

# THE MONTHLY SEEDS

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

September 2022

Dear Seedling Families,

We are excited to welcome so many new little friends to the Seedling's room. Some of our littles and their families are new to Growing Tree, and we want to welcome you. Some have siblings already at Growing Tree who also started in the Seedlings room, and we are so happy to see you again and get to know your new family member. If this is your first, second or last round in the Seedlings room, we know it is always a difficult choice to leave your infant in the care of others, and we are honored that you chose Growing Tree. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

Miss Jolene has been a teacher in the Seedlings room for 16 years. She and her husband Nick have three children, ages 4, 9, and 19! Two are Growing Tree graduates; the youngest is now a Blossom and will graduate to kindergarten next year. She also has a 1.5-year-old Labradoodle named Gizmo. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her family, hiking, biking, swimming, camping, exploring, and the list goes on and on. Early morning runs with Gizmo help her start her day with a clear head and fresh energy.

Communication with families is essential, so please don't hesitate to speak with us or reach out through the app if you have any questions or concerns. You are the expert on your child and their advocate, so we value your input and opinions.

The Seedling room has infants of various ages and stages of development on individual schedules. You may see babies lying on the floor in gyms, sitting and crawling around the class. Some may be learning to balance and walk. Others may be in a lap while drinking a bottle. Some may be getting diapers changed while others are napping.

When dropping off in the morning, we ask parents to please remember to sign their child in using the

Brightwheel app and send us a brief message letting us know what time they woke and ate last, as well as any other information you feel may be helpful for the day. The notes allow us to continue their Eat, Play, Sleep schedule. You will also find documentation of food, diapers, and sleep on the App. We also enjoy sending pictures and notes through the app, to give you a snapshot of their day.

Every Friday, we will send a message letting you know what supplies your child will need for the following week.

We will go outside daily until the weather gets too cold and wet. Please bring a light jacket as our weather starts to cool, especially in the mornings. The babies love going outside to explore and get some fresh air.

Each baby is unique with their own personalities, likes, dislikes, and needs, and we want their interactions in the Seedlings room to reflect that. Please share their routines, schedules, and any other little bits of information you think would be helpful to us while we get to know them and help them settle in.

It is always so fun to get to know each of them and see how they develop and grow over the coming months. We are ready to start this new adventure with all of you!

Ms. Jolene and Ms. Maci