

THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

December 1, 2021

Dear Families,

We would like to thank all of our families for being available to speak with us at conferences. We really appreciate your time. We hope you got just as much out of our time together as we did.

Monthly Highlights

Fletcher has started walking! He runs to the blue dog rocker every day when we go outside. His language also took a leap this month. He mastered the word "turkey" and seemed to enjoy saying "turkey." He even started gobbling!

Millie is walking too! Overnight she has been on the move using her newly found vantage point to explore more of her classroom environment.

Tate's favorite this month has been the outdoor slide. He is always producing creative ways to slide down. We are always so impressed by how well he can balance! Once he slides down, he quickly walks back to the top of the slide to do it again.

Bailey is our artist this month! She gets so excited and eager when she sees her teachers transitioning into art. She was very focused during our project where we brought in leaves from outside and stuck them onto contact paper. She loved examining the assorted colors and shapes.

Ben's favorite spot is sitting right on top of our book bench. He climbs up and down and likes to sit and swing his legs back and forth. He started including our big balls in his bench time. He sets a ball on the seat and makes sure that it will not roll off before climbing up and situating himself and then holds that ball as if hugging it.

We are excited to have **Grey and Cannon** and their families join the Big Seeds in December. They were transitioning in November. We are looking forward to having them in the classroom full time.

Zadie will be moving into Sprout 1 in December, and we could not be more excited for her. She has been such a wonderful addition to the Big Seeds, and we will miss her so much!

Our December study is of the **Pacific Northwest!** Watch as our classroom transforms into a forest wonderland over the next month!

Books: *Night-Night Forest Friends; Woodland Walk; A Walk in the Forest; If You Were My Baby: A Wildlife Lullaby* and *Never Touch a Porcupine*

Signs:

Tree- The sign for tree looks like a tree waving above the ground. To make the *tree* sign, take your weak hand and extend it flat across your body to make the ground. Then take your strong hand and stand it up at right angles, with your fingers extended and shaking them back and forth.

Bear- Make the *bear* sign by making your hands into claws and crossing your arm with one hand on each shoulder. Now scratch up and down with each hand.

Diaper- Take your hands and place them down around your waist. Take your index fingers and middle fingers together from each hand and tap them on your thumbs. It is like you are playing mini castanets at waist-height.

Reminders:

- **Our annual Holiday Sing Along will be a video production again this year**
- **Growing Tree will be closed Dec. 24th and 31st in observance of the holidays**
- **Please make sure that your child has everything they will need to stay warm for when we go outside. This includes: a snowsuit, snow boots, a hat and two pair of waterproof mittens.**

Wishing you a wonderful month and happy holidays!
Jessica and Corinna

Over in the Forest

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Night-Night Forest Friends</i>
<i>Woodland Walk</i>
<i>A Walk in the Forest</i>
<i>If you were my Baby</i>
<i>Never Touch a Porcupine</i>
This Month's Songs:
I am a squirrel
Five Little Bears
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
I'm a Little Pine Tree
This Month's Signs:
Tree, Bear, Diaper

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 The Three Sisters	2 Painting with Pinecones	3 Handpainted Wreaths
6 Painting the Forest	7 Mushroom "Picking"	8 Sly as a Fox	9 Stinky as a Skunk	10 Prickly as a Hedgehog
13 Busy as a Beaver	14 Animal Tracks	15 Silly as a Salmon	16 Glitter Pinecones	17 Mistletoes
20 Quiet as a Deer	21 Brave as a Bear	22 Snow-covered Forest	23 Decorate a tree	24 Merry Christmas!
27 Wise as an Owl	28 Natural Paintbrushes	29 Pine Tree Playdough	30 Playdough continued...	31 Happy New Year!

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