

Seedling's November News

October has been full of new and exciting adventures in our Seedling room! Although, we have to admit that our pumpkin play did not go as we expected. Like last year, we imagined happy babies **squishing** in the gooey pumpkin guts and Soren trying to climb into the pumpkin...boy were we ever wrong! After prepping the **pumpkin** and placing it in the sensory pool, we stripped down the babies and sat them around it. Not only did they look at it with pure disgust on their faces, but any attempt to get one of them to touch the **slimy** insides was met with instant tears (pictures coming soon). Ironically though, they all loved getting their little bums painted, stamped and turned into **Bum-Kins** followed by a nice warm bath.

The Seeds have said goodbye and welcomed a few new faces this month. Our morning helper Amy has left us to home school her kids for the year and our afternoon helper Kelley took the full time position in the Blossom room. They were both great teachers and will definitely be missed. **Elizabeth** has now joined the Seeds and will be fulfilling both of their spots. We have really enjoyed getting to know her, and the babies have taken to her quickly.

Another new addition to our room this month is **Pierce**. Pierce has a big brother in our Treehouse named **Simon** and we're so excited to get to know him and his family. We love his crooked little smile and his very talkative personality. It took a little practice and a few different bottles, but Pierce is eating like a champ now and very happy.

Pierce's arrival meant **Parker** had to do a quick transition to the Big Seed room. Adjusting to the nap schedule has been tough for him, but he loves all the extra activities, outside time and seeing his old buddies. We will miss his smiles and hugs.

Soren has been a busy little guy crawling around and pulling up on everything and everyone. He really loves Thursdays when Payden comes and he has a friend who can keep up with him. **Payden** is doing a full 4x4 crawl now and pulling up to his knees and trying to get on his feet. We introduced them both to cheerios last month and they

both thought that was pretty great. **Elin** is sitting up all on her now and has even figured out how to get back down to her belly without falling...well, most of the time. She is also starting finger foods, yum! **Rory** has started pushing himself backwards on his belly across the floor and is trying really hard to get his knees underneath himself so he can get some forward motion. **Evelyn** suddenly mastered rolling from her back to her belly and also decided to start sitting while she was at it. Mom also gave us the ok for some baby cereal and Evelyn is loving it. **Teagan** is still pretty anti bottle, but has been mastering her new sippy cup. She's also working on sitting in the u cushion and no longer likes hanging out in her gym; she wants to be sitting up where she can see the action. **Adelyn** didn't want to get left out of the girl party, so she has been working on sitting up too. She does pretty good for a short period on her own and is one of the most graceful at falling over...tuck and roll babe. **Kellen** is really starting to enjoy hanging out in the gym; kicking, batting and talking to the hanging toys. He is very social and loves when his friends stop to talk to him. With all these sitters we have been able to have mini **circle** times with books and songs and the girls especially love being read to.

With cold and flu season upon us, runny noses and coughs begin to happen. We have a few suggestions for parents to help us keep your little one as comfortable as possible here at school. To start, please **bring** in some nasal saline, a nasal aspirator (AKA snot sucker) to keep their noses as clear as possible and some Aquaphor or Vaseline to help prevent sore noses. We also provide a **humidifier** for them in the crib room and it is the first thing we suggest when parents ask what they can do at home to help their little ones. While we don't expect you to keep them home for every runny nose and cough, please be familiar with GT's illness policy and keep them home if they are sick or potentially contagious.

We hope everyone has a **Happy Thanksgiving** and a fun filled November!

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