

Big Seed Happenings

Thank you Big Seed families for taking the time to read your child's conference write-ups and for meeting with us. We really enjoy being able to communicate with parents during conferences because we end up learning so much more about your child. So thank you again for all of your hard work as parents.

This past month the Big Seeds enjoyed learning all about themselves and their families. The big excitement though was the large cardboard house that the Big Seeds spent most of their time playing in. **Emmett** and **Kellen** would stand up and stick their heads through the window opening, making loud and happy laughing sounds. **Chloé** is really getting into books, especially when teachers read to her. When cleaning, **Pierce** is always ready with a bright smile and a helping hand to teachers and we appreciate it so much. **Eleni** not only has smiles, but silly faces too. She is also working hard to stand up on her own. **Meera** is also working on standing on her own and taking a few steps here and there. **Knox** loves climbing on the edges of the mat and rolling down the sides onto the bears and then rolling back and forth.

Boden is moving up to Sprout Too this month. We will miss you Boden, but we know you will do wonderful. As we say goodbye to one Big Seed, we welcome two of our Seedlings into the room. Welcome Reese, Riley and their families. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together.

In December we will be spending lots of time in our classroom exploring the forest. Come in and check out our woodsy art throughout the month.

Books- *Little Owl's 1, 2, 3; Icky, Sticky Frog; We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

Signs-

Tree- The sign for tree looks like a tree waving above the ground. To make the *tree* sign, take your weak hand and extend it flat across your body to make the ground. Then take your strong hand and stand it up at right angles, with your fingers extended and shaking them back and forth.

Outside- Start with your hand open and near your face, then move it away from your face while closing the hand.

Fox- Sign *fox* by making a circle with your thumb and index finger, and leaving your other fingers outstretched. Put the circle in front of your nose and twist back and forth. The sign looks like you are outlining a *fox's* nose.

Songs-

I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman short and fat.
Here are my buttons, here is my hat.
When the sun comes out, I cannot play.
I just slowly melt away!

Little Bunny Foo Foo

Little Bunny Foo Foo hopping through the forest
Scooping up the field mice and bopping them on the head.
Along came the good fairy and she said:
Little Bunny Foo Foo, I don't want to see you
Scooping up the field mice and bopping them on the head.

The Squirrel

Wisky, frisky, hippity, hop
Up he climbs to the tree top.
Whirly, twirly, round and round
Down he scampers to the ground.
Where's his supper?
In a shell, snappy, cracky, out it fell.

A few things for the month:

- If you have not brought in snowsuits, boots, hats or gloves yet please do so. We never know when the snow will start to fall.
- If you have any used cardboard boxes we would love to take them off your hands. We will be using them to make our trees for this month.
- Our annual Holiday sing-a-long is Monday Dec. 12th
- Growing Tree will be closed Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!


Jessica and Erin

Dec-16



Over in the Forest

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Little Owl's 1,2,3</i>
<i>The Icky, Sticky Frog</i>
<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>
This Month's Songs:
"I'm a little snowman"
"Little Bunny Foo Foo"
"The Squirrel!"
This Month's Signs:
Trees
Fox
Outside

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
5 Tip-Toe Deer	6 Stained-Glass Trees	7 Nutty Squirrells	8 Painting Pinecones	9 Looking for Animal Tracks
12 Sneaky Raccoons	13 Foxes in the Forest	14 Class Wreath	15 Stinky Skunks	16 Torn Paper Owls
19 Owls in the Trees	20 Mushroom Picking	21 Natural Paintbrushes	22 Cardboard Forest	23 Pine Tree Art
26 CLOSED	27 Fingerprint Tree	28 Handprint Owls	29 Handprint Tree	30 My Very Own Forest

Big Seeds

