

April Seedlings 2017

Our babies have really enjoyed watching the birds outside the window looking for food, playing, and gathering sticks for their nests. It is fun to listen to them giggle as they stand at the windows watching the birds' silly antics and trying to get their attention by squealing at them. Spring is definitely in the air. Alex, Jasper and Vivian have even gotten to spend some time outside playing with the big seeds.

This time of year we ask parents to please bring a light jacket, hat, socks and for the big guys shoes as well so when we have a nice warm afternoon we can get the little ones outside for a little bit of fresh air. They really enjoy the change of scenery and the mobile babies love having more space and different textures to explore.

You may have noticed a new face in our classroom. Becca is training with Sam to take over the lunch and afternoon shift in the Seed rooms. Sam will still be around at the front desk or helping out with breaks in the morning so we still get to see her.. We will miss having Sam but look forward to getting to know Becca.

Alex, Jasper and Hunter are so close to being walkers. Hunter has gotten very brave about letting go and taking a couple steps before he loses his balance and drops to the floor. Jasper is starting to let go of things and balance on his own for longer and longer periods while he plays and has looked like he was thinking about taking a step on a couple occasions. Alex loves being able to push the push toy around the room and her balance and coordination are getting better and better. Alex and Jasper are transitioning into the Big Seed schedule. Eating less and less baby food and bottles and eating more solid food, drinking milk from a cup and napping once a day. Vivian has transitioned from a commando crawl to a 4x4 crawl on her hands and knees and has even pulled up to her feet. She is so proud to be able to join in on the bird watching at the window with her friends. Owen has finally decided baby food isn't so bad and is eating more and more. He also can't get enough of being on his feet and often spends long periods of time pulled up playing at one of the activity tables or book shelves. As long as he is on his feet he is a happy boy. Dominick has started eating some solids and loves his pureed sweet potatoes. He is also rolling over and over to get around the classroom and is getting steadier when he sits in the u cushion or propped up in front of someone. Sawyer has figured out how to roll from his back to his stomach and is starting to really enjoy spending time playing on his stomach. He is also starting solids but is a little more skeptical about food and is a little hit and miss from one day to the next but he will get the hang of it soon. Emma has found her voice and loves when her friends come hang out near her in the chair or under the baby gym,

she will smile, coo, giggle and even roll to her side to see them better. She is also starting to grab her toys and hold onto them while she plays.

Don't forget conferences are coming up. We know it can be hard to get away from work in the middle of the day but it is a great opportunity to talk with us one on one if you have any questions or concerns or just talk about how things are going. Whether you are able to come or not we will be handing out individualized conference packets to every parent on April 14th that will give you a peek into your child's day here at Growing Tree as well as a look at where they are developmentally.

We hope everyone has a great month and gets a chance to enjoy the change in seasons.

Ms. Jolene and Ms. Evelina