

# Big Seed News

Welcome to **FALL**, my favorite time of year!! The leaves change color; there's a chill in the air which brings out the sweaters and jackets, and **PUMPKINS!!!** Like almost everywhere else, you will be seeing lots of pumpkins and fall leaves in the Big Seed room this month.

Last month we were at the **Farm** where we heard lots of mooing and gring (horse's neigh), some quacking and baaing, and signing of "pig"! The kids enjoyed playing with the animals and the barns. Almost every day, some of the **animals** hid around the classroom and the kids had to find them. This brought out some laughs.

Last month also brought about some changes in the staffing of the Big Seed room. **Tanya** decided to leave Growing Tree, **Sam** is working in other areas of Growing Tree, **Amy** is the opening teacher for the Seed rooms, **Sharla** is now working in the mornings, **Mary** is the closing teacher, and **Kelley** will be joining us in the afternoons. Through all of this change and transition, your kids have adjusted well. **Ida** and **Zoe** have also transitioned out of the Big Seeds and into Sprout Too now.

Our signs for the month are:

**PUMPKIN:** Make your weak hand into a fist and flick it with your forefinger on your dominant hand. The sign is like you are testing the surface of pumpkin to make sure it is good.

**LEAF:** The *leaf* sign looks a lot like a leaf hanging from a branch, waving in a gentle breeze. Your weak hand acts like the branch. You point the index finger on your weak hand and make your other fingers into a fist. Your strong hand is the leaf. Make an open hand, with palm down. Then place the base of your palm onto the index finger of your weak hand. Move your strong hand up and down a little to complete the sign.

Here is a song you can sing at home with your little one:

**Mr. Pumpkin** (tune: Are You Sleeping? )

Mr. Pumpkin, Mr. Pumpkin  
Eyes so round, eyes so round  
Fall is coming, Fall is coming  
To my home, to my home

Big Seed Happenings: **Decker** loves the green bike and likes to make driving sounds as he pushes it around. **Noah** has done well adjusting to our schedule this month. He enjoys the dishes and playing with legos. **Zaccai** has joined our class and loves to find dirt to dig in! **Jameson** and his family will be joining our class this month and we are excited to have them here and getting to know them. **Serena** has been taking care of the babies- she pats them to sleep, feeds them, and even washes their hands. **Hayden** has been repeating everything he hears. The other day we had a baby out and the kids were pointing to different parts of the body. They pointed to the nostril, so I said "That's the nostril." And very clearly, Hayden said "nostril"! **Owen** enjoys putting on the hats and aprons, wearing it most of the day. **Lucas** loves to be outside finding apples in the leaves.

We hope to see you at D &D Ranch Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> for our **Happy Harvest!** Next month we will be having some silly **turkeys** visiting our class, and will need some silly pictures of your family. So if you could be thinking of ones you have already or start taking some **silly** pictures to bring in that would be great. Parent conferences are coming up on November 11<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to mark your calendars.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask us.

Miss Sharla and Miss Mary