

Seedlings Newsletter October 2017

We are so happy with how quickly and easily all of our new little ones have settled in. It took a few days to learn their likes and dislikes and what works best for them, but we really feel everyone has settled into a good routine. Please let us know how you feel about your child's schedule and if it is working for them (and you) both here and at home. We are happy to make adjustments if you think something would work better.

These last few weeks have been mostly about getting to know our new babies:

- Hunter is a girl who knows what she wants and she will let you know. We have learned she likes her bottles cold, hates to be fed with a spoon but has a great appetite for finger foods and squeeze pouches, and she likes to have her head stroked while she is cuddled to sleep. She is a busy explorer who is working on standing up and gaining her balance.
- Natalie is an ambitious little girl. She is happy pulling up into a standing position, she just needs a little work on getting back down again. She is very social and hates to miss out on anything! With a little bit of cuddling, she can be persuaded to take a nap.
- Abby is a sweet little thing who loves to crawl around and explore the classroom. She rarely complains unless she is hungry or tired. She loves loving on Luke. She will crawl under the gym with Luke and give him kisses and hugs.
- Luke loves hanging out under his baby gym watching his friends. He kicks his feet when a friend stops by to visit and play with him; especially Abby! He is rolling to his side and is so close to rolling over from his back to his stomach.
- Willa we have discovered prefers her bottles every 3-4hrs and is taking the bottle like a champ. She is adjusting to the baby noises in the classroom and is taking great naps. We love seeing her little chubby cheek smiles.
- Gio has only spent a few days in the Seed so he is still adjusting to us. He is very interested in his friends, but can get a little overwhelmed by all the attention they give him. He is starting to eat and nap for us and has even started to laugh and play with his teachers.
- Emma and Charlotte are enjoying being the big kids on campus and are thrilled

to have some new friends that are more their speed. Both girls have done a great job welcoming their new friends and using gentle touches with the little ones. New for them this month is pulling up to a stand and cruising the toy shelves. We have observed them taking a few steps with the push toys also. What brave girls you are.

Ms. Melanie joined our Seed room staff this month. She and her husband are new to Bend from Colorado where Melanie worked at the Little Red School House as an infant/toddler teacher. We are so happy to have her join our Seed classroom.

As a reminder to parents; please make sure all of your child's supplies (diapers, wipes, creams, binkies, food etc.) are labeled with their names or initials when you bring them in. We have extra storage available if you want to bring in a large supply and we will let you know when we need more. If you bring in breast milk or fresh food please be sure each bottle, bag, or container is labeled with your child's name with the date the milk was pumped or food prepared to ensure we are using the oldest date first.

Pictures are coming up October 5th and 6th, the photographer is amazing. We ask parents to NOT bring babies in their picture clothes but to instead bring what you would like them to wear in a bag labeled "picture clothes" and we will change and groom them when the time comes. If you really want shoes let us know, but they usually prefer to do all the kids barefoot. There will also be a class picture scheduled and even if it is not your baby's day to come to school we would love to have them stop in so they can be in the picture. The front desk will have a schedule set up as it gets closer so you know when to be here. Don't forget to print and drop off your order forms ahead of time.

This time of year, temps can vary, so please make sure to send appropriate clothing for both cooler and warmer temperatures. We hope everyone has a great month and look forward to getting to know our new babies and their families

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Evelina and Ms. Melanie