

June 1, 2022

DEAR SEEDLING FAMILIES,

We had some beautiful days last month, and we took full advantage of them, spending much time outside. Being out in the play yard opened so many new options for exploring new sights, sounds, smells, textures, and even some taste testing. by some of our more curious mobile littles. We also saw a lot of large motor and confidence development.

Highlights:

Caleb enjoyed having the extra space to walk around and is starting to run. He practiced walking up the ramp on his own and then running down again. Outside is also an excellent place for him to work on his throwing arm as he throws all the balls out of the basket and then tosses them again.

Landon is all about pushing the little scooters and will sit in front of the shed door hollering and signing more until we get them out for him. He has gone from pushing the scooters on his knees to pushing the scooters while walking. All his practice has paid off as he walks independently with confidence. He still wants his scooter to move around the yard, though.

Addison prefers the little red stairs for climbing up and down and likes to show off her balance by standing on the top. She is even starting to practice stepping up and down while holding a hand for balance.

Townes is still working on his balance and enjoys standing and playing at the shelves taking things out of the baskets, and then squatting down while holding on with one hand to pick toys up and put toys back on the shelf. He also loves rocking on the little blue puppy rocker and collecting little sticks.

Bodi has been pulling himself up on everything and working on his balance. The barn door out in the yard has been an excellent place for him to work on pulling up and sidestepping around to play with all the different slides and buttons. He also enjoys opening and closing the little door as he crawls back and forth through it.

Riley was a little turned off by the texture of the turf in the yard initially and preferred to stay on the perimeter of the

play blanket. She is slowly warming up to the feel of the turf and is starting to venture out on her own to explore. She finds every piece of bark, stick, or flower petal in the yard and will investigate it thoroughly with her hands and sometimes even her mouth before leaving it, searching for more treasure.

Taylor and Beckett enjoy watching the cars and people go by while chilling on the blanket in the shade. They always get excited when a dog walks by and will smile at anyone who acknowledges them. They also enjoy having lunch picnic-style on the blanket in the fresh air.

Julia lights up when we lay her down outside under the trees. The wind gently blowing and moving the branches above her makes her smile and giggle. The slick blanket is an excellent place for her to wiggle, kick rock side to side, and scoot herself around in circles. She is also sitting up solo for short periods and working on balance.

Having the little ones outside during nap after lunch has allowed our older babies to have a more extended, quieter, and restful slumber. They also enjoy having their afternoon snack picnic style in the fresh air.

We are hoping to spend more time outside in the coming weeks. The mornings can still be a little chilly, so please continue to bring a light jacket for the cooler mornings and days. Please label all your child's coats and supplies with their names or initials so we know what belongs to who.

We will also apply sunscreen two times per day. If you haven't filled out the sunscreen form yet, please do.

Ms. Ali is no longer with us on Mondays, but Ms. Sandy is back and will be filling in on Mondays, helping with breaks, and subbing for vacations this summer. We are all so happy to have Miss Sandy back!

We hope everyone has a great Month!

MS. JOLENE, MS. MADISON, AND MS. SANDY

