

November 1, 2020

Dear Families,

Holy smokes! Did we even have an October?! Time is moving fast in the Big Seed room and the Big Seeds are moving even faster. We have one busy group this year, which means each day will be filled with fun, giggles, and many new discoveries.

Tula finds the turtle toy every day in one of our toy bins and takes it to a teacher to sing "I Had a Little Turtle" to her. She sways and spins in circles as we sing.

Finley is all about new words in sign language. He has learned "all done" and "leaf". He shows off his new skills with the proudest look on his face.

Kate and **Nora** hunt for crab apples outside that have fallen from the trees in our play yard. They wander with their heads down searching meticulously through the grass. When they find one, they either run to the fence throwing them through or they carry them around during our time outside.

Mason has really been into dramatic play, especially with the toy phones. He holds the phone up to his ear and pretends to talk to his teachers, his parents and even people that he sees walking by our play yard while we are outside.

Autumn, **Parker** and **Mackson** are all new to our classroom and have been the best additions!

Autumn gets excited for circle and joins in on our "Welcome song" very enthusiastically. She pats her legs and waves her arms to cheer, especially for herself when we sing her name.

Parker is active as he bounces from activity to activity. He especially loves using our chairs, bikes, and walkers to help him walk and has been practicing standing without assistance.

Mackson is very observant. He loves to watch his classmates play and then he joins in as he is beginning to learn new skills every day.

Our study for November is "All About Me"! From a toddler's perspective, it really is all about them.

Reminder:

- If you have not already sent one in with your child, we would love for you to send in a family photo so we can add them to our classroom family board!
- With colder weather, please make sure your child has a heavy coat, hat, and waterproof mittens.
- Have snowsuits and boots ready for school when the first snow comes.
- We will still make sure your child is getting plenty of water during this colder time of year.
- **Growing Tree will be closed the following dates:**
 - Nov. 11th for Veterans Day and phone conferences
 - Nov. 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving

Books:

- *Mommy Calls Me Monkeypants*
- *Daddy Calls Me Doodlebug*
- *Mirror Me*
- *Guess What I'm Doing*
- *Five Silly Turkeys*

Signs:

- **Mom-** Extend and spread your fingers apart. With your pinkie facing out tap your thumb on your chin.
- **Dad-** Extend and spread out your five fingers on your strong hand. Tap your hand on your forehead.

- **Thank You-** Extend your fingers and thumb. Touch your fingers to your chin and bring your fingers forward. It is almost like you are blowing a kiss out, to thank the person – but the sign is a bit lower.

Thank you, Veterans, for your service and a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Jessica, Chloe, and Melissa

Songs:

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes
Head, shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes

I Love You, You Love Me

I love you
You love me
We're a happy family
with a great big hug
and a kiss from me to you
Won't you say you love me too!

Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them, open, shut them,
Give a little clap, clap, clap!

Open, shut them, open, shut them,
Lay them in your lap, lap, lap!

Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,
Right up to your chin, chin, chin.
Open wide your little mouth,
Buuuut, do not let them in!

Roll them, roll them, roll them, roll them.
Roll them just like this.
Shake them, shake them, shake them, shake them,
Annnnd blow a little kiss!

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All About Me

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 My name is...	3 I can dress my art!	4 My Heart	5 Handprint Turkeys	6 Family Picture
9 Sticky Turkeys	10 Unique Me	11 CLOSED FOR CONFERENCES	12 My House	13 Mirror, Mirror
16 Thanksgiving Coasters	17 Thanksgiving Placemat	18 Handprint Art	19 from my Fingers to my Toes	20 Gobble, Gobble!
23 More Gobbles!	24 My Self-Portrait	25 Mashed Potatoes	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
30 Family Tree				

Notes:

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Big Seeds