

December 1, 2020

Dear Families,

We would like to thank all of you and let you know how much we appreciated you taking time to speak with us during conferences. We enjoy being able to talk to our parents "one-on-one" and hope you got just as much out of it as we did.

Thank you for making sure your child came prepared for the cold weather. It has been fun watching the Big Seeds continue to enjoy their outside time, just a bit more bundled! One more thank you for bringing in your family photo for November's "All About Me" study. The Big Seeds loved the art projects with their family photos and pointing their family members out throughout the day as they were displayed at eye level! November was such fun, learning about our families!

### Big Seed Happenings:

**Tula** picked out a baby at the beginning of every day and took care of only that baby. She would ask for the teachers help to swaddle her baby and then carry it around everywhere she went. It was sweet to watch her so loving with the baby dolls as she rocked, patted, kissed, and even put her baby down for a nap.

**Kate** and **Nora** were the "Dancing Queens" this month! The area in front of our speaker was a bustle of swaying, bouncing, hand waving and even a little head-banging by these girls and they were always welcoming other classmates who were wanting to join in. Occasionally a group of them would all hold hands and dance in a circle together.

**Autumn** loves to play in the home center kitchen and is often seen with a spoon in one hand and a pot, plate, or cup in the other. She is also well on her way to walking. She uses tables, chairs, and bikes to make her way around the classroom and is proud of herself, as are we.

**Parker** has conquered walking this month and is on the move constantly! His favorite activities this month were reading in a teacher's lap, and dancing with a teacher! If he was not with a teacher, he would choose to read to

himself and dance by himself smiling and watching his friends!

**Mackson** still enjoys observing. He is very meticulous with his decisions and loves watching friends try new skills, then trying them himself! This month he has loved dancing and listening to our songs during circle time! He has been working on the motions. He will crawl over to circle with a smile on his face as the teachers start to sing and begin doing the motions for their songs.

**Mason** explored "dramatic" play this month! You can find him with a toy in hand pretending to "fix" things in the classroom. He will hold a toy in place of a screwdriver or drill and make sounds like the tool he is using.

**Finley** has been into building and all things patterns this month when he is not dancing! You will either see him dancing with a sidestep into a spin or stacking various toys in specific patterns!

We are so proud of all the new skills our Big Seeds have shown us during "All About Me!". Our study for December is the Pacific Northwest. We will transform our classroom into a woodland wonderland and we just might even find a bear cave along the way.

### Reminders:

- Annual Holiday Sing Along will be a video production this year!
- Closed 12/24 and 12/25 for Christmas
- Bring Family photo for family board
- Remember snow suit, jacket, boots, hat, and waterproof gloves for winter play

Thank you and Happy Holidays!  
Jessica, Chloe, and Melissa

## Books:

- *Night-Night Forest Friends*
- *Woodland Walk*
- *A Walk in the Forest*
- *If You Were My Baby*
- *A Wildlife Lullaby*
- *Never Touch a Porcupine*

## Signs:

- **Tree-** The sign for tree looks like a tree waving above the ground. To make the *tree* sign, take your weak hand and extend it flat across your body to make the ground. Then take your strong hand and stand it up at right angles, with your fingers extended and shaking them back and forth.
- **Bear-** Make the *bear* sign by making your hands into claws and crossing your arm with one hand on each shoulder. Now scratch up and down with each hand.
- **Diaper-** Take your hands and place them down around your waist. Take your index fingers and middle fingers together from each hand and tap them on your thumbs. It is like you are playing mini castanets at waist-height.

## Songs:

### **I am a Squirrel** (*Action Rhyme*)

I am a squirrel in a tall, tall tree.

*(Stretch up tall toward the sky)*

I like to look around and see, see, see!

*(Make hands into binocular shapes and look around)*

I am picking acorns for my lunch.

*(“Pick” invisible acorns out of the air)*

I love the way they crunch, crunch, crunch!

*(Make exaggerated crunches with your mouth)*

Sometimes I stretch my arms up to the sky.

*(Stretch arms out wide)*

Take a leap and start to fly!

*(Jump and “fly” around the room)*

## Five Little Bears

One little bear wondering what to do.

Along came another then there were two!

Two little bears climbing up a tree.

Along came another then there were three!

Three little bears ate an apple core.

Along came another then there were four!

Four little honey bears found honey in a hive.

Along came another then there were five!

## Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, bend down low,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, go to bed,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, rest your head,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the lights,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, say, “Good night.”

## Wide-Eyed Owl

There’s a wide-eyed owl (circle your eyes)

With a pointed nose (make a beak)

Two pointed ears (make ears with your hands)

And Claws for toes (wiggle toes)

He lives way up in the tree (pint way up)

And when he looks at you (point to children)

He flaps his wings (flap wings)

And says, Whoo Whoo!

## I’m a Little Pine Tree

(Tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”)

I’m a little pine tree as you can see,

All the other pine trees are bigger than me.

When I’m a grown up then I’ll be,

A great, big, merry Christmas tree!

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# Over in the Forest

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Brown Bear, Brown, Bear	2 Handprint Owls	3 Green Forest	4 My Tree
7 Sly Little Fox	8 Smelly Little Skunks	9 Mushroom Picking	10 Snowy Little Owl	11 Nutty Little Squirrels
14 Big Bear	15 Who's There	16 Nature Painting	17 Stripy Raccoon	18 My Bear
21 Happy Hedgehogs	22 Winter Forest	23 Tree Decorating	24 Merry Christmas	25 Merry Christmas
28 Tree Cut	29 Handprint Hedgehog	30 Footprint Deer	31 Paint Pinecones	

**Notes:**

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# Big Seeds