

December 1, 2020

Dear Families,

It was great being able to connect with families for conferences. We hope you enjoyed reading through your child's packet and getting a glimpse of their day here at Growing Tree. We hope the Bumkins (pumpkin ^{er} art) we sent home made you laugh as much as the babies laughed getting their bums painted!

We miss being able to see our parents face to face. The Brightwheel app has definitely made a rough situation a little better. We know the past months have been hard on everyone. We really appreciate how diligent our families have been about following the new illness guidelines. Thank you, you rock!

June is getting quick crawling around the classroom. She can spot an open door or cupboard from across the room and can get to it in record time. She is gaining confidence with standing and loves to play peek-a-boo. She will start peek-a-boo with a blanket or cloth on her own.

Belle loves following June around the classroom with her commando crawl and can even pull herself up onto her knees. It will not be long before she is standing.

Charlie and **Jack** are both steady sitters now and enjoy having their hands free to pick up and play with toys. **Charlie** has really started rolling to get to toys and we have seen **Jack** pushing up onto his knees and rocking back and forth.

Forrest, **Jack**, and **Charlie** all got their first tooth last month! All 3 have gotten very social as they smile and babble with teachers and friends. **Charlie** has been very silly making a variety of new sounds and even laughing at herself. **Jack** loves his friends and will reach out and grab them in a hug if they get close enough.

Belle, **Jack**, and **Charlie** have all started sampling Big Seed food. **Charlie** likes big hunks of breadsticks,

waffles, and broccoli to nibble on, **Belle** likes little bits of food she can work around in her mouth and **Jack** seems to like just about everything whichever way it is given to him.

Rowan is also sampling some big food but is very skeptical about the new tastes and textures. He prefers to stick with the purees for now. He has really enjoyed rolling around on the floor and is gaining confidence with sitting.

Evie is such a quiet little busy mouse. She motors around the class with her commando crawl watching her bigger friends, checking out the toys and quietly exploring. She hardly ever makes a fuss unless she needs something and if you talk or play with her, she is always full of smiles.

Ellee is working on her balance sitting in the u cushion and is getting better with her purees especially if it has bananas in it, yum! She also loves watching people move around the class in the mirrors on the wall and will smile if she catches you looking at her in the mirror.

Last month we welcomed Ben to the Seedling room. His big sister, Clover is in the Sprout room. It has been great getting to know him and we look forward to seeing more of him and his family. He is very smiley and already has a lot to say with cooing and babbling to anyone who will listen.

Everyone seems to be growing and developing so fast this last month. It is always fun watching all of their different personalities come to life and friendships start to develop.

We hope everyone has a magical Christmas and a Happy New year!

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Deann and Ms. Melissa



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