

THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

August 1, 2021

Dear Families,

It has been an amazing year establishing relationships with you and your child. We cannot express to you enough how much we appreciate you entrusting us with your child. Each child is a unique individual, and it has been a pleasure to watch your child's personality grow into the unique little person they are.

We are so very proud that our Big Seeds are ready to become Sprouts. They have grown into confident, empathetic little people, they wash their own hands, drink out of an open cup (well almost), use a spoon, and they put themselves to sleep, they care for each other, their developing vocabulary, they are kind. It's bittersweet to think of them moving up, but we have many fond memories that make our hearts smile!

Moving into a new classroom is often more difficult for parents than children. We are here to ease that transition for you, by the way, the Sprout teachers are amazing!

- You will receive a Sprout "Welcome Letter" in August
- We will personally introduce you to your new teachers.
- The Big Seeds we will be spending time each day the Sprout room with us.
- Did we say, the "Sprout teachers are AMAZING"

You will see in this month's Big Seed Highlights a common pattern in our Big Seeds play. Repetition is how they master new skills, problem solve, and grow their attention span. It is important to not interrupt them as they are creating and problem solving for themselves. It is fascinating to sit back and watch, you can see their brain working as they figure out what comes next and how they add to the process. As we say at Growing Tree, "Practice Makes Progress"

Big Seed Highlights:

Belle loves her baby dolls. Her first task of the day is choosing a doll which she carries throughout the day. She bottle feeds, holds it, and gives it lots of love. She is really going to enjoy "Baby Time Circle" in the Sprout room.

Charlie loves sunscreen time and is always first in line. After she is all lathered up, she pretends to apply sunscreen to every inch of exposed skin. Too bad licensing doesn't allow children to apply sunscreen because she would be a big help!

Forrest has become the class greeter! He loves to hug his friends and teachers throughout the day! He also says hi to all that enter the room, he even greets passer bys at the fence outside, including cars and trucks. Every year it seems we have a class greeter and it's fun to see who takes on this role.

Rowan's vocabulary continues to grow! Mama, dada, more, all done, hi, Lego, coco, are several of his consistent words! He enjoys conversation and the opportunity to practice his new words. You can see the wheels turning as he decides which word to use!

Evie spends most of her outside time these days collecting organic materials from our play yard. She finds a cup and sits along the fence digging the dirt and pouring handfuls into her cup. If she isn't scooping up dirt, then she is filling her cup up with leaves, twigs or even little crab apples that have fallen off our tree. When her cup is full, she pours it out and starts over again.

Declan is our athlete, he does not walk, he runs... fast, he is strong and can lift anything in our classroom, he also climbs any obstacle. We think he might be a good swimmer as he is drawn to the water table and enjoys pouring the cool water on himself! His favorite time of the day is definitely outside.

June is another one who really takes advantage of water play. She is always asking her teachers to pour water on her head. If we let her, she would, dive into our water table. By the time she is done, she is absolutely soaked head to toe and is the happiest little girl!

Jack has enjoyed our dinosaur puppets this month. After choosing a different puppet every day, he engages our help to open the puppets mouth. He is full of smiles and giggles when teachers roar like a dinosaur, and he is able to stick his fingers in the!

dinosaurs mouth. We say, "Chomp, chomp, hmmm! Jack is so yummy!" Jack then pulls his fingers out quickly and hides them. He giggles and the game starts over.

Lucy has had an awesome first month in the Big Seed room. We have enjoyed having her in class! She has had fun exploring the classroom and all that it offers. She especially loves outside time playing with our stacking blocks. She likes to pick matching colors and clap the blocks together!

Welcome: Ms Kenzie will be taking over the teacher role that Chloe left. Kenzie has been working with the Seed teachers since April and has proven to be a valuable asset to our teaching group. We are excited to have her with us full time!

Goodbye:

I have enjoyed working at Growing Tree for the last few years SO much. I have especially loved working and getting to know this Big Seed class! My husband and I are very excited to take the next steps, being parents, to our little guy! I will miss all of the Growing Tree families immensely. -Chloe

Reminders:

Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes at school.

Growing Tree will be closed

- September 2nd & 3rd – Teacher work days
- September 6th – Labor Day
- September 7th – Children move to new classrooms

Thank you, Jessica & Kenzie

You are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

Mr. Sun

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Hiding behind a tree
These little children are asking you
To please come out so we can play with you
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me

Apples and Bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat apples and bananas
I like to eat, eat, eat apples and bananas

I like ate, ate, ate epples and benenes
I like ate, ate, ate epples and benenes

I like to eat, eat, eat epples and beeneenees
I like to eat, eat, eat epples and beeneenees

And I like to ite, ite, ite ipples and bininis
I like to ite, ite, ite ipples and bininis

I like to ote, ote, ote, oplles and bononos
I like to ote, ote, ote, oplles and bononos

And I like to ute, ute, ute upples and bununus
I like to ute, ute, ute upples and bununus

Down by the Bay

Down by the bay
Where the watermelons grow
Back to my home
I dare not go
For if I do
My mother will say
"Did you ever you ever see a goose
kissing a moose?"
Down by the bay _____

Additional Verses:

"Did you ever see a whale with a polka dot tail?"
"Did you ever see a fly wearing a tie?"
"Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?"
"Did you ever see a llama eating pajamas?"
"Did you ever have a time when you couldn't make a rhyme?"

Books:

Colors; Opposites; Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush; Llama, Llama Yum, Yum, Yum; and We're Going on a Bear Hunt;

Signs:

Sun- make a circle in the air with your index finger above your head. Then with the same hand, start with your fingers and thumb together and then spread them apart like you are shining a lamp down on yourself.

Hot- make your hand into a "c" shape. Start with that hand over your mouth and rotate it so that you end the sign with your hand facing outward and then flatten that same hand still facing outward.

Fun- both hands make a fist with your index and middle fingers extended. Your non-dominant hand stays flat. Your dominant hand starts at your nose and turns up and then comes back down to meet your non-dominant hand. While doing the sign your body language and facial expressions should project a *fun* spirit.

Messy+Fun=Learning

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Tin-Foil Tie-Dye	3 Saran Wrap Sun	4 Combing for Pineapples	5 Strawberry Ice Cube Painting	6 Blueberry Balloons
9 Citrus Stamping	10 Fun in the Sun!	11 Bounce Art	12 Yummy Watermelon	13 Bubble Grapes
16 Mud Painting	17 Spaghetti Paintbrushes	18 Smooosh Campfire Art	19 Water Balloon Painting	20 Crumpled Paper Painting
23 Flip- Flop Fun	24 Snazzy Sunglasses	25 Balloon Stamping	26 "I scream, you scream..."	27 Beach Towels
30 Watercolor Wrap	31 S'more Fun!			

Notes:

This Month's Books:
Colors
Opposites
<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>
<i>Round the Mulberry Bush</i>
<i>Llama Llama Yum, Yum, Yum</i>
This Month's Songs:
"You are my Sunshine"
"Mr. Sun"
"Apples and Bananas"
"Down by the Bay"
This Month's Signs:
Sun, Hot, Fun

Big Seeds