

# THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 2021

Dear Families,

Way to go Big Seed families! Your children are amazing! Our goal for September was to make a connection with your child. Babies are in the developmental stage of trust/mistrust, so it is important that we make those connections so that they feel safe and nurtured while in the Big Seed room. These connections allow a child to form strong bonds with others.

Our class has been hard at work settling into their new schedule. We love all the personalities in our little group, they sure make the day fun and exciting!

### **What we know!**

Bailey is at her happiest when we are outside and would prefer that we never went inside. She is the first one out the door and loves to explore how different the leaves and crab apples feel.

Ben is fascinated by all the leaves, twigs, dirt, and crab apples in our play yard. He wanders around picking up everything that catches his eye and brings it to his teachers to show off his nature treasures. You know when something really intrigues him because he carries it around saying, "Oooh!"

Zadie is cautious right now as she should be. Growing Tree is a new experience in her life. She needs a little bit of time to warm up each day. We have found that she is drawn to our stuffed animals in the classroom. She specifically chooses the white sheep and brown dachshund dog to play with every day. These stuffies give her the confidence to be comfortable in her new environment so that she can fully enjoy her day here.

Fletcher loves playing "Peek-a-boo"! His face lights up when his teachers start this game, and he rushes over in his excitement to join in. He even starts his own games with his classmates, and you can hear his delighted giggles as he pops up, making his peek-a-boo buddy laugh. Millie's comfort is music! She is instantly drawn to any toy or activity that involves music. She recently discovered a toy helicopter that plays an upbeat song when you push a button. She can be seen sitting with the toy in her lap as she pushes the button over and over and bouncing to the song.

Lucy and Tate seemed to have started walking overnight! It is amazing how confident they have become in just a short time as they move from toy to toy in the classroom and are practically speed walking when we go outside to play.

"It's Fall Y'all" and we are so excited for our October study "**Leaves & Pumpkins**"

### **New Teacher**

Ms. Corinna will be joining our classroom on Monday as Ms. Kenzie left to take a nanny job.

### **Reminders:**

- Fall is here, please bring a jacket with your child in their bag at the beginning of week as well as shoes and socks so we can play in all types of weather outside!
- Team Spirit Day is October 29<sup>th</sup>! Wear your favorite team shirt for some end of the month fun!

➤ Lastly, we know it is only October but it's time to start thinking about snow. In the Big Seed room, we will still be going outside during the winter, and it is important that your child stays as warm as possible. Please make sure your child has a snowsuit, boots, warm hat, and water-resistant gloves. We realize these items can be

expensive but we recommend looking on Amazon or even thrift stores here in Bend.

When buying snow boots, we also recommend buying a size or bigger so that they aren't too tight on their feet. Snow clothes and accessories really don't need to be brought in until November. This is just to get you thinking about what your child will need and if you need to order online this will give you plenty of time to do so.

Ms. Jessica

### **Monthly ASL words:**

**Leaf-** The leaf sign looks a lot like a leaf hanging from a branch, waving in a gentle breeze. Your weak hand acts like the branch. You point the index finger on your weak hand and make your other fingers into a fist. Your strong hand is the leaf. Make an open hand, with palm down. Then place the base of your palm onto the index finger of your weak hand. Move your strong hand up and down a little to complete the sign.

**Pumpkin-** is signed by making a fist and tapping on it with the knuckle of your index finger as if you are checking to make sure the pumpkin is good.

**Water-** The sign for "water" is made by extending your three middle fingers so they're

pointing up, with your thumb and pinkie tucked down and then tapping your index finger to your chin.

### **Songs:**

- Five Little Pumpkins
- In the Apple Tree

# It's Fall Y'all!

<b>Notes:</b>
<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Welcome Fall</i>
<i>Leaf</i>
<i>Never Touch a Monster</i>
<i>Nighty-Night Little Green Monster</i>
<i>Count and Color with Little Monsters</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"Five Little Pumpkins"
"In the Apple Tree"
"Pumpkin, Pumpkin"
"Leaves Falling Down"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Leaf, Pumpkin, Water

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Fall Sensory Play
4 A Leaf Study	5 Finger paint on leaves	6 Q-tip paint brush on leaves	7 Dobber paint leaves	8 Sticky Leaves
11 A Pumpkin Study	12 Cleaning Pumpkins	13 Decorating Pumpkins	14 What's inside a pumpkin?	15 Goopy, Gooney pumpkin play
18 Pumpkin Study Continued...	19 Bubblewrap paintbrushes	20 The Great Class Pumpkin	21 Contact paper pumpkins	22 Glittery Pumpkins
25 A Halloween Study	26 Big Seed Frankenstein	27 Our Friend says, "Boo!"	28 Candy Corn Toes	29 Team Spirit Day!

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