

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

BIG SEED

November 1, 2021

Dear Families

Please welcome Ms. Corinna to our classroom. She has been a wonderful addition to the Big Seed room and to Growing Tree. The Big Seeds have taken a fast liking to her. In their unique toddler ways, they have welcomed her to our classroom.

Our LEAF AND PUMPKIN study was a "bootiful" experience for our Big Seeds! Daily they enjoyed exploring the playground for leaves of many colors, shapes, and sizes. We then incorporated their finds into our daily activities. Exploring Pumpkins was equally as exciting for our Big Seeds. We introduced several words when describing our pumpkins: big, medium, small, heavy, light, orange, white to name a few. We were pleasantly surprised when the Big Seeds were eager to see what was inside the pumpkins. They practically dove inside the pumpkin when we cut it open. Fourteen little hands were pulling out handful after handful of stringy pulp and seeds and squishing it between their fingers with the biggest eyes and smiles. As we were scooping out the pumpkin with a spoon, the Big Seeds were able to problem solve and found their own spoons in the play kitchen. It was so wonderful to observe them taking turns with the spoons.

Monthly Highlights:

Tate had the best time with our pumpkin study. He was so intrigued and involved with each pumpkin activity. Tate used his muscles to carry our medium sized pumpkins. He spent the month moving the pumpkins throughout the classroom.

Zadie is talking more and more every day. She says, "A dog," when she sees one walking outside, very clearly tells us, "Socks shoes" when we are getting ready to go outside, and she even mastered "pumpkin."

Fletcher and Millie are gaining more confidence every week with their walking skills. They have moved from using chairs and bikes to move across the room to only needing a teachers finger. Their balance is developing quickly and any day now they will become independent walkers. One step at a time!

Lucy and Bailey were in charge of collecting every last crab apple that fell from our trees. They filled their buckets every morning. When the buckets were full, they would toss the extras through the holes in the fence. These girls know how to get the job done! Good teamwork Lucy and Bailey!

Ben has discovered that one of the trees has red berries. He stood under the tree pointing the berries out to the teachers. Much to his delight the berries have now started falling off the tree. He now spends his outside time searching the ground for the berries.

When he finds one, the excitement in his voice warms our heart as he yells to us "OH! OH! OH! He makes us smile.

As teachers, it is the little things that bring us true joy! These little things are big triumphs for these little people, and we are blessed to be a part of their growth.

In November, our study will be "ALL ABOUT ME" Because from a toddler's perspective, it really is all about them and we are grateful for each one of them.

BOOKS:

Mommy Calls Me Monkeypants
Daddy Calls Me Doodlebug
Mirror Me
Guess What I'm Doing
Where is Baby's Bellybutton?

Songs:

Open, Shut Them
The More We Get Together
I Am Special
Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

SIGNS:

Mom- Extend and spread your fingers apart. With your pinkie facing out tap your thumb on your chin.
Dad- Extend and spread out your five fingers on your strong hand. Tap your hand on your forehead.
Please- Take your dominant hand with palm facing in and rub it in a circle on your chest.

Reminders:

- Big Seeds need a warm coat, mittens (2 pairs please), hat, boots, and snowsuit at school
- Bring in your family photo for our family board
- November 11th – Conferences – No school
- November 25th & 26 – Closed for Thanksgiving

THANK YOU, VETERANS, FOR YOU SERVICE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MS JESSICA & MS CORINNA

All About Me

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Guess What I'm Doing</i>
<i>Where Is Baby's Bellybutton?</i>
<i>Mirror Me</i>
<i>Mommy Calls Me Monkeypants</i>
<i>Daddy Calls Me Doodlebug</i>
This Month's Songs:
"I Am Special"
"Open, Shut Them"
"Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"
"The More We Get Together"
"All About Me"
This Month's Signs:
Mom, Dad, Please

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 It's Me!	2 Body Painting	3 My Hands	4 I Can Hear	5 Corny Fun!
8 Unique Me	9 All About Me Handprints	10 Body Part Hunt Sensory Bin	11 CONFERENCES	12 Self-Portrait
15 Paperplate Turkey	16 Ornamental Corn Sensory Play	17 Feather Painting	18 Fall Spongepainting	19 Leaf Turkey
22 Class Turkey	23 Turkey Creation Stations	24 Mashed Potato Sensory	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
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