

April 1, 2020

Dear Big Seed Families:

To start off, we would like to thank all our families for taking the necessary precautions during this time and for the unseen future to help the children, yourselves and staff stay safe and healthy. We understand this is a difficult time for everyone and we very much appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.

We in the Big Seed room and throughout Growing Tree are working hard on ways to reach out to our families to stay connected. We are currently working on communicating through a program called Seesaw. Through Seesaw we will post about the goings-on in the Big Seed room. This will be a great way to stay connected with our Big Seeds and families. We will post our art projects on a weekly basis including items needed and videos on "how to" with your little ones. We hope to post videos of our circle times, yoga mindfulness poses, other focused physical activities and even just sitting down for random book readings. For those of our families staying home we are working on activities for you to do at home with your child. We are also available for any questions you may have concerning the development and behavioral needs of your child. We are hopeful that this will bridge the gap for those families temporarily not attending. We miss all of you and our students and hope to see all of you soon.

As you all have heard by now, Ms. Eva has made the decision to pursue a different path. We wish her well in her new journey! We are excited to announce that Ms. Chloe will be filling the position in place of Eva. She has made huge efforts to take on her new role. We know most of you know Ms. Chloe just from working between our room and the Seedling room. Here is a short bio to get to know her a little better:

My name is Chloe and I am so excited to join the Big Seed room as a teacher! I have lived in Bend all my life with my parents and two siblings. I am Now married and have two sweet kittens named Maize and

Honey. I love the color yellow, because it just makes me smile! Outside of a work my husband and I lead a Youth Group of 20 plus teens, as well as I play the drums (my favorite instrument), piano, and sing on our Church worship team. I also enjoy running, and hiking. I first came to Growing Tree as an aid, then worked up to being a full time aid sharing the Little Seed Room, and the Big Seed Room, which has perfectly prepared me to now be a full time teacher in the Big Seed Room! I love working with this age group and working for Growing Tree over the last year has been a dream. I am so excited to continue working with the students and families I have already had the opportunity to bond with and look forward to growing those relationships even more!

Although March was a strange month, we had a full class for the first two weeks. We still remembered some of the last things we were noticing about our bright and capable Big Seeds.

Benham and **Logan** had been working hard on developing their walking skills. Both boys were using anything they could to become mobile. Shelves, chairs, bikes and even their teachers.

Maeve was also working on her skills. She had recently started climbing and was becoming quite the monkey.

Mac and **Theo** have been using the ribbon tent in their play. They would chase each other all around and through it. They would stop every now and then just to laugh in their excitement.

Guy and **Easton** also enjoyed the ribbon tent as they would both sit right under the hanging ribbons. You could hear them giggle when teachers would move the ribbons around so that it tickled their faces.

Talus and **Enzo** were huge fans of our new sensory light-up balls. They would divide the balls between themselves and take turns throwing them to make them flash. Then they would chase after them, gather them back up and do it again.

Maddie was very content taking one of our giraffe lovies and laying it out on the floor so she could lay her head on it and snuggle.

Chandler, once again, has won our “bookworm-of-the-month” title. He especially was drawn to *My Book of Opposites*. Time and time again he would pull it off the shelf and carry it to a teacher. He has been read the book so many times that he is able to point out the opposites when teachers name them.

Books:

That’s Not My Puppy; The Bunny Rabbit Show; Little Cloud; Rain, Rain Go Away; Little Puppy; Cookie’s Week; Welcome Spring

Signs:

Dog- pat your outstretched hand with fingers together on the side of your hip. Just as if you were calling the dog.

Rain- open both hands and starting with your hands above your head and bring them down. Your fingers are like the raindrops drifting down.

Flower: hold your fingers and thumb together, as if you were pinching the stem of a *flower*. Now move your pinched fingers from one nostril to another. It is as if you are smelling that *flower* in one nostril, then in the other nostril.

Songs:

“I Had a Little Turtle”

I had a little Turtle, His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub, To see if he could swim.
He drank up all the water And ate up all the soap.
And now my little turtle, Has a bubble in his throat.
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble...Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble..Bubble, Pop! (clap hands together)

“If All of the Raindrops”

If all the raindrops Were lemon drops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be! I’d stand outside, with my mouth open wide
Saying ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah

If all the raindrops Were lemon drops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!

Additional Verses:

If all of the snowflakes were chocolate bars and milkshakes...Oh, what a snow that would be!

If all of the sunbeams were lemonade and ice cream...Oh, what a sun that would be!

Spring Song”

(Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

The sun is shining bright, the sun is shining bright, Oh, how I love the warmth, the sun is shining bright.

The rain is falling down, the rain is falling down, Oh, how I love the sound, the rain is falling down.

The flowers start to bloom, the flowers start to bloom, Oh, how I love the sight, the flowers start to bloom.

“Baby Bumblebee”

I’m bringing home a baby bumblebee. Won’t my mommy be so proud of me. I’m bringing home a baby bumblebee. Ouch! It stung me!

I’m smashing up my baby bumblebee. Won’t my mommy be so proud of me. I’m smashing up my baby bumblebee. Ew! It’s all over me!

I’m wiping off my baby bumblebee. Won’t my mommy be so proud of me. I’m wiping off my baby bumblebee. All clean!

“If You’re a Pet and You Know It”

(tune: “If You’re Happy and You Know It)

If you’re a dog and you know it, Give a bark.

If you’re a dog and you know it, Give a bark.

If you’re a dog and you know it,

and you really want to show it,

If you’re a dog and you know it, Give a bark.

Additional verses:

If you’re a kitty and you know it, Say meow.

If you’re a fish and you know it, Swim around.

If you’re a bird and you know it, Fly around.

Butterfly, Butterfly”

Butterfly, butterfly, flutter around.

Butterfly, butterfly, touch the ground.

Butterfly, butterfly, fly so free.

Butterfly, butterfly, land on me.

Butterfly, butterfly, reach the sky.

Butterfly, butterfly, say goodbye.

Reminders:

Conferences: We will be conducting conferences via phone. We will be contacting you to set up a good time to discuss your child if you are wanting to do so.

First Friday: is canceled for April.


Even though we are possibly not all together for April, we hope that you will join us in using Seesaw for our “Pets and Springtime” study. We truly miss all of you!

Stay healthy and safe!

Jessica and Chloe

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Pets and Springtime

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Stormy Spring	2 Baby Bumblebee	3 Rain.Rain Go Away
6 Cute Caterpillars	7 Pretty Eggs	8 Cherry Blossom Trees	9 Cheep, Cheep	10 Ribbet, Ribbet
13 Make-a-Wish	14 Kitties	15 Symmetrical Butterflies	16 Preparing for Earth Day	17 My pet fish
20 Colors of the Rainbow	21 Silly Snails	22 Painting with Flowers	23 Little Bugs	24 Potted Plants
27 Safe and Dry	28 One Little, Two Little Ladybugs	29 Woof, Woof!	30 Sunflowers	

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>That's Not My Puppy</i>
<i>The Bunny Rabbit Show</i>
<i>Little Cloud; Cookie's Week</i>
<i>Rain, Rain Go Away</i>
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Dog, Rain and Flower



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