

# THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

# SEEDS

October 1, 2021

Dear Families,

It has been so much fun getting to know our new friends and their families. We always brace ourselves this time of year for a couple of rough weeks while everyone settles in and gets used to us, new routines, and a new environment but this whole group has settled right in without hardly a fuss.

**Townes's** family is new to Growing Tree and his big sister Lucy is in the Bud room. Townes is a go with the flow kind guy and has been mastering rolling from his back to his belly and has even started to nap on his stomach. He enjoys hanging out under his gym with his new friend Caleb, sharing smiles, cooing, and trying to roll towards each other. It's so fun to see these little friendships start to bloom.

**Caleb** has a big sister Brynley in the Branch room and we have enjoyed getting to see more of his family again. He is a super laid back happy guy who always offers a smile. He recently started on purees and loves food. He is starting to roll more and wiggle around on the floor.

**Landon's** family is also new to Growing Tree. He has the most adorable dimples when he smiles, a great laugh and loves being able to hang out in the jumper where he can see everything going on around him. He has also been working on sitting with some support.

**Grey** is on the move crawling around the class and pulling up on shelves and furniture. He is transitioning to the Big Seed schedule food menu. He is very interested in the Big Seed room and enjoys sitting in the doorway in the morning watching them start their day. We are confident he will be ready to join his old friends soon.

**Cannon** is a bundle of energy crawling around the class exploring every corner, drawer, and cupboard. He pulls up on the shelves and furniture walking around them while holding on for balance. He is especially

proud of himself when he pulls up and let's go standing independently. We think he will take his first steps any day now.

**Nell** is on the move crawling and pulling herself up to a stand on furniture. She enjoys taking our hands to walk around the classroom.

**Poppy** is very cuddly and enjoys sitting on a lap to read a good book together. She helps turn the pages and points and babbles at the pictures.

**Lillian** enjoys her floor time and is rolling all around to find new toys to play with. She has started inching forward in a commando crawl, moved from sitting to a crawling position and has started to pulling herself up to her knees.

**Addison** is ready to be on the move too. She gets up on all fours and rocks back and forth but can't quite get her legs and arms coordinated to move forward yet. She is very determined and persistent while working through her frustration. She has also become very vocal and has a lot to say.

The babies have enjoyed spending time outside on warm afternoons and we hope to be able to continue going out a little longer. Please be sure your child has a light jacket and socks or shoes at school for these outside times.

We have had a great month getting to know each other. We look forward to watching your baby grow and learn new skills while developing friendships.

If you're wondering if we would like to see a picture of your baby in their Halloween costume, we absolutely do. We will also be working on a special Halloween surprise of our own. Have a safe and Happy Halloween.

We would love a family picture for our Family Board!

### Car Seat Safety:

We care about your child's safety both here at Growing Tree and when they are away from our care. We have noticed several instances of babies not being properly strapped into their infant car seats when being dropped off in the mornings. Here is a list of things to be aware of when taking your baby in the car.

1. Always read your car seat manual to ensure proper use.
2. Make sure the base is securely fit in the vehicle. It should not wiggle.
3. Straps should be snug (but not tight) against baby, and you shouldn't be able to pinch any excess webbing on the harness straps.
4. Chest clip should be at armpit/nipple level.
5. For rear facing, straps should be at or below shoulder height.
6. Never place blankets, thick clothing, or winter coats under the harness. Instead, safely secure your infant in the seat and then cover with a blanket or coat.
7. Check for any twisting in the straps. Straps should lie flat across the hips and up the abdomen and chest.
8. baby's car seat unless they are approved by the manufacturer, or they came with the car seat.

We have added some helpful car seat safety links for you in the monthly newsletter.

We hope everyone has a great month.

Jolene and Melissa

