

THE MONTHLY **BIGSEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

June 1, 2022

BIG SEED FAMILIES,

To start, we would like to give a great, big **“Thank You”** to all our families for showing your support and appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week at Growing Tree! We feel **highly appreciated** during and throughout the whole year by all of our **amazing families**. Thank You.

What an exciting month May has been! The Big Seeds have loved stepping into our **Farm** study!

May Highlights:

Fletcher, Tate, and Nell have picked up on the names and sounds of our farm animals. They get lots of practice bringing the animals, one at a time, to their teachers to name the animal and make its sound. Then they would repeat the name and sound. It's enjoyable to hear them in their play mooing like cows, snorting like pigs, and clucking like chickens!

We have three different barns in our classroom, and if **Cannon** could figure out a way to play with all three at once, that's precisely what he would do. At the beginning of the month, he couldn't decide which barn he wanted to play with more. After spending time with each barn, he has decided that his favorite barn is the one with a silo because he can drop farm animals into the silo and watch them tumble out the bottom.

The barns also caught **Grey's** eye. He finds a quiet spot in the room to play with his barn and animals. He loves finding each animal a stall in our big barn. Recently he added a fence so that he could house more animals.

Millie, Poppy, and Lillian could sit all day and listen to their teachers read *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*. As much as we appreciate their love of books, reading the same book several times a day for a month can be a lot. So, to mix it up, we created a singing scavenger hunt for them. Each time we sang about an animal, the girls would rush around the classroom, find the matching animal, bring it back to us, and listen for the next animal.

Wesley and Jack have been busy with our big tractor push toys! They pushed the tractors all around the room, picking up farm animals along the way to put in the towing trailers. I think their favorite part, though, was pushing the sound button and listening to the sounds of the tractors revving their engines and playing farm songs.

In June, we will have a **“Fin-tastic”** time learning about **“Fish”!**

Signs:

Fish- This sign looks like *a fish* swimming through the water. Take your strong hand, and extend your hand with your thumb up and fingers together. Hold the hand out with fingers facing forward, and then shimmy your hand as you move it forward.

Shark- Make a fin on your head using your dominant hand with all your fingers pointing upwards.

Play- To sign *play*, make the ASL letter 'Y' with both hands: stick your thumbs and pinkie fingers out while curving the rest of your fingers in. Then wiggle both 'Y' hands around and in front of you, suggesting that many kids are playing or running.

Reminders:

- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all our GT Dads on June 19th!**
- Please check your child's cubby and replenish their extra clothes for size and weather appropriateness
- We encourage sun hats to be brought in for your child
- We will transition to a cup without a lid in preparation for the Sprout room in September

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
MS. JESSICA & MS. LYDIA

Fin-tastic Fish!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Rainbow Fish Part One	2 Rainbow Fish Part Two	3 Where do fish live?
6 Fishy Hands	7 Cheerio Octopus	8 "I had a little turtle..."	9 I Feel Crabby	10 Splish Splash
13 Class Whale	14 Foil Fish	15 Pokey Pufferfish	16 Suncatcher Jellyfish	17 Wish upon a Starfish
20 Baby Shark	21 Paper plate Fish	22 More Whale Fun	23 Dobber Starfish	24 Fish Sensory Activity
27 Pet Goldfish	28 Ice Cube Fish	29 Creation Stations: Sticky Fish	30 Swim Away!	

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Rainbow Fish</i>
<i>Ten Friendly Fish</i>
<i>Never Feed a Shark</i>
<i>Never Touch a Shark</i>
This Month's Songs:
Baby Shark
Slippery Fish
Baby Beluga
Five Little Fishies
Row, row, row your boat
This Month's Signs:
Fish, Shark, Play

Big Seeds