

Big Seed Happenings

Happy New Year Families! Thank you for sticking in there with us through the rough weather. We appreciate all your patience, understanding and help.

Our Big Seeds didn't seem to pay the weather any mind at all and have been very entertaining. **Eleni** has become quite the little imitator of Ms. Erin. We first noticed it when Ms. Erin was standing with her arms folded over her chest. She looked down to see Eleni standing next to her arms folded over her chest and swaying back and forth in near perfect imitation. This has been the first of many other instances and I'm sure many more to come. **Meera and Emmett** have become the best of friends in the last few weeks. We witness them constantly playing with each other; giving hugs; patting each other's backs while the other lays down; and having toddler conversations with each other.

Speaking of talking, **Chloé** is so close to forming words and is already making conversation-like structured strings of toddler babbles and will go back and forth with teachers when responding to her. **Nick and Sawyer** both have surprised us with their very smooth transition into our room. Both boys are so close to walking and we constantly see them taking a few steps here and there throughout the day. **Riley** likes to help out her teachers and picks up any water cups she sees, sometimes while another child has it in their hands, and takes it to a teacher to be put away. Such a big helper! **Reese** is always ready to give out random hugs to her teachers and loves to snuggle in their laps while watching her friends play before joining them in all their silly antics.

This group of **Big Seeds** is so much fun to engage with and is so responsive when learning new things. We love seeing their faces light up. We know a lot of this is because of you their parents and the time you spend with your children. So thank you for that, it is so enjoyable working with you and your children.

This month we will be focusing on birds so make sure you fly on in to check out your child's art.

Books: *Ten Little Kisses; What Am I?; Hoot; and Who's Hiding?*

Signs:

Bird- Make the bird sign by making a beak shape with your index finger and thumb and bringing those two fingers together to your mouth. Then tweet like a bird, by bringing your fingers together and apart.

Love- To sign love, make your hands into fists and cross your arms across your chest as if giving yourself a big squeeze.

Thank you- To sign thank you, extend your fingers and thumb. Touch your fingers to your chin and bring your fingers forward. It is almost like you are blowing a kiss out, to thank the person – but the sign is a bit lower.

Songs:

Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away.
When mama duck said quack, quack, quack
Four little ducks came waddling back.
Four little ducks...
Three little ducks...
Two...
One...
No little ducks...

When daddy duck said quack, quack, quack
Five little ducks came waddling back

Two Little Blackbirds (finger play)

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill (both index fingers held in front of you)
One named Jack, the other named Jill. (put fingers forward one at a time)
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill. (hide behind back, first one and then the other)
Come back Jack, come back Jill (bring back out, first one and then the other)

Bluebird, Bluebird (Big Seed version)

Bluebird, bluebird through my window,
Bluebird, bluebird through my window,
Bluebird, bluebird come through my window,
Oh, Johnny aren't ya tired.
Tickle a little girl and tap her on the shoulder,
Tickle a little boy and tap him on the shoulder,
Oh, Johnny aren't ya tired.
(Repeat as necessary)

Reminders for February:

- We do celebrate Valentine's Day with the traditional cards except instead of writing each child's name just sign your own child's name or have them sign it. During the morning we will have each child hand out their cards into handmade holders for each child. PLEASE NO CANDY as we will be served a special Valentine's Day snack. Thank you!
- We will be **CLOSED** February 20th for our teacher inservice day

**Have a great Valentines Day,
Jessica, Erin & Samantha**

Feb-17



"A Little Bird told Me..."



Notes:

This Month's Books:
Ten Little Kisses
Who's Hiding
Hoot
What Am I?
This Month's Songs:
"Five Little Ducks"
"Two Little Blackbirds"
"Bluebird, Bluebird"
This Month's Signs:
Bird
Love
Thank You

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Soft as a Feather	2 Class Bird	3 Bird Nests
6 Colorful Birds	7 Yellow Ducks	8 Baby Birds at Home	9 Two Birds in a Tree	10 "I Love You"
13 Fingerprint Hearts	14 Love Birds	15 Hoo-Hoo Loves You?	16 Lovey-Dovey Flamingos	17 Birds Flyin' High
20 CLOSED	21 A house, a home	22 Flocking Together	23 Parrots	24 "Robin in the Rain"
27 My Pet Bird	28 Bird Cage			



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