitioning as much as possible before officially moving over in February. Also, we would like to say goodbye to **Quinn, Clover** and **Om**. These three big kids are moving up to new adventures as Sprouts. We will miss them but know that they are ready for this next step.

Our January study is "**Black and White**". We will cover everything from penguins to pandas to snowflakes!

**Books:**

- *Ten Shiny Snowflakes*
- *Please, Mr. Panda*
- *Your Personal Penguin*

**Signs:**

**Snow-** your fingers flutter down as if they were snowflakes drifting down from the sky. Take both hands and extend and spread your fingers. Start high and bring the hands slowly down while fluttering your fingers up and down.

**Cold-** To make the baby sign for *cold* take both hands and make them into fists with thumbs up. Pull your upper arms into your sides, extend your forearms out, and shake your fists back and forth. The sign looks a lot like you are shivering.

**Penguin-** stand in place and move your upper body side to side as if waddling like a penguin.

**Songs:**

**You are My Snowman**

You are my snowman,  
My only snowman.  
You make me happy,  
On days of gray.  
And when the sun's out,  
You'll hear us all shout.  
Please don't take our snowman away!

**I'm a Little Penguin (to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)**

I'm a little penguin  
Black and white.  
Stout and fluffy,  
Oh, what a sight!

I can't fly  
But I love to swim.  
So, I'll waddle to the water  
And dive right in!

**Chubby Little Snowman**

The chubby little snowman had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny and what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny looking for some lunch,  
Ate the carrot nose....  
Nibble, nibble....  
CRUNCH

**Snowflake, Snowflake**

Snowflake, snowflake twirl around.  
Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground.  
Snowflake, snowflake land on my nose.  
Snowflake, snowflake freeze my toes.  
Snowflake, snowflake in the air.  
Snowflake, snowflake tickle you everywhere



**Reminders:**

- Please make sure to bring your child's snow gear even if it isn't snowing. The snowsuits help to keep your little one warm in these freezing temperatures as we transition their learning to outside play.
- Growing Tree is closed January 1, 2020



Thank you and Happy New Year!  
Jessica, Eva and Chloe



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# Black and White

<b>Notes:</b>
<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Ten Shiny Snowflakes</i>
<i>Please, Mr. Panda</i>
<i>Your Personal Penguin</i>
Black and White picture books
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"You are My Snowman"
"I'm a Little Penguin"
"Chubby Little Snowman"
Snowflake, Snowflake
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Snow, Cold, Penguin

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <b>CLOSED</b>	2 Sticker Fun	3 Dalmation
6 Sparkle Toes	7 Melted Snowman	8 Snowball Fight!	9 Open Cup Snowman	10 Mittens
13 Fork Painted Panda	14 Zany Zebras	15 Paper Plate Raccoon	16 Black Cats	17 White Lambs
20 Puffy Polar Bears	21 Waddling Penguins	22 Black on White Scribble Art	23 Ice Cube Painting	24 Whipped Cream Sensory Art
27 Starry Sky	28 Newspaper Paint	29 Arctic Fox	30 Group Stamping Activity	31 Snow Globe



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