

# Seedling News

Our boy-girl ratio seems to have taken a dramatic shift with the graduation of **Teagan** and **Adelyn** to the Big Seeds, and the introduction of our new little friend **Jasper**. **Reese** and **Scarlett** are tag teaming on giving the room a little bit of balance with Reese in the mornings and Scarlett in the afternoons, but on Fridays- there is a whole lot of boy going on. Maybe September will bring us another girl or two? Thankfully, the weather has been great and we have been able to spend lots of time outside in the fresh air where everyone has plenty of room to move.

Now that **Boden** has mastered walking, he is working on developing some new skills. He practices walking up and down the ramp outside, and likes to try to stand up and balance on the ride-on toys. He is becoming quite the dare devil. **Kellen** is working on his balance by pulling to a stand and letting go. He looks like he may be ready to chase after Boden any day now. **Pierce** is pulling up and cruising the furniture inside and out, but is a little more cautious about letting go of things yet. He has no room for caution when he's climbing on things though and loves climbing on chairs outside and the activity table inside. **Knox** took off walking and is all over the place. He loves being able to roam freely in the yard outside and chase the Big Seeds. He is also doing awesome with the Big Seed food-Yum! **Reese** is also starting to sample the Big Seed food and often turns away the baby food in favor of more whatever the big kids are eating. Who wants to eat mush anyway?

**Scarlett** is suddenly on the go commando crawling around the room and even pulling up to her feet on the side of the ball pit. You can always find her right in the middle of the action; she doesn't like to miss out and always makes sure she is right in the thick of it, or under it as it goes with the jumper. **Nick** is sitting up solo and really enjoys being able to watch the big guys running and crawling around him on the same level. He has also started eating some pureed foods and really loves this addition to his day. We are still working on tummy time though. **Sawyer** has started rolling over and loves tummy time. He gets his little bottom up in the air and starts working his little legs in a great attempt at crawling; he has even made some forward progress a few times. Now he just needs to figure out what to do with his arms and he'll be crawling in some form in no time.

Last month we got to meet and welcome **Jasper** and his family to Growing Tree. He is a happy, easy going baby who loves to be talked to and has plenty of smiles to share. He has settled right in and we are happy to get to see him grow.

We would like to thank our parents for being great about remembering to bring in sunscreen, shoes for those walkers and all the other little things we are always asking for. We feel very fortunate to have parents that are so easy to communicate with, don't hesitate to let us know what they need from us, and are open to our ideas and suggestions as well. Thank you parents for making us feel valued and appreciated. We hope we are doing the same for you.

Hope everyone has a great month and enjoys what is left of the summer!

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Haley and Ms. Amy