

# Big Seed Happenings

Wow September certainly flew by in a hurry! Either that or our class just keeps us really busy. Now that Fall is starting to show hopefully things will slow down a bit for us. Even though time is moving fast we have accomplished so much in just this past month with our amazing new class. They are all so observant and pick up new concepts quickly. Not to mention they love to learn and get very excited when we introduce new concepts to them daily.

Dominick picked up walking overnight and is so proud of himself. He is so confident now that he has also started climbing on everything as well. Sawyer isn't far behind and has attempted a few steps on his own. He definitely practices all the time using chairs, bikes and teachers to walk to get around. Vivian is our class greeter and walks around waving and saying, "Hi," to everyone. Owen adds on to Vivian's greeting by walking around the classroom to all his friends making kissing noises as he gives everyone hugs. Hunter is rarely seen without a puppet in each hand and waves his hands around in imitation of his teachers while they sing songs to the Big Seeds. Sage has done wonderful adjusting to the daily routine for being so new to Growing Tree. His favorite toy to explore with is the magnet rods and balls. He especially likes to roll the metal balls on the hard floor and watches and waits to see how far they will roll before hitting an obstacle.

Alex and Jasper have moved up to Sprouts. Even though we only got to be with them for a short time they made us laugh daily with their silly antics. We will miss you both and your families and know you will do awesome in the Sprout rooms.

October is such a fun time to explore all things fall with "Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves". Big Seeds prepare yourselves for some leaf painting, pumpkin rolling and leaf pile diving fun this month.

**Books:** *Nighty-Night Little Green Monster; Welcome Fall; and Touch and Feel Halloween*

## **Signs:**

**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 but the sign starts a bit lower than your mouth.

**Shoes-** make your two hands into a fist and tap the two fists together. Imagine your fists are shoes and you are clicking the shoes together.

**Socks-** To sign socks both index fingers point downwards with palms facing down. Rub both fingers together back and forth.

**Leaf-** The *leaf* sign looks a lot like a leaf hanging from a branch, waving in a gentle breeze. Your weak hand acts like the branch. You point the index finger on your weak hand and make your other fingers into a fist. Your strong hand is the leaf. Make an open hand, with palm down. Then place the base of your palm onto the index finger of your weak hand. Move your strong hand up and down a little to complete the sign.

### **Songs:**

#### **Five Little Pumpkins**

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.  
The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late".  
The second one said, "There are bats in the air".  
The third one said, "But we don't care".  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run".  
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun".  
"Oo-oo," went the wind and out went the light.  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

**Scarecrow, Scarecrow** (tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground.  
Stand up tall and blink your eyes.  
Raise your hands up to the sky.  
Clap your hands then tap your knees.  
Turn around and tap your feet.

#### **Five Little Apples**

Five little apples in an apple tree.  
Five little apples smiled down at me.  
I shook that tree as hard as I could,  
Down came the apples and  
HMMM they were good!

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow tap you nose.  
Swing your arms so very slow.  
Now real fast to scare the crows.  
Touch your head, jump up and down.  
Now sit down without a sound.

#### **A few reminders:**

- Pictures are October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you fill out a form and turn it in at the front desk
- DD Ranch October 7<sup>th</sup> 9-11 a.m.
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> we do a Team Spirit day. Instead of wearing a costume dress your child in support of your favorite team.
- We can never be sure of what the weather will be like so please make sure your child has everything they will need i.e. jacket/coat; shoes; socks; and extra clothes
- Lastly, I know it is only October but it's time to start thinking about snow. In the Big Seed room we will still be going outside during the winter and it is important that your child stays as warm as possible. Please make sure your child has a snowsuit, boots, warm hats and gloves. We realize these items can be expensive but we recommend looking on Amazon or even thrift stores here in Bend. When buying snow boots we also recommend buying a size or two bigger so that they aren't too tight on their feet.

Thank you and have a happy and safe Halloween!

Jessica and Erin

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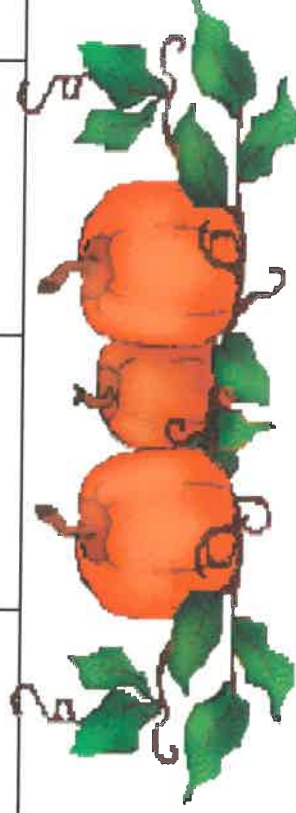


**Notes:**

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| <b>This Month's Books:</b>               |
| <i>Welcome Fall</i>                      |
| <i>Touch and Feel Halloween</i>          |
| <i>Nighty-Night Little Green Monster</i> |
| <b>This Month's Songs:</b>               |
| "Five Little Pumpkins"                   |
| "Five Little Apples"                     |
| "Scarecrow, Scarecrow"                   |
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| <b>This Month's Signs:</b>               |
| Leaf                                     |
| Thank you                                |
| Shoes/socks                              |

# Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves

| Monday                             | Tuesday               | Wednesday                 | Thursday                   | Friday                     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2<br>Leaf Marble Painting          | 3<br>Polka Dot Leaves | 4<br>Leaf Pile            | 5<br>Watercolor Leaves     | 6<br>Scribble Leaves       |
| 9<br>Pumpkin Painting              | 10<br>Apple Stamping  | 11<br>Pumpkins on a Fence | 12<br>Acorns and Pinecones | 13<br>Pumpkin Rolling      |
| 16<br>Cutest Pumpkins in the Patch | 17<br>Apple Trees     | 18<br>Washing Pumpkins    | 19<br>Fall Stamping        | 20<br>Candy Corns          |
| 23<br>Trees in the Fall            | 24<br>Falling Leaves  | 25<br>Foil Trees          | 26<br>Fall Door Hangers    | 27<br>Trick-or-Treat Hands |
| 30<br>Ooey, Goopy Pumpkins         | 31<br>Team Spirit!    |                           |                            |                            |



# Big Seeds