

July 1, 2021

Dear Families,

Amazing things happened in the Big Seed room during the month of June!

Belle has gone from crawling to walking just overnight it seems and she loves every minute of her new skill. She is so proud of herself, as she should be.

Forrest is quite the love bug as he walks from teacher to teacher giving endless hugs all day long. He just snuggles in and then looks up with the most content smile.

Jack's language is really starting to development. His favorite word is "Hi". Whenever we call his name, he immediately turns with a big grin that lights his whole face and says, "Hi!" occasionally he includes a little giggle too. Jack's favorite things, by far this month, are the sensory blocks. He will pour them out, starts to connect them together, then he puts them back in the bucket, one at a time, just so he can pour them back out again.

Declan has become our resident "strongman" and demonstrates his strength by dead lifting our tires; carrying our foam tree stumps; and even pushing, not one, but two kids at a time across the play yard as they sit in our cozy coupe car. Impressive to say the least!

June, Charlie, and Evie absolutely love our water play time. All the kids get excited for water play, but they spend the most time at this activity than all the other children. These three come away soaking wet and with the biggest smiles as they scoup and pour water all over themselves. Sometimes they even pour it on each other which receive even bigger smiles and lots of giggles.

Rowan and Ellee are our class climbers as they are almost always found either climbing on the book bench or climbing up and over our raised tumbling mats while inside. It is a whole other world of things to climb while outside. These two definitely take

advantage of our red stairs, tires, and the slide, which we just introduced this week to the kids.

Ellee will enjoy the summer away from GT for family time. We will miss having her here for the summer, but she will rejoin us in September.

We welcomed **Lucy** and her family to the Big Seed Room this month. Lucy's mom, Ms. Cami, is also new to Growing Tree as a teacher in the Bud Room. We are very excited to get to know Lucy and have her in our room.

This past month we have been working on self-care skills. Some of these skills have included washing and drying their own hands as well as throwing away their used paper towel into the garbage and getting their blanket from their bin for naptime and putting it away after nap. This has been going very well. It definitely helps that they are all excited to do this on their own.

Our study in July, we will spend the first few days learning about the 4th of July, then we will bring out the dinosaurs for the rest of the month! We will also introduce using open top cups. This can be messy at first so please be sure to bring in extra clothing.

Books:

- Dinosaur Stomp
- Ten Tiny Dinosaurs
- Never Touch a Dinosaur
- An All-American ABC
- What Is America?



Signs:

- **Stars-** extend your two index fingers and hold them together up above your head. Raise and lower your two fingers alternatively. This sign should look like you are pointing out stars in the sky.
- **Dinosaur-** place your non-dominant arm with elbow bent creating a flat surface. Take your dominant arm and place it on top of the flat of your non-dominant positioned in a diagonal with the hand forming a head by putting fingers together. Move the dominant arm across the non-dominant arm as if the “dinosaur” was walking on the flat surface of the other arm.

Songs:

Way Up in the Sky

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Wave, wave, wave the flag.

Hold it very high.

Watch the colors gently wave.

Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around.

Hold the flag up high.

Wave, wave, wave the flag.

Way up in the sky.



Dinosaur, Dinosaur

Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, stomp the ground.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, show your claws.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, snap your jaws.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, sit back down!

Dinosaur Moves

Spread your arms way out wide,

Fly like a Pteranodon, soar and glide.

Bend to the floor, head down low,

Move like a stegosaurus, long ago.

Reach up tall, try to be,

As tall as Apatosaurus, eating on a tree.

Using your claws, grumble, and growl,

Just like Tyrannosaurus on the prowl.

Dino Pokey

You put you dino up,

You put your dino down,

You put your dino up

And you shake it all around.

You do the dino pokey

And you turn yourself around

That's what it's all about!

Variations:

You put your dino in the front,

You put your dino in the back,

You put your dino in the front

And you give your knees a slap__

(repeat chorus)

You touch your dino to your head,

You touch your dino to your toes,

You touch your dino to your nose

Then you shake it to and fro

(repeat chorus)

I Want to be a Great, Big Dinosaur

Oh, I want to be a great, big dinosaur,

That is what I really want to be!

For if I were a great, big dinosaur,

Everyone would run away from me...

Ahhhhhhhh!

Reminders:

- Growing Tree will be closed July 5th in observance of the 4th of July
- We will be starting to use open cups, please bring in extra clothing
- Please go through your child's bin to make sure their extra clothes are weather appropriate, if you have not already done so
- We have been increasing our water breaks to keep everyone hydrated

Have a fun and safe 4th of July!

Jessica, Chloe, and Kenzie

Red, White and Raaawwrrrr!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Marbled Flag	Boom!
5 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	6 An Explosion of Fun (volcano painting)	7 Tissue Painting	8 Tracking Dinosaurs	9 Dino Suncatcher
12 Confetti Fun!	13 Flag Mobile	14 Giant Stegosaurus	15 Spikey Dinosaurs	16 T-Rex Scribble
19 Hatching Dinosaurs	20 Hatching Dinosaurs continued...	21 Saran Wrap Painting	22 Bubble wrap Stamping	23 Spray Bottle Watercolor Art
26 Q-Tip Triceratops	27 Dobber Pterodactyl	28 Marbled Dino Eggs	29 Green Brontosaurus	30 Finding Fossils

Notes:

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"Dinosaur Moves"
"Dino Pokey"
"I Want to be a Great, Big Dinosaur"
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Stars, Dinosaur

Big Seeds