

# THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

August 1, 2020

Dear Families:

It has been an amazing year working with all our Growing Tree families. We cannot express how much we appreciate you allowing us to be part of your child's development. Our year together has allowed us to develop a close bond with your child, we are amazed at their development and have enjoyed watching them grow. We are excited to see each of our Big Seeds continue develop as they move up into the Sprout rooms. Our Big Seeds are kind, empathetic little people who enjoy and care about those around them. As sad as we are about this group moving forward in a month, when we look back at this past years' memories of you and your child, we cannot help but smile.

Please look for your Welcome Letter and New Child Information packet for the Sprout room in your child's file folder.

Transitions this year will look different. The Sprout teachers will come to our classroom to meet and spend time with the Big Seeds prior to them moving over in September. The Sprout teachers are amazing and do a great job taking the time to make those connections with your child during this time. Sprout One and Sprout Too are considered two different classrooms; they each have their own curriculum and activities.

**Chandler** has been all about our fire trucks! He says fire truck anytime he hears a siren He even takes his fire truck up and down the slide with him.

**Easton** is interested in all living things. Dogs walking by, birds flying into the playground, or a bug crawling in the grass, Easton is there to observe.

**Finley** is feeling comfortable with us this month, He joins his friends in different activities, hugs his teachers, and smiles most of the day!

**Rory** is our singer. He sings all throughout the day Right now his favorites are the *Thank You* song and *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!*

**Guy's** language has really grown this month. He is using his new language to communicate with his friends. Often, we hear him saying "help please or stop please"

**Mac** is quite the storyteller! For example, he witnessed a motorcycle race past Growing Tree, he was going so fast his hat flew off his head. Mac enjoyed retelling the events of the motorcycle guy to everyone all day long.

**Theo** enjoys narrating his day to his teachers. He loves to talk about each friend and what they did that day. Another Theo favorite is, creating beautiful art and he likes to observe his classmates as they create also.

**Enzo** has been gone this month visiting his grandparents. We look forward to him returning in August.

Our study for August is Summer Favorites, camping, eating popsicles and water play!

#### Reminders:

- Please make sure your child is wearing weather appropriate clothes for the hot summer days as well as has extra clothes.
- Even though it is only the beginning of August, just a reminder that Growing Tree will be closed September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> for our in-service days as well as for Labor Day.

Thank you and have a great month!

Jessica, Chloe, and Melissa

**Books:**

- *Colors*
- *Opposites*
- *Snappy Little Numbers*
- *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 your 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

**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.

**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  
 Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
 Please shine down on me

**We're Going on A Bear Hunt**

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

# "You Are My Sunshine"

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Happy Campers	4 Juicy Watermelon	5 Yummy Blueberries	6 Sweet Strawberries	7 Tent Camping
10 Lemon Stamp	11 Ice Scream Scoop	12 Delicious Grapes	13 Seed Apples	14 Beach Ball Fun
17 Cozy Campfires	18 Pretty Pineapples	19 Popsicle Art	20 Ice Cream Cones	21 Botanical Suncatchers
24 Sunshine Day	25 Ice Cold Lemonade	26 Wacky Sunglasses	27 Flip Flop Feet	28 Beach Towel
31 Tissue Painting				

# Big Seeds