

# THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

March 2020

Dear Families:

February was such a great month filled with love and we really felt it from all of you! Thank you all for participating in the Valentine card making. It made for a fun activity they enjoyed and a lesson on giving to our friends! Jessica and I both celebrated birthdays during the month of February and all the sweet cards and thoughtful birthday wishes were so appreciated. Thank you very much from the both of us!

During February:

**Enzo** has been showing off his pattern skills! You can usually find him with the Legos making them into different patterns by color or size.

**Chandler** has been showing his empathetic side by his excitement when friends wake up from nap time. He will come up to them as he sees them waking up and gently help pat them awake! (And then giggle excitedly that they are finally awake!)

**Benham** has started to talk and talk. He loves to babble and converse with all his teachers. Most of the time he seems to really be interested in what you are saying by his wide-eyed intrigue!

**Guy** is doing his very best to start walking soon! He's getting so much stronger with his balance and he beams with pride as he takes a few steps!

**Easton, Talus** and **Logan** love to tip the ball bin over and chase after the balls as they roll across the floor. When they catch a ball, they continue their play and roll them back and forth to each other, toss them around the room or bounce them off the floor.

**Mac** has been playing a lot with all the different sized ducks. He lines them up on the floor and you can hear him say, "Quack, quack, quack," as he moves them around.

**Theo** and **Maeve** love being read to. Their favorite stories are from our *I Love All of Me* book. As teachers read about "wiggly toes" and "chubby cheeks", **Theo** and **Maeve** point to each part on their bodies.

**Maddie** loves to climb to the top of the slide and sit while she observes her fellow Big Seeds and teachers. When another child wants to use the slide, Maddie slides down and waits for the other child to take a turn before climbing back up into her spot.

In March, we are heading to the zoo! Any type of wild creature you can imagine, we'll probably read about it and try to make the sound for it! (With a little bit of St. Patrick's Day fun sprinkled in, of course.)



**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, Eva, and Chloe

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<b>Notes:</b>
<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Wild Numbers</i>
<i>1,2 At The Zoo</i>
<i>Hi-Five Animals</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
Going To The Zoo
The Zebra Song
The Zoo
The Itsy Bitsy Monkey
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Lion
Monkey
Milk
Diapers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Color Zoo Ticket	Paint Giraffe	Paper Lion	Q-Tip Zebra	Group Art Elephant
Coffee Filter Peacocks	Paper Cup Monkey	Newspaper Koala	Rainbow Collage	Shamrock Garland
Shamrock Collage	Shamrock Stamping	Marble Tiger	Rhino Coloring	Paper Plate Snake
Handprint Lion	Paper Plate Elephant	Painted Bear	Egg Carton Turtle	Zookeeper Hat
Fingerpaint Koala	Zoo-Dough			

# Big Seeds

