

# Seedling News December 2015

Winter is officially here, and we started off the month being a little concerned about how our Seedlings were going to handle not being able to go outside. This was a place that always brought peace and **happiness**; even on the crankiest of days. Although we've missed being outdoors, we've found reading to be just as calming for them and have enjoyed having multiple circle times throughout the day with **books** and **songs** that they all really enjoy. When they see the books and we start moving them into a circle, they all light up and get excited.

**Soren** is getting a little bored with playing the big boy on campus role and tries to sneak over to the big seeds room every time the door opens. He's also been working on his balance; pulling up on things, then letting go and standing on his own for longer and longer periods. **Payden** is anxious to keep up with Soren and has finally figured out how to get his feet underneath himself and stand up. Now he is working on cruising the furniture. **Elin** and **Rory** have started moving in mysterious ways. We don't ever really see them move, but when we turn around, they aren't where we left them. We suspect that they are bottom scooters...Christmas trees beware☺. Elin also got a tooth last month. **Adelyn** has started shaking her head no and thinks it's pretty funny. She and Soren will take turns shaking their heads and laughing at each other. She has also started rolling over again; a skill she put on the back burner for awhile, as she enjoyed mastered sitting. **Teagan** has started eating some finger foods and is really enjoying being able to feed herself. It's been a joy to watch Teagan, Elin, Evelyn, and Adelyn hanging out talking and laughing at each other while shaking their heads and waving their arms around. It truly seems like they are having real conversations with each other. It will be fun to see how their relationships develop as they grow.

**Evelyn** is full of smiles and is really starting to develop a silly personality. She loves to play games and tricks with us, following a cute little giggle afterwards. **Kellen** is starting to roll up onto his side while he is playing on the floor and is trying really hard to roll all the way over onto his stomach. Kellen has also started eating some baby food and is eating like a champ. After feeding **Pierce**, we usually put him in the bouncy chair to keep him upright for a few minutes, but he has started telling us that he much prefers to be on the floor hanging out in his gym with his hanging toys. He is getting really good at reaching up and grabbing them.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful **Holiday** Season and look forward to another year here at Growing Tree.

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Haley, and Ms.Elizabeth