

# THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

January 1, 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2021! We would like to Thank our families for all you do, and for helping us feel so appreciated every day!

We have a few changes in our classroom in January. We are always sad to see our Big Seeds leave our room, but knowing that **Finley, Kate, Mason, Nora,** and **Tula** are completely ready to move up to Sprouts, makes it well worth it. We wish these amazingly fun children all the best in their new adventures as Sprouts!

As we say goodbye, we welcome **June** from the Seedlings into the Big Seeds. We are excited about getting to know **June** and her family. June has an older brother Luke who is a Brancher. Welcome **June** and family!

As for **Autumn, Mackson** and **Parker**, these three Big Seeds have been busy, busy, busy! They are all hitting their strides in the classroom, especially when the music is on.

**Parker** loves to watch his friends dance and is quick to join in and imitate their dance moves. He really seems to love dancing with his teachers.

**Mackson** can always be found dancing, when he is not walking and pushing chairs all around the classroom. Since he has started walking this past month he is now always on the move!

**Autumn** is so close to walking. In just the last few weeks she has become more confident in her ability to get around. She uses a shelf or a chair when dancing to keep herself in an upright position so she can bump to the beat.

In January we will be studying the contrasting colors of "Black & White"!

## Signs:

- **Snow-** your fingers flutter down as if they were snowflakes drifting down from the sky. Take both of your hands and extend and spread your fingers. Start high and bring the hands slowly down while fluttering your fingers up and down.
- **Cold-** To make the baby sign for *cold* take both hands and make them into fists with thumbs up. Pull your upper arms into your sides, extend your forearms out, and shake your fists back and forth. The sign looks a lot like you are shivering.
- **Penguin-** stand in place and move your upper body side to side as if waddling like a penguin.



## Songs:

### "You are My Snowman"

You are my snowman,  
My only snowman.  
You make me happy,  
On days of gray.  
And when the sun's out,  
You'll hear us all shout.  
Please don't take our snowman away!



### **"I'm a Little Penguin"**

(to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little penguin  
Black and white.  
Stout and fluffy,  
Oh, what a sight!

I can't fly  
But I love to swim.  
So, I'll waddle to the water  
And dive right in!

### **"Chubby Little Snowman"**

The chubby little snowman  
Had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny and  
What do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny  
Looking for some lunch,  
Ate the carrot nose...  
Nibble, nibble....  
CRUNCH!



### **"Snowflake, Snowflake"**

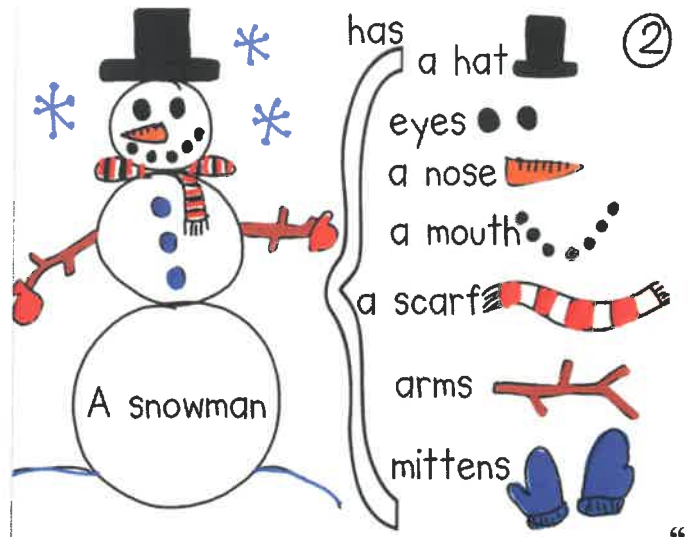
Snowflake, snowflake twirl around.  
Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground.  
Snowflake, snowflake land on my nose.  
Snowflake, snowflake freeze my toes.  
Snowflake, snowflake in the air.  
Snowflake, snowflake tickle you everywhere

### **Reminders:**

- Growing Tree will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Years.
- If you are new to the Big Seed classroom, please make sure your child has the appropriate winter snow-wear for outside play time.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Jessica, Chloe, and Melissa



# Black & White

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Happy New Year!
4 Sparkly Toes!	5 My Melted Snowman	6 Snowball Fight!	7 Paper Cup Snowman	8 My Mittens
11 Snowy Owl	12 Panda Bear, Panda Bear	13 Inkblot Painting	14 Zebra Stripes	15 Marshmallow Paint
18 Puffy Polar Bear	19 My Personal Penguin	20 Black on White Scribble Art	21 Painting with Black Ice	22 Whipped Cream Sensory Art
25 Q-Tip Snowflakes	26 Marble Snowflakes	27 Paper plate Snowman	28 Negative Space Snowflakes	29 Snowflake Puzzles

**Notes:**

<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Please, Mr. Panda</i>
<i>Your Personal Penguin</i>
<i>That's Not My Snowman</i>
<i>Welcome Winter</i>
<i>Forever</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"You are my Snowman"
"I'm a Little Penguin"
"Snowflake, Snowflake"
"Chubby Little Snowman"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Penguin, Snow, Cold

# Big Seeds