

SEEDLING NEWS

Brrrr! We are missing the warm sun already and are pretty sure we saw some snow flurries out the window the other day. It looks like our days spent hanging outside in the warm sun have come to an end, but we have lots of fun inside activities in store, starting with the bum-kins you may have noticed on the wall (yes, that is your baby's butt print). Be sure to keep an eye out for our foot print turkeys this month too.

Last month our new friend **Hunter** came to visit us for a few days and we were able to spend some time getting to know him and his family. He spent the first visit just taking it all in, but over the next few visits we were able to see more of his personality come out as he smiled and interacted with his friends and caregivers. He really enjoys rolling onto his stomach and watching his friends play. He's going to be a great addition to our classroom.

Reese has quickly gone from just sitting where you left her to crawling around the room, pulling up on the shelves, diving in and out of the ball pit and even climbing up on the activity table. Reese also celebrated her 1st birthday on October 25th and is looking forward to joining her Big Seed friends in December. **Riley** will be tagging along with Reese to the Big Seeds and is showing us she's ready with her lack of interest in being spoon fed and fascination with self-feeding. She's beginning to pull herself up on things and letting go, helping her with balance. We've also caught her sneaking over to the Big Seed room when the doors open and she always protests coming back. Looks like it will be a smooth transition for these two. 😊

We've really had to keep an eye on **Sawyer** these days, as he is becoming quite the little monkey. Every time we turn around, he is trying to climb up on something and is commando crawling at lightning fast speeds. **Nick** is really starting to get around the class too, scooting and bouncing along on his bottom. He's even getting onto his knees on the side of the ball pit and figured out how to get back up to a sit whenever he falls over...YAY Nick! **Jasper** has learned to get around by rolling and is starting to inch forward in an army crawl. He's not a fan of solid food yet, but we are working on tempting his palate with some new flavors. Jasper and **Alex** both started sitting up unsupported and enjoy sitting and talking to their friends. Alex has become quite the talker lately, babbling and squealing to her friends and toys all day. **Vivian** is finally big enough to reach the ground in the jumper and loves when her friends pull up around her to play. We also love how she kicks her little legs to rock herself when we sit her in the bouncy chair. **Owen** is spending more time awake these days and is becoming more social. He loves to be talked too and will coo and talk back. We have also gotten some pretty great belly giggles out of him the past few weeks and can't get enough. He's started showing more interest in what his friends are doing too.

As we come into the Holiday season, please remember that it is cold and flu season as well. For every ones comfort and wellness, please be sure you read and follow Growing Trees illness policy. If you aren't sure if your baby should come to school, you're always welcome to call and talk to us about their symptoms too. Some items you can bring in to help your little one through this season; saline and nasal aspirator for getting those boogies out, boogie wipes for cleaning noses (wipes, tissues and wash clothes can be harsh) and baby Vicks or breathe essential oils. Putting this on the bottoms of their feet can help with stuffiness and coughing. Also, using a humidifier at home can help as well.

We hope everyone has a wonderful month and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Jo, Ms. Haley and Ms. Amy